

# Instructional Resources & Technology Services



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## Highlighted Web Sites for Teachers

*American Presidents, Life Portraits:* <http://www.americanpresidents.org> complements C-SPAN's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary TV series, and helps visitors learn more about the personal stories of all the US presidents.

*Women in American History:* <http://women.eb.com>  
From Encyclopaedia Britannica and includes articles, timelines, photographs, study guide, and weekly quiz.

*Africans in America:* <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia>  
An online companion to the PBS series. This website includes biographies, primary source materials, interviews, and a teacher's guide. Special sections feature the jazz legacy of Harry T. Moore, and the career of UN mediator and diplomat, Ralph Bunche.

## New IRTS Resources

### *Language Activities for the Classroom 3rd Edition*

This language arts resource provides a collection of stimulating, class-tested, literature-based activities and strategies to support beginning and experienced teachers in developing a more effective language arts program. This resource helps teachers in grades K-8 develop the repertoire of activities and resources necessary to carry out what we know about literacy development and make learning the language arts an exciting and involving process. The text balances skills and strategies in comprehensive reading/language arts instruction. The authors acknowledge the strengths of the whole language approach as well as the need for explicit skills instruction with some students. This approach reflects the practical needs of classroom teachers in addition to the diverse needs of their students.

*By Pamela L. Tiedt, Iris M. Tiedt, & Sidney W. Tiedt. Allyn & Bacon, 2001. Grades K-8*

## IRTS INFORMATION

The mission of the IRTS is to provide students, faculty, teachers, and administrators with laboratories in which to examine and evaluate new curriculum resources. Access our online catalog via the WWW at [unistar.uni.edu](http://unistar.uni.edu). The IRTS web page, [www.uni.edu/coe/irtswb](http://www.uni.edu/coe/irtswb), offers links to many educational resources, including the online version of the IRTS's Newsletter. Anyone interested in previewing IRTS resources can stop in or call (319)-273-6066. IRTS is a member of the Cedar Valley Library Consortium.

### IRTS INFO

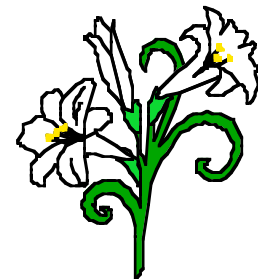
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### IRTS HOURS

Monday - Thursday	7:45 AM - 8:00 PM
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Saturday	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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### **Multimedia Collections: *Civil War***

This Multimedia Collection Mac/Win CD-ROM contains hundreds of exportable items: photographs, drawings, documents, video clips, and audio clips. Teachers and students can search by keyword or browse by topic or media type. The *Civil War* CD-ROM features the following: 1) Portraits of military leaders, politicians, and key citizens. 2) Maps, photos, and videos of important battlefields. 3) Key documents that changed history. 4) Songs that reflect the turbulent times as well as the differences between regions. The 48-page User's Guide includes step-by-step instructions on how to use, search, copy, and save the multimedia files. Comprehensive listings of sounds and thumbnails of the images are also included. Save time and take the hassle out of finding multimedia resources for slide shows, displays, reports, art projects, and more!

**By Teacher Created Materials, 2001. Middle/High School**

### ***About Teaching Mathematics: A K-8 Resource, Second Edition***

Presents information necessary for teachers to teach math through problem-solving. Marilyn Burns has revised and included two new sections. In "Mathematical Discussions" she addresses many of the activities, presenting the underlying mathematics as well as the solutions. The section "Extending Multiplication and Division" helps students deal with large number computation. Numerous changes have been made to the section on fractions and the book has been reorganized throughout.

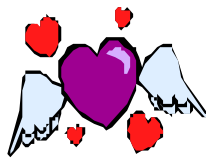
**By Marilyn Burns  
Math Solutions Publications,  
2000. Grades K-8**

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### **Thematic Unit: *Valentine's Day***

Valentine's Day Thematic Unit is based on the following piece of literature: The Valentine Bears One Zillion Valentines. This reproducible resource is filled with ready-to-use, colorful lessons and cross-curricular activities. Also included are management ideas, creative suggestions for the classroom, and a bibliography.

**By Teacher Created Materials, 2001. Grades K-4**



### ***African American History***

This resource contains student activities and background information that brings African American history to life through "eyewitness" accounts. The Eye on History series was designed to provide the necessary supplements for topics not adequately addressed by secondary basal history texts. The book help students understand history in new and exciting ways. Most lessons are introduced through a fictitious letter, postcard, or diary entry written by an "eyewitness" that contains references to historical facts. Thought-provoking discussion questions and suggestions for extending the lessons are also included.

**By Walter A. Hazen  
Instructional Fair, TS Denison,  
1998. Middle/High School**

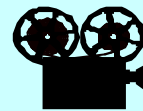
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## **CONFERENCES**



### **Parents & Educators Conference Sun-Mon, Feb 10 -12, 2002**

Location:  
Scheman Building  
Iowa State Center  
Ames, IA  
Contact: Karen Martens  
515-271-3936  
karen.martens@drake.edu



### **Iowa Reading Association & Iowa Educational Media Association 2002 Conference Thurs-Sat, April 4-6, 2002**

Location:  
Polk County Convention Complex  
& Hotel Savery  
Des Moines, IA  
Contact: Evelyn Beavers  
515-292-0126  
reading@isunet.net



### **Beginning Reading Conference Friday, April 12, 2002**

Location:  
University of Northern Iowa  
Contact: Linda Love  
Phone: 800-782-9519 or  
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