

""Twitter handle (and profile name): AmericanPals1 (American Pals)

Twitter description: Helping America's students get to know each other and grow as writers/communicators. We build real connections, one letter at a time.
<https://t.co/hElkTisg1l>

Description of the organization from a third party source: "American Pals is an intra-national pen pal project with a simple mission: to help young Americans get to know their own country and fellow citizens better. We pair middle and high school classrooms from different geographic and cultural environments across the United States for offline letter exchanges. We aim to improve the conditions for healthy civic discourse by enabling direct and personal communication between students with different backgrounds, life experiences, and perspectives."

Scraped text from their home page of their website: Titles: American Pals

Headings: Bridging divides; and connecting; America's classrooms;; one letter at a time.;
â€œ; Who we are; How it works; 1; 2; 3; Resources; "My students have loved receiving letters from their pen pals and learning about people whose lives are really different from their own while finding commonalities between them and their pals."

Paragraphs: Home; About Us; Testimonials; Resources; FAQ; More; â€œ; American Pals is an intra-national pen pal project with a simple mission: to help young Americans; get to know their own country and fellow citizens better._x000D_

We pair middle and high school classrooms from different geographic and cultural environments across the United States for offline letter exchanges.; â€œ; **We aim to improve the conditions for healthy civic discourse by enabling direct and personal; communication between students with different; backgrounds, life experiences, and perspectives.;** â€œ; **BEFORE THE PROGRAM;** â€œ; **Upon sign up, we will pair your classroom with a partner classroom from a geographically and culturally different part of the US. You'll be introduced to each other and given a Welcome Kit to get started.;** **DURING THE PROGRAM;** **Introduce the program to your classroom and assign students to their pen pal. Brainstorm with students about what they know (or think they know) about the region of their pen pals. Discuss topics students want to write about and start exchanging letters.;** **AFTER THE PROGRAM;** â€œ; **At the end of the year, revisit your original brainstorming list. Ask students if their perceptions about their partner region have changed. Try to "meet" your partner classroom - create a video chat or send a personalized video, it's up to you!;** â€œ; **We provide you with all the tools you need to make the process of incorporating American Pals into your classroom as seamless as possible. Just download the tools provided in our**

Resources tab to help you get started.; High School Teacher, Tennessee; Have a question about the program?Please contact us at: contact@americanpals.org

Scraped text from their about page of their website: Titles: About Us | American Pals

Headings: About Us; American Pals provides a safe way for students to learn about people from areas very different from their own.; Why Letters?; 1; 2; 3; Participating Schools; "You never really understand a person_

until you consider things from his point of view."

Paragraphs: Home; About Us; Testimonials; Resources; FAQ; More; ; American Pals is an intra-national pen pal project with a simple goal: to enable students to get to know their own country and fellow citizens better.; We're not trying to turn back the clock to a pre-digital age. We're helping students rediscover a powerful form of communication and relationship-building different from what they've grown up with in the era of social media and texting.; ; Daily life in the San Francisco Bay Area can look quite different from daily life in Evansville, Indiana, and we think it would be great if kids could learn about these differences and similarities directly from each other._

We may be more digitally "connected" with each other than ever, but sometimes it feels like we're living in separate worlds and don't know much about the experiences of people outside our own communities. We're committed to the belief that for all our differences, we have a lot in common, especially kids. The best way to get to know each other is by talking and listening - and not the kind of "talking" that often takes place online.; Many kids raised in today's digital age have never written or received a handwritten letter. We think they should have the opportunity to experience this timeless form of communication.; ; Here are a couple reasons why;; NON-DIGITAL COMMUNICATION; ; "The Snapchat generation may produce more writing than any group of teenagers before it, writing copious text messages and social media posts, but when it comes to the formal writing expected at school and work, they struggle with the mechanics of simple sentences." Why Kids Can't Write (NY Times, August 2017).; ; Read more here.; ; WRITING SKILLS; ; Three-quarters of both 12th and 8th graders lack proficiency in writing, according to the most recent National Assessment of Educational Progress.; ; Learn about how letter-writing aligns with Common Core writing standards here.; ; AN AUTHENTIC AUDIENCE; ; Students are motivated to write when they have an authentic audience. Having a pen pal can inspire even the most reluctant of writers, providing an opportunity to practice writing skills in a way that feels more like fun than work.; ; Battle Ground Academy (Franklin, Tennessee); Summerville Middle School (Summerville, Georgia); Leadership High School (San Francisco, California); Prospect Sierra (El Cerrito, California); Brownell Talbot School (Omaha, Nebraska); Landrum High (Campobello, South Carolina); Valley Middle School (House Springs, Missouri); Episcopal Collegiate School (Little Rock, Arkansas); Pau Wa Lu Middle School (Gardnerville, Nevada); Head-Royce School (Oakland, California); Thayer Academy (Braintree, Massachusetts); Greenbrier High School (Evans, Georgia); Northwestern High School (Rock Hill, South

Carolina); Eastside College Preparatory School (East Palo Alto, California); St. Francis de Sales Cathedral School (Houma, Louisiana); Cary Academy (Cary, North Carolina); Burr and Burton Academy (Manchester, Vermont); The Bentley School (Oakland, California); Jim Hill Middle School, (Minot, North Dakota); Birchtree Charter School (Palmer, Alaska); St. Louis Park High (St. Louis Park, Minnesota); Black Pine Circle School (Berkeley, California); Wilmington Middle School, (Wilmington, Ohio); The Independent School (Wichita, Kansas); El Segundo High School (El Segundo, California); McMinn County High School (Athens, Tennessee); Nathan Hale High School (Seattle, Washington); Aragon High School (San Mateo, California); Some of the schools currently participating with American Pals;; - Atticus Finch; Have a question about the program?Please contact us at: contact@americanpals.org

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Scraped text from their history page of their website: Titles: NA

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Summaries of Links: Based solely on the information provided, it can be inferred that American Pals is an organization with a web presence. The organization has a website with various pages, including an about us page, testimonials, resources, frequently asked questions (FAQs), and a sign-up page. The organization also has a contact email address and social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram. However, without further information or context, it is not possible to determine the nature, purpose, or activities of this organization."""