

**FRIENDS AFAR**

(Time varies)

OBJECTIVE

The class contacts students overseas to learn about a different country.

MATERIALS

Appropriate letter-writing materials: lined paper, pens/pencils, envelopes, etc.

GET READY

Arrange for a pen pal from another country to exchange information about their country.

- ✓ Write to: World Wise Schools
990 K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20526.
- ✓ Look for pen pal opportunities on the Internet. A good Web site to visit is www.stonesoup.com/main2/penpal.html.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ As a class, correspond with a class from another country.
- ✓ Have your students brainstorm some questions/ideas that they want to include in their letters.
- ✓ Encourage your students to ask questions:
How is your country different from the United States? Do you know people who vote? How old do you have to be to vote? What is the name of your current leader?
- ✓ Continue to correspond with this class throughout the school year.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *How is our government similar to other countries' governments?*
- ★ *How is it different?*
- ★ *What did you learn that you liked most about the other country?*
- ★ *Were there any things you did not like?*