

Activity 15: Develop a Newspaper about the Gold Rush

Activity Description:

Have students create a newspaper or webpage about the gold rush. The students can imagine they've been hired to write about different aspects of the gold rush. It can include articles about the different legs of the journey, have advertisements and pictures...perhaps an op-ed piece expounding the virtues or horrors of becoming a Stampeder. Each article should start with a headline and byline. If writing by hand, cut lined paper into 4 inch strips. Students can write their final draft on these strips, which act as columns. In either case, paste the various columns onto a large sheet of cardboard. Add a title for your newspaper and a few advertisements and you've got your classroom newspaper.

OBJECTIVE: To provide students an opportunity to reflect on their learning. It also provides you a chance to assess what they've learned.

Create a newspaper reflecting the knowledge the students gained over the course of the unit.

MATERIALS:

1. Newsprint booklet with 10 pages
2. Pencils and black pens
3. Photocopied photographs depicting the Klondike Gold Rush experience
4. Glue
5. Writing and Drawing paper

TIME: Can be a multiple day project by individual or groups