

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

PUNCTUATE THIS!

- Instruct students to each secretly choose one or two paragraphs (not exceeding four or five sentences total) from an article in today's New York Times. Instruct students to rewrite the paragraph or paragraphs on the "Punctuate This!" worksheet without any punctuation.
- Invite each student to swap his or her unpunctuated paragraph or paragraphs with another student in the class.
- Have students add punctuation to their partners' paragraphs that will make the writing clearer and easier to read.
- Have students compare their punctuation additions to the original punctuation used in The Times. Did the students' punctuation choices alter the original meaning of the paragraphs in any way?

