

Social Studies Minilessons: Problem Solving

Digging for History

SEARCH the Internet to learn about the tools that archeologists use to discover the past.

LIST archeological tools. Beside each item in the list, **WRITE** at least one problem that the tool helps the archeologist overcome.

LIST other problems archeologists face and **CHOOSE** one.

BRAINSTORM new archeological tools to solve the problem (see *Inquire* page 52).

Social Solutions

SEARCH the Internet for current problems in U.S. society and **CHOOSE** one.

EXAMINE and **ANALYZE** the problem (*Inquire* page 51).

BRAINSTORM and **EVALUATE** ideas (*Inquire* page 52).

PLAN a solution (*Inquire* page 53) and **PRESENT** it to your class.

Problem-Solving Founders

MAKE a copy of and then **READ** the Declaration of Independence.

REREAD the Declaration, underlining any parts that talk about problems.

RE-REREAD the Declaration, double-underlining solutions.

REFLECT on the problems solved by the Declaration, and the problems created.

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Novel Solutions

LIST problems faced by a main character in a book or story.

CHOOSE one problem the character failed to solve.

EXAMINE and **ANALYZE** the problem (*Inquire* page 51).

BRAINSTORM and **EVALUATE** ideas (*Inquire* page 52).

PLAN a solution (*Inquire* page 53).

Reviewing Your Writing

PLAN your next writing assignment by writing down your goal and answering the 5 W's and H about the assignment. (See *Inquire* page 53.)

EVALUATE your writing by copying the goal and answers to the 5 W's and H into a project rubric. (See *Inquire* page 54.)

REFLECT on ways to improve your writing project.

Processes Compared

WRITE down the steps in the inquiry process. (See *Inquire* page 56.)

Next to these steps, **WRITE** down the steps in the writing process. (See *Inquire* page 79.)

MATCH the steps in one process to the steps in the other.

REFLECT on the processes: How are they alike? How are they different? Is one process a version of the other? Explain.