

How do they use the Statesman? Let us count the ways...

Newspapers in Education Teacher Testimonials

"I use the Statesman in my class for students to read up on current events. I also use it for them to find out if there is science in the news. They find an article, read it, and summarize the information to present to the class. This helps them with reading and language arts skills."
Yvonne Z. Williams, Del Valle Elementary

"I teach Health to 9th-12th graders at Bowie High. I use the Statesman for current events on any Health related topics or for any good Health tips. Some Health topics are ever changing because of our medical advances and technology, so it is a great way to keep up with all that is happening." Rita Gonzales, Bowie High School

"I use the Austin American-Statesman in my classroom to inspire my students about art happenings in the Austin area and throughout the world." Todd Stevens, Decker Elementary School

"I use the newspapers in my classroom for writing exercises. Sometimes my students take headlines and develop the headline into a narrative story and then afterwards they compare their version to the newspaper's version. My students also use the sports section to collect powerful verbs and adjectives to spice up their own writing. Other times, we may look at a controversial issue and the students write letters to the editor stating their opinion on the issue. We also use the political cartoons to discuss propaganda and hidden messages by the artist."
Michelle Castillo-West, Stony Point High School

"I use newspapers to teach my students to engage with the world around them, but mostly to make reading not so intimidating. They like to read about sports, and it shows them that not all reading has to be boring or not applicable to their lives. We read to find the main ideas and learn how to summarize, which are skills they need for the TAKS test."
Amy Scott, Lehman High School

"The newspaper is the 'magic carpet ride' to the world." Roel Gonzales, Creedmoor Elementary

"We read about current events, talk about the weather forecast and how much difference in numbers there are in the degrees. We look for descriptive words, we add up money with the sale ads." Teresa Tomlinson, Hemphill Elementary

"Students present oral reports on articles found in every section of the paper. One thing we know is that competent communicators know about themselves, others, the world around them, and logic and reasoning. Our use of the paper enhances all of these elements of personal development." Gayla Hayes, Bowie High School

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