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MIHS Prepares for Inspection



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A flurry of activity can be seen around the Marshall Islands High School campus as the students, teachers, and staff prepare for an accreditation visitation. The school will be visited by a committee representing the Western Association of

School and Colleges. With a "Focus on Learning", the visiting team will be looking into all aspects of the school including curriculum, facilities, instruction, parents, and community.

The committee is scheduled to begin their observations on November 8 and finalize their report to WASC on November 11.

A briefing will be held in the International Convention Center at the close of the visit to reveal the committee findings.

The school will then wait for a decision on accreditation from the WASC headquarters in California.

President's Day November 17

November 17 is observed each year as President's Day. This day is in honor of the first president of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Amata Kabua. President Kabua was born on November 17, 1928 on Jabor, Jaluit. He served as the first president of the Republic.



He graduated from Mauna Olu College in Hawaii and worked in education prior to embarking on a political career.

Calendar Events SY2009-2010

11/2	MOE Radio Program 7:00 p.m.
11/8-11/11	MIHS Accreditation Visit
11/9	MOE Radio Program 7:00 p.m.
11/16	MOE Radio Program 7:00 p.m.
11/17	Preseident's Day Holiday
11/20	MIHS Report Cards
11/23	MOE Radio Program 7:00 p.m.
11/30	MOE Radio Program 7:00 p.m.



EXCERPTS FROM THE ISC COLLECTION

Write It
Something About the Marshall Islands
LESSON ONE
The Republic of the Marshall Islands
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1. Read the questions orally as a class.
2. Students should keep the questions in mind as they read the selection.
3. Strategy: The questions follow the same order as the paragraph. The answer to number 1 is at the beginning of the paragraph while the answer to number 9 is at the end of the paragraph. All the other questions are in order.

1. How many atolls are there in the Republic of the Marshall Islands?
There are twenty-nine atolls in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
2. How many islands are there in the Republic?
There are five islands in the Republic.
3. Which atoll is the capital of the Marshall Islands?
Majuro is the capital of the Marshall Islands.
4. What is Jaluit?
Jaluit is a sub-center.
5. Is Jaluit known for its good fishing?
Jaluit is known for its good fishing.
6. What does Wotje have?
Wotje has good gardening centers.
7. What place is the third sub-center?
The third sub-center is Ebeye.
8. How many atolls are the most important?
Four atolls are the most important.
9. Why are they the most important?
They are the most important because they are population centers.

4. Read the selection about "The RMI" orally as a class.
5. Answer the questions orally.
6. Remember that during this part of the lesson the students should be speaking. This is the oral part of the lesson.
7. Point out to the students that this passage is written in one paragraph. Throughout the book the student will see the paragraph symbol (¶). They should indent whenever they see this symbol.
8. Now read the paragraph as a class.
9. Point out that this is written in one paragraph and that the paragraph is indented only once.

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Something About the Marshall Islands
LESSON ONE (continued)
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1. This is the writing part of lesson one.
2. The following should be observed:
 - The title should be centered above the paragraph.
 - When answering the questions, the word order should be inverted to complete the answer.
 - The paragraph should be indented.
 - The paragraph should be shorter than the paragraph in the students books. This kind of writing is called a *summary* because it states the main idea but has fewer words.
 - Students should count their words. There should be fewer words than in the original paragraph.
3. The students paragraph for lesson one should look exactly like this:

THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

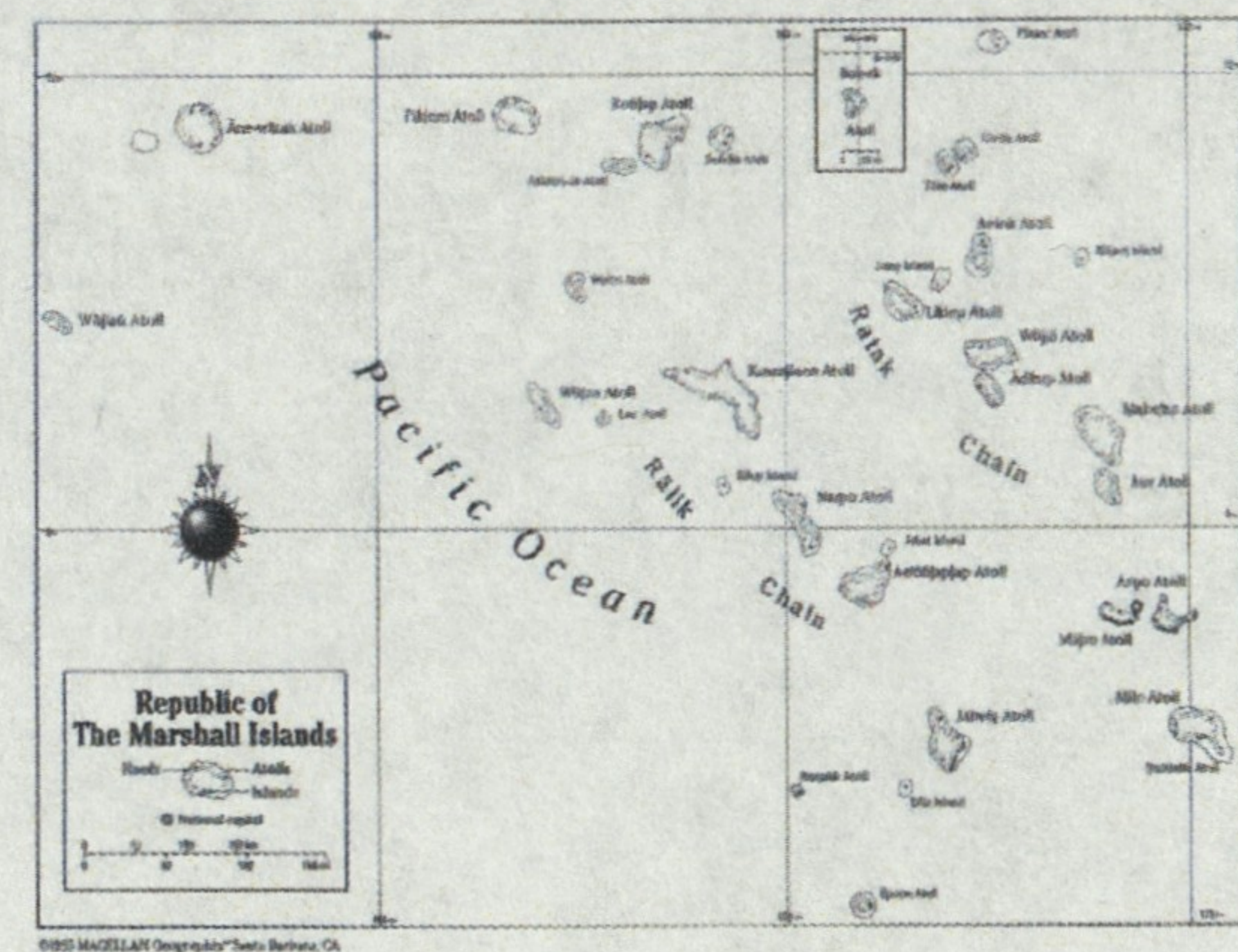
There are many atoll and islands in the Marshall Islands. Majuro is the capital and it has the most people. Jaluit is a sub-center. It is known for its fish. Wotje is also a sub-center and known for its agriculture. Ebeye is the third sub-center. There four atolls are the most important because they have the most people.

58 words
4. Students should write paragraphs in the book they are making.
5. Student should draw and label a map of the Marshall Islands. This should also be placed in the books they are making.

“Something About the Marshall Islands”, part of the *Write It* series of lessons, centers on the Marshall Islands. This set of writing lessons is designed to review familiar topics about the Marshall Island while also developing clear paragraphs that are then combined to eventually create a book about Life and Times in the Marshall Islands. Students illustrate their own paragraphs in this bookmaking process.

The lessons include the following topics:

- The Republic of the Marshall Islands
- The Making of an Atoll
- The Awesome Navigators
- Making Copra
- Useful Pandanus
- The Flag of the Marshall Islands
- The National Anthem
- Symbols of a Nation



The lessons were written by Jerre Bennett, an ISC staff member. They are intended for the middle school and secondary school levels. The program consists of a Student Book and a Teacher's Guide.

Copies are available from the ISC Center in Room M3 on the MIHS Campus.



Basketball Founders Day

November 6, 1861



Basketball was invented in the U.S. in 1891 by a physical education teacher, James Naismith, who was employed at the Y.M.C.A. Training school in

Springfield, Massachusetts. Naismith's department head asked him to create a game that could be played indoors or out.

In order to play the game he needed two baskets suspended from the balcony of the gym. When the janitor attached two half-bushel baskets, they worked so well that his innovation became the basis for the name of the sport. Basketball's fans are numbered in the millions. It is played in schools, colleges, professional arenas, side drives, and in back alleys and in every place a basket can be attached to a support.

Reminders

Schools are reminded to keep the school areas clean and healthy.

Students and Teachers can work together to make your school tidy and a place everyone likes and can use.

JUST FOR FUN SCIENCE

Dumping solid waste into the ocean is an easy, inexpensive way to get rid of garbage. Do you think that people should be allowed to dump their garbage into the ocean? Why or why not? What else could they do with their garbage?

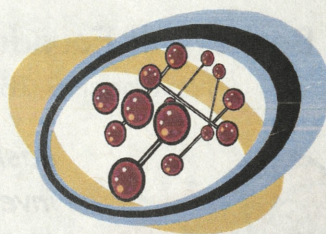
MATHEMATICS

Why should everyone learn some math? How much math knowledge is enough for the "average" person.

Science Curriculum

The following is listing of the books which have been for use in the science curriculum:

Book Company: Macmillan/Mcgraw-Hill]
Series Title: SCIENCE A CLOSER LOOK



Kindergarten: Books are on order

Grade 1: Books are on order

Grade 2:

Student Edition
Student Workbook
Teacher's Edition
Teacher Resource Package

Grade 3:

Student Edition
Student Workbook
Teacher's Edition
Teacher Resource Package

Grade 4

Student Edition
Student Workbook
Teacher's Edition
Teacher Resource Package

Grade 5

Student Edition
Student Workbook
Teacher's Edition
Teacher Resource Package

Grade 6:

Student Edition
Student Workbook
Teacher's Edition
Teacher Resource Package

Grade 7:

Student Edition
Student Workbook
Teacher's Edition
Teacher Resource Package

Grade 8

Student Edition
Student Workbook
Teacher's Edition
Teacher Resource Package