



YAK'S CORNER TEACHER GUIDE

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Paper Caper

ACTIVITY: Your newspaper's travel section is a great place to find information about interesting places that you might want to visit, like Salt Lake City. Write a story in which the main character visits or lives in a place you read about in a travel story. Be sure to use as many details as possible (remember that pictures can tell you as much as words) in developing the setting for your story.

STANDARDS: Students will understand literary terms such as setting and will illustrate their knowledge through writing.

Take a Trip

ACTIVITY: Make a budget for a trip to the Olympics. You can get most of the information you need on the Web at www.saltlake2002.com. Include in your budget the cost of travel to Salt Lake City, the cost of travel once you get there, lodging, tickets to Olympic events, meals and souvenirs.

STANDARDS: Students will use the Internet to gather information from authoritative sources. Students will develop a budget.

Religious Round-up

ACTIVITY: Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints live all over the United States, but Utah is home to a high concentration of Mormons. Identify other states that have a high concentration of people of a particular faith and explain why people of that faith have congregated in that state.

STANDARD: Students will research and understand reasons for settlement in various areas of the United States.

States of Matter

ACTIVITY: There are three states of matter: liquid, solid and gas. Generally, heating or cooling transforms an item from one state to another. You can witness this transformation frequently when

cooking. For example, when you melt (apply heat to) cheese to make macaroni and cheese, you transform a solid into a liquid. Think of other food for which heating or chilling changes the state of matter.

STANDARD: Students will investigate and understand the three states of matter.

Day Dreaming

ACTIVITY: You've read about Michelle Kwan's dreams for her future. Now find out what your classmates hope to achieve down the road. Interview another person in your class, and be sure to take good notes. Then write a question-and-answer newspaper story about that person.

EXTRA CREDIT: Compile the articles that students have written into a newspaper format to copy and share.

STANDARDS:

Students will gather information using a variety of techniques, including interviewing. Students will take notes on spoken information.

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Michelle Kwan performs at the 1998 Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

Cold Feet

ACTIVITY: Figure skating is just one of many ice-related sports featured in the Winter Olympics. Make a list of as many of these sports as you can think of, keeping in mind that not all of them require skates.

STANDARDS: Students will become familiar with a variety of physical fitness activities. Students will study seasons and activities traditionally associated with them.





YAK'S CORNER ACTIVITY SHEET

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State you chose to investigate: _____

The dominant faith in this state: _____

Percentage of the state's population that identifies with this faith: ____

Why have people of this faith congregated in this particular state?

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Ice-related Olympic sports:

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