

## Developing humor in non-fiction writing across the curriculum

# 51 WACKY WE-SEARCH REPORTS: FACE THE FACTS WITH FUN!

by Barry Lane

This Barry Lane tour de force is a remarkable teacher's aid for guiding students through a curricular adventure. Mixing a bit of humor with large helpings of research and writing craft, teachers and students are set free to hunt for the best facts and turn them into everything from cartoons and parodies to jokes, poetry, infomercials and extraordinary websites. Who wouldn't make a beeline to [www.holyromanempire.com](http://www.holyromanempire.com) if you had the choice?

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*....as well as their own, new ideas!*

Wacky We-Search Reports takes you and your class on a journey of non-fiction writing that teaches creative thinking, how to develop original ideas and content, and honing techniques for clarity and accuracy, while enjoying the whole process. Show your students how much fun writing can actually be, and watch their enthusiasm rise faster than a sleeping cat with his tail under Grandma's rocking chair.

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~ Corbett Harrison,  
director, Northern  
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