

ESPECIALLY FOR TEACHERS FROM FLMS...January 2009

CREATIVE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

In January we celebrate New Year's Day, Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday, National Hobby Month, and Australia Day. Because New Year's Day is past, we won't include any activities for that. Provided below are several creative activities for teachers to use with their students during the last three weeks of January. Let us know how you and your students like them. Thanks.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s BIRTHDAY

- Evaluate the work done by Dr. King's wife and children since his death to continue his dream. Discuss your findings with a partner or small group.
- Think of a civil rights issue and create a slogan or song that is "catchy."
- Design a civil rights poster.
- Infer what Dr. King did to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
- What qualities do good leaders possess? List at least ten.

NATIONAL HOBBY MONTH

- Describe yourself as a "hobby hero."
- Detail a perfect day for you on which you could do anything that didn't cost much money.
- With your teacher's permission, demonstrate one of your hobbies to your class.
- Determine why hobbies are such an important part of our lives. What percent of your time do you estimate you spend on your hobby?
- Decide which is more important – recreation or learning. Give reasons for your answer.

AUSTRALIA DAY

- If you were a koala bear, what would you say to: a hunter, your mother, a visitor from America, another koala bear, and an insect on the bark of a eucalyptus tree?
- Compare Aborigines and Eskimos.
- What clues to its presence has Australia given the world?
- Australia is the only country that is also a continent. How else is Australia unique?
- Design a travel poster or brochure advertising Australia to vacationers.

Watch for more creative classroom activities in February. Be sure to visit our Web site: <http://www.flms.org>