

TIME-BINDING

Teacher's Notes

The concept of time-binding, described on the next page, demonstrates the link we have with the past and the link we make to the future. Observing this, the student will see that survival and growth in one's present life depends upon understanding and utilizing information produced by previous generations.

The lesson plan includes six posters and commentaries, plus the description of the topic. The concept itself should not pose much difficulty as far as intellectually understanding it. The posters and commentaries are designed to have the student look at different aspects of time-binding and internalize them,

The initial description of time-binding can either be read to the students, or the teacher may put it in his/her own words. Once the teacher has determined that the class has grasped the concept, the "Picking Mushrooms" poster and commentary can be introduced. The teacher can also ask the class to describe other potentially fatal actions they avoid because they are time-binders. (Crossing heavy traffic against the light, skating on thin ice, putting on a cape and jumping off buildings like Superman, etc.) For each description ask "How do you know?"

"The Sinking Feeling" is designed to be handed out for homework and briefly discussed the following day. We hope that some students will make use of the Vasa website. Since the Vasa and Sweden's conquests in Europe are rarely taught in high school history, this exercise may expand the student's view of the past.

"Time Binding Mechanics" and its accompanying poster reinforce the attitude you, the teacher, spend your days trying to instill.

If you were to ask your class "Who invented the airplane?" you probably would receive the answer "The Wright Brothers." "The Sky's The Limit" illustrates that the Wright Brothers were simply time-binders on a lengthy continuum still proceeding at a dizzying pace today. Copy this commentary and hand it out for homework.

The need to pay attention to "Your Own Mistakes" and grow from them by evaluating them and making changes, needs to be emphasized throughout our lives.

"Sometimes it's a challenge" pokes fun at a simple fact of life; no matter how hard we work, some things will always exist that we cannot fully understand or explain.