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## INTERACTIVE STORYBOOK **THE BARKING MOUSE**

Explore the empowering possibilities of communicating in more than one language with your beginning readers. "The Barking Mouse," a folktale from Cuba, is read aloud in a blend of English and Spanish. (Grades K-3)

[www.tolerance.org/storybooks/mouse/index.html](http://www.tolerance.org/storybooks/mouse/index.html)

## CHARACTER EDUCATION

### **WORDS CAN HEAL**

Language can both reflect and reinforce systems of oppression. Words Can Heal, a national media and education campaign, works to reduce verbal violence and improve mutual respect. Handbooks, kits and posters for this character education program are available free online. Schools receive a special group rate for bulk mail orders. (Grades K-12)

[www.wordscanheal.org](http://www.wordscanheal.org)

## MULTILINGUAL NEWS **PARLO.COM**

Take foreign-language study off the books with news, music and creative lesson plans. (Grades 6-12)

[www.parlo.com](http://www.parlo.com)

## NATIONAL HISTORY DAY ESSAY CONTEST & CURRICULUM

What role has communication played in resolving conflicts? How can it improve understanding among peoples today? Your students can answer these questions and improve their research and critical thinking skills by participating in National History Day's "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding" contest. The website offers free curriculum materials, sample topics and a step-by-step guide to creating an NHD project. (Grades 6-12) [www.nationalhistoryday.org](http://www.nationalhistoryday.org)

## HONORING FAMILY DIVERSITY **AN EDUCATOR'S GUIDE TO ADOPTION**

This Adoption Information Institute guide educates about issues faced by adoptive families and how to be conscious of them in the classroom. Many tools also apply to other non-traditional families. (Professional Development)

[www.adoptioninformationinstitute.org](http://www.adoptioninformationinstitute.org)

## STUDENT ACTIVISM **WHAT KIDS CAN DO**

Explore projects across the country where teachers and students are allies in campaigns to improve schools. What Kids Can Do's print and online resources showcase efforts that "combine powerful learning with public purpose" at the intersections of school reform, service learning and community development. (Professional Development) [www.whatkidscando.org](http://www.whatkidscando.org)

## DOCUMENTING THE MEDIA

### **MEDIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Do your students see themselves accurately portrayed in the media? Or are stereotypes or invisibility the norm? Encourage critical reflection of the media industry and its content by utilizing the Media Education Foundation's documentaries on gender, race, economic and socio-cultural issues. Video prices vary. Free classroom handouts and study guides are available online. (Grades 6-12)

[www.mediaed.org](http://www.mediaed.org)

## TALK IT OUT

### **MIX IT UP DIALOGUES**

Do you want to work in a school that embraces respect and marginalizes conflict? Help create and maintain a healthy school community by convening Mix It Up Dialogues. Our free handbook shows you how to get started and includes discussion topics that can be completed in a 50-minute class period. (Grades 9-12)

[www.tolerance.org/teach/mix\\_it\\_up/index.jsp](http://www.tolerance.org/teach/mix_it_up/index.jsp)