

CHICAGO CONNECTIONS

Bus Links to Chicago Places

An Activity Plan for Reading/Writing/Thinking Chicago
Adaptable for Grades 3-12

1. Put up a map of Chicago—preferably a CTA/RTA map.
2. Assign each student a place in the city.
3. Give each student two challenges:
 - a. Figure out how to get there on the bus
 - b. Write about that place—tell why people would go there, what they would do there and when they got to that place
4. Turn that information into a map key—or an atlas of Chicago places
5. Turn the whole project into a game, with students challenging each other with location clues.

As an alternative approach, give the students a bus route to follow. Have them actually take a trip on that bus route. Then have them write about what people do, what buildings they see, and other things they observe at each stop along the route.