

The Top Stories from *USA Today*



Objectives:

- Locating a specific Web site on the Internet
- Successfully navigating through a Web page
- Scanning through information on the Internet to find specific facts
- Drawing meaningful conclusions from charts and graphs

Program Needed:

Students will need access to the Internet.

Instructions:

1. Go to <http://www.teachercreated.com/books/2448> Click on page 88, site 1.
2. Using a hard copy of today's *USA Today* paper, show students the similarities between the hard copy and the Internet. Discuss the different sections of the newspaper at the top of the Web site (i.e. Sports, Money, Life, Weather). Show students how these are the same as the hard copy.
3. Demonstrate to students how to navigate through a Web site to find valuable information. Students will then begin to answer the questions on the following sheets.
4. Have students complete the USATODAY.COM sheet and discuss the answers as a class.

Extension Ideas:

Students may want to work in small groups and create a mini newspaper of their own. Discuss the making of a newspaper, not only articles, but headlines, pictures, etc. In addition to *USA Today*, there are many other newspapers and magazines online. Have students locate *Time Magazine* (<http://www.teachercreated.com/books/2448> Click on page 88, site 2) and read about the cover story of the most recent issue. Students can also navigate through the Web site and find old issues of *Time*.



Date _____

Name _____

USATODAY.COM

<http://www.teachercreated.com/books/2448>

Click on page 89, site 1

Answer the following questions by navigating through this Web site.

1. Date of Newspaper: _____

2. Top news headline of today: _____

3. Read the lead article in the LIFE section and create a new

headline for it: _____

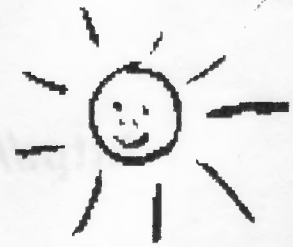


5. What is the major sports headline for

today? _____

6. Go to the weather section of *USA Today*.

Name two states experiencing 50 degree temperatures today.



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7. Which U.S. regions are expecting precipitation today?

8. Find an article which contains an opinion. What is the headline?

What is the opinion?

9. On the front page of the *USA Today* paper, scroll down to the USA Snapshot. Explain this picture graph in your own words.

