

Especially for students & teachers to use in October ...

Four Square: NIE Activities for the Basics

Language Arts

October is National Reading Groups Month. Organize your friends or family into a reading group. Each week select a different type of reading material (newspapers, magazines, books) for your group to read and discuss. Have members bring a list of the books and articles that they would like



considered to the first meeting and at that time a calendar should be set up showing specific reading assignments for each week.

Math

In **October of 1982**, the first CD player went on sale for \$625. Look through newspaper ads to determine the average price for a CD player today. Calculate the percentage of change in price since 1982. Discuss the reasons for the change in price. What factors must be considered when setting the price for any product? What factors have changed since 1982 that you believe are the reasons for the change in price of CD players?



Science/Technology

In **October 1857**, tuberculosis (TB) killed approximately 400 people out of every 100,000 living in American cities at the time. Do some research and find out how TB spread and why it was so deadly. Explain what steps have been taken in the last 150 years so that the number of people who die



from this disease has been greatly reduced. Clip at least one newspaper article about tuberculosis in the world today.

Social Studies

On **October 22, 1962**, President John F. Kennedy went on nationwide TV to make a speech demanding that the Soviet Union remove from Cuba missiles that were pointed at the United States. The events surrounding this action became known as the Cuban Missile Crisis. Look in newspaper archives or



on the Internet and create a timeline showing the events which led up and followed this dramatic moment in history.

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National Learning Standards Addressed: *Language Arts* #1 Students read a wide range of print and non-print texts to build an understanding of themselves and the cultures of the United States and the world ... #11 Students participate as knowledgeable, reflective, creative, and critical members of literacy communities. Source: *National Council of Teachers of English/International Reading Association List of Standards for the English Language Arts, 1996.* *Science/Technology* Levels K-12 Abilities of technological design. Personal and community health. (National Academy Press, *National Science Education Standards, 1996.*) *Math* #1 Numbers and Operations. #4 Measurement. #9 Connections. (*Principles and Standards for School Mathematics (Standards 2000 Project), the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.* *Social Studies* Strand VI: Power, authority and governance. (*Curriculum Standards for Social Studies, National Council for the Social Studies, 1999.*)