



Activity: Letter to the Editor

Background:

Learning how to communicate by writing a clear, concise, properly formatted letter can fulfill many curriculum needs. Why not combine your letter-writing lesson with this Get in the Scrap! activity?

Point Value:

12 points

Key Themes:



Scraping



Energy
Conservation



Writing



Teamwork

Procedure:

1. Have students research an issue about recycling, energy conservation, or other environmental matter. You can even divide your students into groups, and assign each group a particular issue.
2. Student will then write a letter to the local newspaper editorial page about the issue. If they are divided into groups, students could compose a letter together or each write their own letter and have it edited by peers in their group. Each group could share what they learned about their particular issue.
3. When students compose the letter, make sure they include these four main parts: the heading, greeting, body, and closing.
4. If you actually send the letters, be sure to abide by your school's privacy policy regarding your students (use their initials).