

The Mini Page

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities for Teachers

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Standards Spotlight: Take the Long Way

Mini Page activities meet many state and national educational standards. Each week we identify standards that relate to The Mini Page's content and offer activities that will help your students reach them.

This week's standard:

- Students understand the human and physical characteristics of places. (Geography: Places and Regions)

Activities:

1. Draw a picture of yourself getting ready to hike the Appalachian Trail. Paste newspaper pictures and words of items and equipment you would take with you on your picture. Share your picture with friends or family. Explain why you would take the items on your picture.
2. In the newspaper, find five different people you might like to have with you on the Appalachian Trail. Explain your choices.
3. Look at the map in today's Mini Page. Choose a section of the trail that you would like to walk. What cities or communities are near your section of the trail? Explain why you would like that section.
4. How are these important to the Appalachian Trail: (a) Appalachian Trail Conservancy, (b) 1936, (c) Clingmans Dome and (d) Benton McKaye?
5. Do some research on your state. Where could you design an interesting hiking trail? Use a map of your state and show a good location for a hiking trail. Try to design a trail that would take several days to walk. Draw your trail on the map and put the names of cities or communities along the trail. Write a paragraph explaining why people would enjoy your trail.

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