

THE AMISH IN INDIANA

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Lesson Plans

- Using Periodicals to Learn About Amish Life
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Using Periodicals to Learn about Amish Life

Much of what is written about the Amish appears in short

students is the history magazine Cobblestone, Volume 8, Number 11.

--List questions you have about Amish life.

--List ways Amish people help each other.

--List things Amish people consider important.

After each reading session conduct a class discussion.

Students will share information and will ask questions

related to Amish culture. The teacher can share his/her

knowledge of Amish life in response to student questions.

At the end of the series of class discussions, a quiz may be

given covering the important concepts discussed.

Using The Budget to Learn About Amish Life

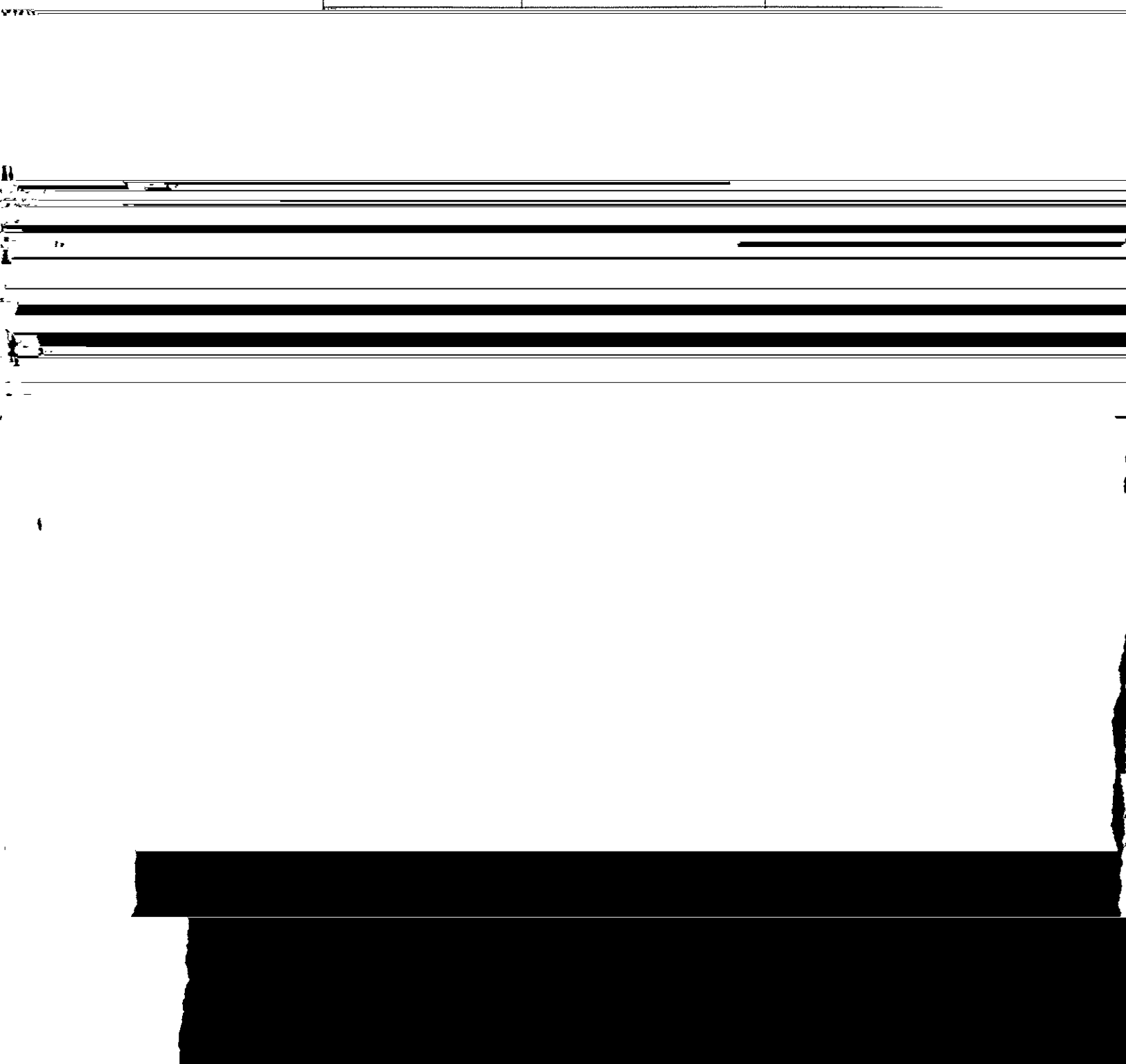
The Budget is a unique newspaper which allows the Amish to keep in close contact with other Amish communities. Every Amish

Amish Names

States where
Amish live

Church Services

Farm work



Or--as an alternative--develop class charts with the various headings.

As partners read their page or pages of The Budget

they will:

--List Amish names that appear repeatedly in the paper.

List states where Amish settlements are

As students continue to read The Budget they will clip articles that will fit into the various categories to be pasted on the worksheets and/or charts.

Other categories that could be listed on the worksheets or charts are:

--Ordination of deacons

--Accounts of traveling via vans

--Illnesses cited

--Card showers

----- (Other than country)

Neighbors borrowed a kerosene lamp. It is really something how the world is handicapped by the lack of electricity. One feels very thankful that our lifestyle is simple enough to live without."

~~After the above...~~

Simulating a Day in an Amish School

Simulations are an effective way of helping students develop an understanding of another culture.

will assume the role of an Amish child and will take part in school activities similar to those an Amish child might experience.

A useful resource is the book "The Amish" by...

A . MANUAL FOR
AMISH TEACHERS

The question now comes up, "Why then do permit whispering; others are very much op-
posed. Some overlook running and shout-

one at a time to come to your desk. While on your feet and not holding classes, have pupils raise their hands if they have a question for you.

tic action.

About that time we had one of our regular six-weeks teachers' meetings. The subject

Do these rules seem too strict and harsh? They have been in effect in the past and are

were at our wits end once more and I wondered what would happen if we simply put a

hiding such walls will make a much better ... if the de ...

... which, in turn will have the ...

... and blood ...

Furthermore, a teacher who would not feel hurt if he knew some of the pupils were actually afraid of him has the wrong attitude.

Being afraid to break rules is another matter. That fear should be the same as the fear we have in our hearts to sin. Let's make

Many women teachers have been a surprise to troublesome pupils who may have been misled by a benign and calm appearance. Blessed is the teacher, man or woman, who keeps the voice and actions even, and in a quiet and purposeful way maintains law and

the distinction—school children need to be afraid to do wrong in school, not because of a personal fear of the teacher, but because of their own consciences. They should have been

order in school!

A school's success depends not so much on whether a man or woman is in charge as it does on the individual himself, his character,

taught at home that once they are in school

and his courage to enforce the rules he has

the teacher takes over the parents' responsibility. A child who has the idea implanted in his conscience that the teacher is the "parent" in school, and is to be obeyed at all times, will seldom cause trouble for the teacher.

made.

There is one suggestion, though, that would help a young woman teacher who is just starting. The board would be well advised to appoint a superintendent to back her if she needs him. This man would be the trouble

Look around at the schools with which you are acquainted. Let your mind wander to bygone schools and remember their discipline

shooter in truancy cases. He would serve as a go-between if any difficulty should arise with parents, and act as the teacher's adviser

Other helpful sections from School Bells Ringing include,
sections on Reading, Arithmetic, Spelling, Getting the Most From

Health. (pp. 20-38)

Which textbooks are also available from Pathway Publishers

together with the class a brief history of the Anabaptists movement the persecution of the Amish

during the 16th century in Europe, and their migration to the new world. If your class is representing a specific settlement in its simulated school day, use the information from Arvin's research paper depicting the migration of the Amish to that particular Amish settlement.

GEOGRAPHY

Give the students an outline map of Indiana's counties. Have them color in counties where Amish settlements are found. Indiana's major Amish

	Founding Date
1. Marshall-Kosciusco-Elkhart Counties	1841
2. Howard-Miami Counties	1848
3. Allen County	1852-53
4. Adams County	1852

Please the price of a car sold at a commission

commission.

--Figure how much money can be saved by paying
cash rather than paying in installments.

--Pronounce it clearly and ask each scholar to pronounce the word.

--Require the scholars to write each word 3 times.

--If you wish, have a spell-down.

ENGLISH

English is a vital subject in Amish schools. Many families speak Pennsylvania Dutch at home. It is important for Amish children to learn English to

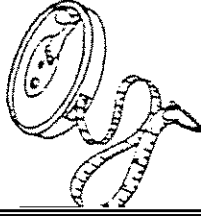
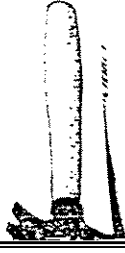
class. . .In looking over the many health books that
are on the market we find that the older editions

seem to fit our schools best. A teacher should
thoroughly examine the health books before issuing
them to the pupils, for the simple reason that some
of the modern books can do more harm than good."

At recess time children may play baseball, basketball, or
take part in organized games such as kick-the-can.

A debriefing session should be held the day following

DING LIVES



Robber

Had the book lovingly in-
gered its smooth pages
fossy pictures. It was
anted -- a book of wild-
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r away. Looking up,
perched on a branch
protesting shrilly.

a big giant came and
Chester thought. For

WORKING WITH WORDS / The Robber

Match the words in the word box with their meanings at the right.

muse
brim

1. willing to obey; doing what one is expected _____
2. the edge of a cup or bowl _____

WALKING ABOUT THE STORY / The Robber

Some Amish families in an effort to supplement their

Perhaps the best evaluation of the trip came from a student

outside, your singing made me feel warm on the inside."

One of the family members who came in via buggy for the picnic

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The Budget is a weekly newspaper published for the Amish and Mennonite Communities throughout the Americas. Correspondents from local settlements send weekly news for publication. Many inferences about Amish life can be made from reading the paper. Price: 50 cents per issue.

Cobblestone, the History Magazine for Young People, Volume 8

- Booklet No. 8 The Amish Wedding and Other Special Occasions of the Old Order Communities, Stephen Scott, 1988.
- Booklet No. 9 Living Without Electricity, Stephen Scott and Kenneth Pellman, 1990.
- Booklet No.10 The Puzzles of Amish Life, Donald B. Kraybill, 1990

The following books are helpful for planning an Amish School Day for your class.

Byler, Uria R. School Bells Ringing. Alymer, Ontario: Pathway Publishing Corporation, 1980.

~~A source for Amish booklets and requests. A helpful~~

source for planning a typical Amish school day. Available from Pathway Publishers, R.R. 4 Box 266, Lagrange, IN 46761 (Current price \$3.00).

Pathway Publishers, Building Our Lives, Lagrange, IN: Pathway Publishers, 1979. A fourth-grade reading text used in Amish schools. Current price, \$8.00. A pupil workbook is also available.

A catalog of Amish publications is available from Pathway Publishers, R.R.4 Box 266, LaGrange, IN 46761.