Resources for Teaching About U.S.-U.S.S.R. Relations

Today, more than ever before, educators from the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. are working together to educate both themselves and their students about one another. The following resources—only a sample of what is available—provide a starting point for American schools interested in encouraging better relations between the two nations.

Organizations

- Educators for Social Responsibility, 23 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138. (617) 492-1764. Conducts institutes and seminars and has developed curriculum materials, including Getting Acquainted: Thinking About the Soviet Union, an elementary unit; Raising Questions: Thinking About the Soviet Union, an introductory unit; "A Day at School in Moscow: A Videotape and Study Guide"; and "What Soviet Children Are Saying About Nuclear Weapons."
- The Samantha Smith Foundation, 9 Union St., Hallowell, ME 04347. Has developed programs that include U.S.-U.S.S.R. youth exchanges, publishes SAMGRAM, a children's magazine for and by youth.
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Projects/Programs

- Children's Art Exchange, P.O. Box 503, Middlebury, CT 05753. Enables young children in the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. to make contact through the arts.
- Perhaps ... Kids Meeting Kids Can Make a Difference, Box 88, 380 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10025. (212) 602-2337. Helps American and Soviet children meet one another, has a pen pal exchange, and publishes a biannual newsletter.
- U.S.-U.S.S.R. Youth Exchange Program, 1549 11th St., Suite 201B, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Organizes summer mountaineering expeditions in the Rockies and the Caucasus mountains for high school and college youth.
- Curriculum Materials
  - Committee for National Security & The W. Averell Harriman Institute for the Advanced Study of the Soviet Union at Columbia University. (1986). A Guide to Films About the Soviet Union. $5.00. Write to the Committee at 2000 P St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Detailed evaluations include essential information for schools and educators on more than 50 films on such topics as arms control, culture and lifestyle, history, and geography.
  - The Russian Culture Videotape Series (116 Stewart Center, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907). This series, which comprises 45 half-hour color videotapes, relates the development of Russian culture and civilization, with an emphasis on the ways in which the Russians have contributed to the civilization of humanity; for example, through art, literature, music, and architecture.

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