



# YAK'S CORNER TEACHER GUIDE

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## Paper Caper

**ACTIVITY:** Newspaper stories often include quotes from interviews the writer has done with various people. Choose a story that includes a lot of quotes. For each quote you find in the story, try to figure out what question the reporter asked the person being interviewed. Then, for each person quoted in the story, write a question-and-answer account of the interview similar to the Yak’s interview with Harold and George.



**STANDARD:** Students will analyze and draw conclusions from written passages.

## Quote Me

**ACTIVITY:** When newspaper reporters interview sources for a story, they generally can’t use every word a source tells them. Instead, the reporter tells some of the story in his or her own words and some of the story in the words of the people who have been interviewed. Use the question-and-answer story with Harold and George to write a newspaper story about them that blends summarizing and quoting. Look for examples of how to do this in your newspaper. Be sure to punctuate quoted passages correctly.

**STANDARDS:** Students will punctuate quoted matter. Students will write in a variety of genres.

## Be Mine

**ACTIVITY:** With Valentine’s Day just around the corner, use the Internet or library to find the real story of Saint Valentine.

**STANDARD:** Students will use a variety of resources to gather information about a given topic.

## Poetic License

**ACTIVITY:** Write a Valentine’s Day poem to give to a parent, grandparent, sibling or friend. Your poem should feature rhyming stanzas.

**STANDARD:** Students will identify rhyming words.

**EXTRA CREDIT:** Include examples of some or all of the following literary techniques in your poem: simile, metaphor, alliteration.



## Trains and Planes

**ACTIVITY:** While airplanes have changed transportation in our country, train travel still plays an important role. Make a list of functions trains have in today’s society. Then explain how these roles are similar and different from the early uses of trains in this country.

**STANDARD:** Students will compare two items, looking for similarities and differences.





# YAK'S CORNER ACTIVITY SHEET

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### A Valentine's Day poem:

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## Paper Caper

**ACTIVITY:** Newspaper stories often include quotes from interviews the writer has done with various people. Choose a story that includes a lot of quotes. Pick three of your favorite quotes and try to figure out what question the reporter asked the person being interviewed.

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