

How to Use a Unit Box

Each unit box provides a wealth of resources so that you will can choose activities that work for your teaching style and your students. Sometimes there are more activities than you will be able to use. Trying to use everything that is included in a box may make you feel overwhelmed! Here are a few recommendations that may be helpful.

1. **Read the rationale for teaching the unit and the unit objectives.** These are an important part of the unit box, giving the essential ideas that ought to be taught.
2. **Look over the unit plan or teaching ideas.**
3. **Choose learning experiences that you think will:**
 - a. **Support the objectives of the unit.**
 - b. **Fit within the time you have available for teaching the unit.**
 - c. **Suit your students and your approach to teaching.**
 - d. **Complement other activities you have planned.**
4. **Look for ways to integrate this unit with other disciplines.** Many of the materials and ideas are easily integrated with other subjects, saving time and enriching the learning experience for the students.
5. You may find it helpful to photocopy the unit plan and highlight sections you want to follow and write in additional notes. Some unit plans are available on disk.
6. **Before returning the unit box,** please use the checklist to make sure you are returning all the materials that you received.
7. Please consider giving us feedback with post-its on the unit plan (placed so that we can see it from the edge of the page!) an enclosed note, or a phone call. We also appreciate receiving additional teaching ideas. **It is helpful to have additions flagged with a note or post-it to make sure they are put into other copies of the teacher's manual.**
8. We welcome donations of all kinds. Kindly mark donations. We do not want to accidentally keep items that are sent to us by mistake!