

Theme: Freedom & Independence

July
Lesson Plans
A La Mode

July is a great month to celebrate independence. Countries around the world have national holidays in July. There's Canada Day, U.S. Independence Day, and Independence Days in Venezuela, Maldives, Peru and Argentina. Use the E-edition search tool to see if any of those countries are in the news. How are they celebrating independence?



Write a definition of the word "freedom."
Write a poem about the value of freedom using words you find by skimming today's headlines. Add other words as needed to finish your poem.



July is the most common birth month, along with October. Find the newspaper obituaries using the index or search tool. Create a graph showing the birth months of everyone listed.



On average, July is one of the coldest months of the year in the Southern Hemisphere. Go online to find out why that's true. Then, use the E-edition pull-down menu to find the weather information. Rewrite the forecast in your area using key words from the newspaper weather report.

National Learning Standards:

McRel (Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning) Standards:

Language Arts

Standard 7 Uses reading skills and strategies

Benchmark 7 Writes in a variety of forms

Math

Benchmark 3. Understands various representations (e.g., tables, graphs, verbal descriptions, algebraic expressions, Venn diagram) of patterns and functions and the relationships among them

Science

Benchmark 5. Knows how the tilt of the Earth's axis and the Earth's revolution around the Sun affect seasons and weather patterns (i.e., heat falls more intensely on one part or another of the Earth's surface during its revolution around the Sun)