

International Bicycle Fund

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A non-governmental, nonprofit organization promoting bicycle transport, economic development and international understanding worldwide.

BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION SUGGESTED STUDENT WRITING ASSIGNMENTS TOPICS

1. Write a two page paper on the history and development of the bicycle. (Suggested references: magazines, encyclopedias, books, etc.)
2. Summarize several articles on the "bicycle boom" and submit a two page paper on your reading.
3. Interview students or adults who bicycle commute and write about their motivations, likes, dislikes, and experiences with bicycle transportation.
4. Visit the police department and write a paper about bicycle safety and accidents in your community.
5. Prepare and give a presentation to a PTSA meeting on what parents should know about bicycle safety.
6. Investigate and write a paper on the causes, consequences and prevention of bicycle-related head injury.
7. Research the state laws relating to bicycling, compare them to the Uniform Vehicle Code and explain the objectives of the laws and the differences.
8. Write a paper on where bicyclists of various abilities should ride and how they should ride in those areas under various problem situations.
9. Write a paper on the kinds of hazards a bicyclist might confront on the roads and how they should react to the different hazards.
10. Think of a bicycle tour you would like to take. Write about the planning and preparations you would have to make and where you want to go.
11. Write about the mechanics and physics of a bicycle.
12. Write about the proper care of a bicycle and rider under various weather conditions: hot, cold, wet, dry, foggy, snow, humid, etc.
13. Demonstrate to the class proper sizing of a bicycle, types of bikes, body positions, mounting, pedaling, braking, roadside driving, maneuvering, and dismounting techniques and basic preventative maintenance.
14. Demonstrate and explain proper gearing on a 10-18 speed bicycle.
15. Make a presentation on bicycle safety regulations, bicycle safety code, safe bicycling behavior and mechanical safety precautions.
16. Interview a bicycle transportation specialists and write a paper on the important points of safe bicycle transportation planning and engineering.