

Music & Art

September 17, 2004

Dear Students,

Bonjour! That's "good morning"
in french. What are some countries
where most people speak french?

Today we will continue our
geography study.

Sincerely,
Mr. Henry

Write a geography word
that you know.

globe sea
Equator
Mountain Range
tributary
Delta
longitude latitude bay
gulf Prime Meridian Peninsula
Delta

Eric makes deliberate errors on the chart and asks students to identify and correct them during morning meeting.

During meeting, Eric would ask students to share ideas about countries where French is spoken, and would be prepared to supply a few answers himself if necessary. They might locate the countries they named on a map or globe.

3/10/05

Dear Intrepid Test Takers,

*It's our second day of ISAT,
and I think we're doing well.
Since many of you finished
early yesterday, you can slow
down a bit on this morning's
tests. Our schedule will be just
like yesterday's.*

*Sincerely,
Mr. Henry*

Sharpen your pencil ...
and your mind!



Eric uses the message to give the class encouragement and advice in the midst of standardized testing. A calm, supportive message can be reassuring for students during a stressful time.

4-8-05

Dear Hardworking Historians,

We're just about finished with our unit about the causes of the War for Independence. We've learned that there were many reasons why the war began. Which reason do you think was the most important?

Proclamation of 1763 	Stamp Act 	Quartering Act
Boston Massacre 	Boston Tea Party	Intolerable Acts

During the meeting, Eric might simply ask the class to comment on what they noticed about their votes. Later he could refer back to the chart and build upon these answers—for instance, by having individuals explain their reasoning or groups work together to rank the causes from most to least important.