

## **PROJECT CROSSROADS**

**WHO:** Project Crossroads is a non-profit education and resource organization. It was founded in 1983 in Santa Fe, New Mexico in response to needs expressed by area teachers. We believe that the classroom is a marketplace of ideas and remains an important means for helping youth develop the skills and understanding central to successful citizenship. The program is sustained by private funding and grants.

**WHAT:** Project Crossroads offers support to classroom teachers in two ways: 1. By providing inexpensive classroom-ready teaching materials not available in textbooks and, 2. By introducing teaching techniques that encourage students to believe in their abilities.

**HOW:** The Project Crossroads staff creates teaching material for K-12. These are piloted in classrooms and then delivered to teachers for their free use. Our staff storyteller sometimes offers teacher training workshops as well. Stories and lessons are carefully researched to provide lessons rich in history, geography, creative thinking and multicultural understanding. This is our first venture into the world of the Internet.

## **THE RIVER PROJECT**

The River Project is an interdisciplinary Curriculum on the Rio Grande. The curriculum is three-part, Science, Social, Science and Language Arts, all of which deal with the Rio Grande. The curricula engage students in studies of ecology, geography, water science, water issues, New Mexico history and cultures, community civics and the arts. The curriculum set has been widely used in New Mexico since 1995 and serves as a model for river projects in other states.

**New Mexico CultureNet: Expanding access to New Mexico's diverse cultural heritage: <http://www.nmculturenet.org/>**

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