

## Classroom Activities

### Build an Engine Album

Materials: paper, colored pencils or markers, stapler.

Object: After researching train engines students will create an album of locomotive images; they will write brief train biographies to under the images. The goal of the activity is to have the students have a better understanding of the history of the engines.

Lesson steps:

1. Choose five or more railroad locomotives from a book or web site.
2. Using colored pencils, markers, or crayons, draw a detailed likeness of the locomotives.
3. Label the significant parts of the machine.
4. Below each drawing, write a brief description of the engine; include where and when it was manufactured; how it was powered; what part of the country or world it served; and what railway company used it.
5. Create a distinctive cover and title for the album then staple pages together.

### Create a Lakota Language Dictionary

Materials: paper and pencil.

Object: Students will find the Lakota translation of a number of English words. Through language, the goal of the lesson is to learn more about Lakota culture.

Lesson steps:

1. Choose 25 or more English words of interest or that are commonly used.
2. Alphabetize the list.
3. Translate the English words into the closest Lakota equivalent using web and library resources.
4. Examples: and—na  
later—to'ksha  
no—hiya  
there—hel  
this—le  
today—anpetu kinle  
yes—han