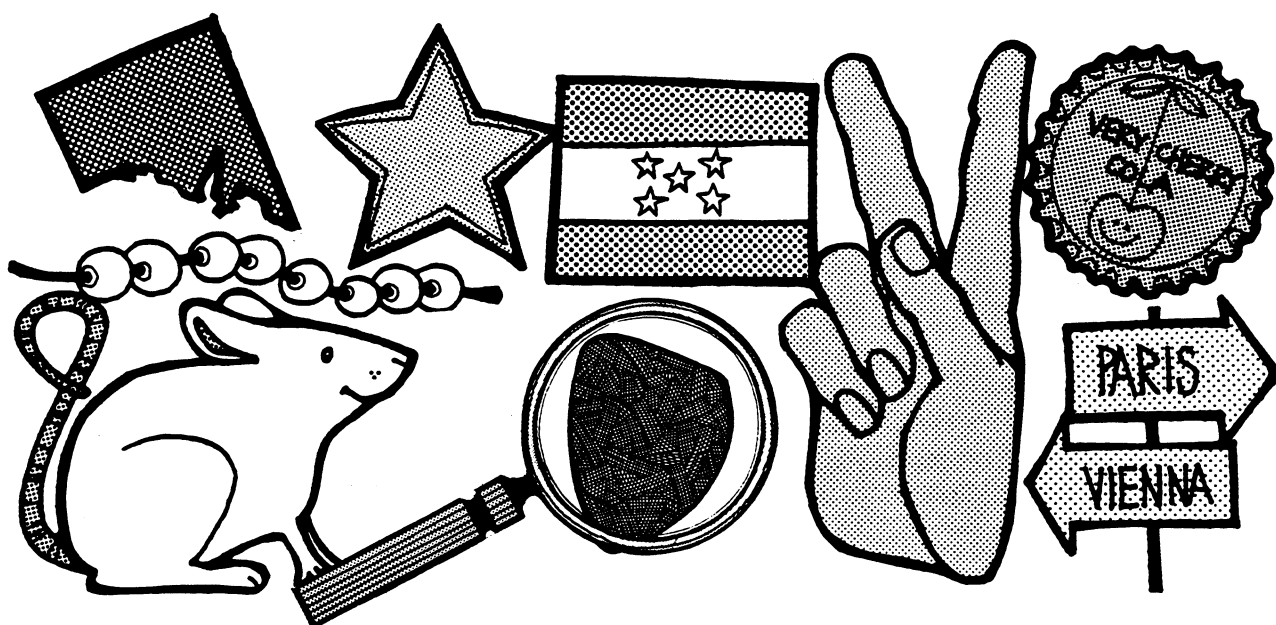


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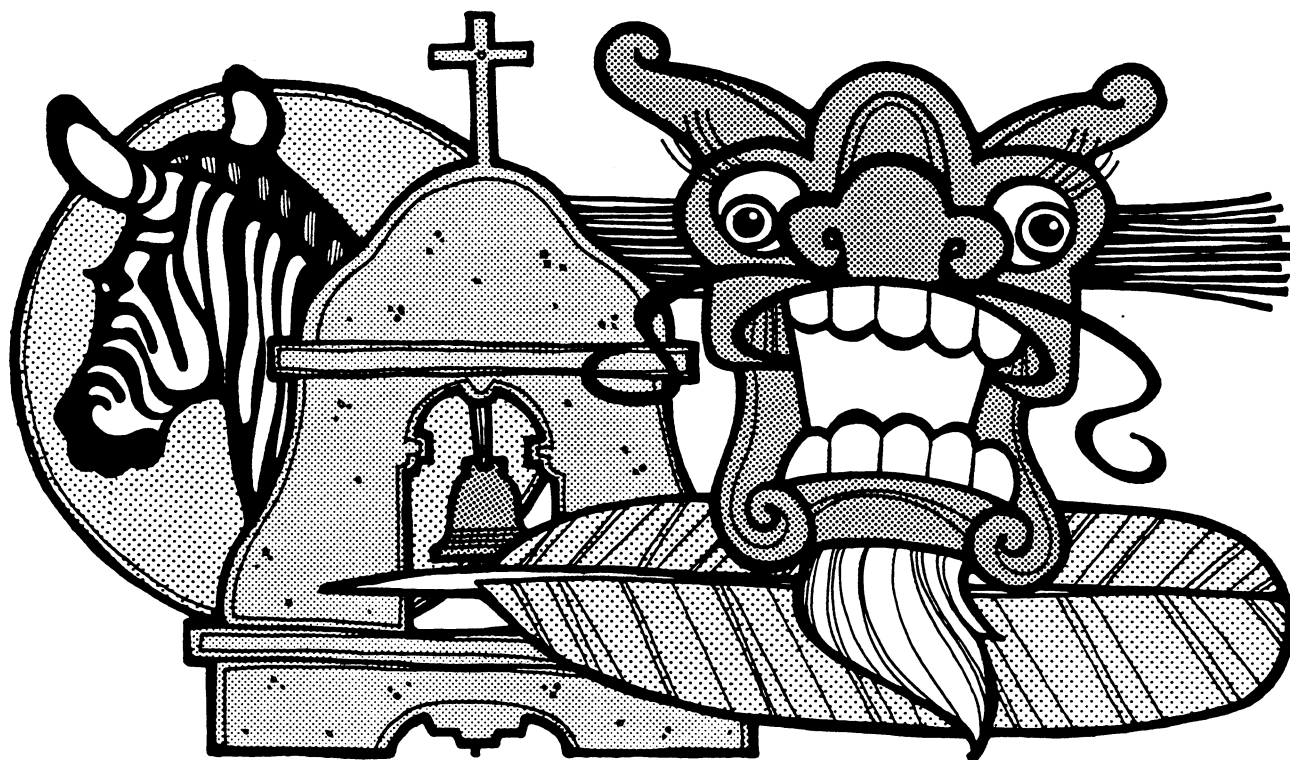
To the Teacher

This book presents thirty-eight separate topics for independent research investigations. These topics have been chosen from, and are related to, the ten basic categories and one hundred divisions of the Dewey decimal system. Because of the broad spectrum covered by these topics, students have a wide variety of possible research subjects from which to choose.

For each topic, there are three activity categories: Research, Creative Writing, and Art in Action. Within the Research category, there are three sections, one involving vocabulary, one involving library skills, and one involving a report. Students should complete all three sections from this first category. From each of the other two categories, they should choose at least one activity to pursue individually, in small groups, or as a class.

Because the purpose of this book is to foster independent creative investigations, students should be encouraged to suggest alternative activities of similar purpose and equal difficulty and should be permitted to substitute them for the ones described whenever possible.

This book also includes a description of the Dewey decimal system, a list of Dewey decimal divisions, and some tips on how to use the library. Students who have not had much experience doing research and writing reports may wish to consult pages 41-44 of *Creative Investigations* (available through Hawker Brownlow Education). The section describes the steps that should be followed when writing a research report, from selecting a topic to doing the actual writing, and includes note taking, outlining, and constructing a bibliography.



CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Research

- Make a crossword puzzle (with definitions) using the following terms:
biography fantasy myth
Caldecott Medal fiction Newbery Medal
fable hornbook tall tale
- Using the library card catalogue, find five book titles for each of the following kinds of books:
fables historical fiction poetry
fairy tales mysteries science fiction
folk tales myths tall tales
- Compare the Mother Goose stories, Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales, and Aesop's fables. List some of the ways in which they are the same and some of the ways in which they are different.

Creative Writing

- Write and illustrate your own fable.
- Write and illustrate several nursery rhymes similar to those found in Mother Goose.
- Write a brief biographical sketch about something you have done or something that has happened to you.

Art in Action

- Make a mobile showing a variety of book styles.
- Using wood or cardboard, construct a hornbook similar to one used by a child in the 1800's.
- Create a learning centre for your classroom to help classmates explore historical fiction, mystery, or science fiction books.

