

# The Mini Page

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities for Teachers

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Standards Spotlight: Worlds Beneath Our Feet

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 that Earth's events can occur quickly or slowly. (Earth's Place in the Universe)

## **Activities:**

1. Pretend you are showing your community on a cave wall. Draw a wall. Paste newspaper pictures that show your life and the activities of your community on the wall. Share your wall with friends. See if they can tell why you chose the pictures you did.
2. In the newspaper, circle items you would take with you if you were going to explore a cave.
3. Get together with several friends or family members. Discuss what you have learned about caves from today's Mini Page. Together, make a chart. Make two columns on a piece of paper. Label one column *Why We Would Want to Explore a Cave* and the other column *Challenges in Exploring a Cave*. In the first column, list all the positive and exciting things about exploring a cave. In the second column, list the challenges you might face in exploring a cave.
4. How are these related to caves: (a) karst, (b) solutional caves, (c) drapery and (d) dark zone?
5. Use the internet to see if there are any caves in your state that people might explore. Select one of the caves. Write a description of the cave: What type of cave is it? How big is the cave? Are there any regulations about visiting that cave?

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