

## Celebrate NJ! School Program Ideas for the Classroom

# Comics, Puzzles and Games

- 1. NJ-Theme Word Search Puzzles:** using NJ symbols and icons, famous people and places, create a class NJ word search. Challenge students to be creative and to go beyond the more commonly used NJ words. You may also focus the puzzles on a particular aspect of NJ (i.e. history, people, counties, products and companies, etc.) Have students solve each other's puzzles to support wider learning.
- 2. NJ-Theme Crossword Puzzles:** Same idea as above, but a little more research will be involved to create clues that accurately describe the words.
- 3. NJ-Theme Board Games:** Develop a board game of NJ facts and trivia using the research done above. This is a great way to have the more artistic students involved in the design and artwork on the board as part of the learning experience.
- 4. Virtual Class Road Trip through New Jersey Counties:** Assign each student one of the 21 NJ Counties to research for a "Class Road Trip". They should research places to go and things to do associated with: a famous NJ person, a historical event that took place in NJ, something interesting to see in the outdoors, something fun to do in the arts, etc. (be creative and make it fun). Then create a class map outlining your trip through all the counties giving each student the chance to be the "tour guide" for their portion of the trip.
- 5. NJ Comic Strip:** Create a multi-panel comic strip with NJ characters, set in NJ, doing things typically done here. Also great for engaging more artistic students.