



YAK'S CORNER TEACHER GUIDE

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Paper Caper

ACTIVITY: There has been a lot of hype about the coming "Harry Potter" movie. But what will happen when the film actually opens in theaters? Will it be a success? Will it be a flop? Predict about how well you think the movie will do at the box office. Write a sentence stating your prediction and then several sentences to support why you've made your prediction. After the release of the movie, look through your newspaper for stories about how popular the movie is and see if your prediction is correct.

STANDARDS: Students will formulate predictions based on prior knowledge. Students will express opinions in writing.

Same Thing?

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STANDARD: Students will use writing to compare two like things and identify similarities and differences.

Playing the Parts

ACTIVITY: Make a list of physical characteristics and personality traits that describe "Harry Potter" characters Harry, Hermione and Ron. Then, using those characteristics and traits, decide which of your classmates would best play each of the roles. Share your thoughts with your class, and have other students do the same. Then have a class vote to make the final determination of who should play the parts. Make a graph of the results.

STANDARDS: Students will make classifications according to criteria. Students will create graphs.

Berry Interesting

ACTIVITY: Did you ever wonder why cranberries are such an important part of our Thanksgiving celebration? Check out www.cranberryinstitute.org/cranfact.htm or other Web sites about cranberries and you'll probably figure out why. When you're done searching on the Internet, answer these questions:



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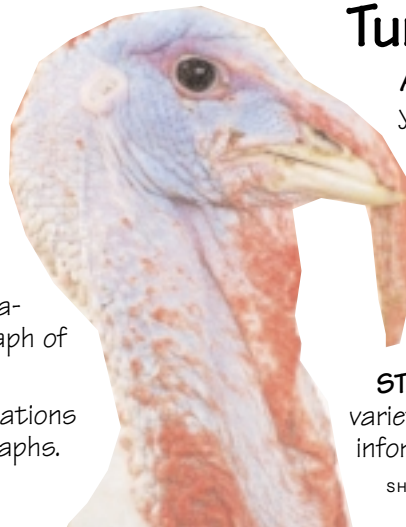
1. After what animal are cranberries named?
2. Which states grow the most cranberries?
3. What other countries grow cranberries?
4. What are cranberry beds called?
5. Who planted the first commercial cranberry bed? When and where was it planted?
6. What was the Algonquin name for cranberries?
7. Why do cranberries float in water?

STANDARD: Students will identify and study items and images associated with American holidays.

Turkey Talk

ACTIVITY: The Yak puzzle had you searching for all sorts of silly things a turkey might eat on Thanksgiving. But what do turkeys really eat? Use the library or the Internet to conduct research and discover for yourself.

STANDARD: Students will use a variety of research tools to find information.



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YAK'S CORNER ACTIVITY SHEET

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POTTER COMPARISON

Things that are similar in the book and movie:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Things that are different in the book and movie:

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