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Using the alphabet, simple rhyme and graphics the *Alphapoetic System* provides a flexible system through which student can be introduced to or engage in review of a subject area of study. The degree of interpretation can be determined by the teacher.

The ABC structure facilitates individual and group work, and stimulates creativity. It serves as either an *introduction* to a topic or theme or a means to *wrap-up* a topic or theme.

Prior to *introducing* a study unit, each class member can be provided with an Alphapoetic unit that is to be researched. The cumulative response is that the class will present 26 ‘student’ researched sub-topics relating to the overall theme. A similar process could be used as a *wrap-up* of a unit is to be undertaken. The collective material can also serve students as a review unit.

A Narrative poem and the **Lyrics & Lessons** unit accompany each Alphapoetic topic. This lends itself to a variety of small group research and interpretations.

A final component of each theme is *Just-A-Minute*, the BBC Game Show for which I received permission from Ian Messiter, the originator, to modify and use as an educational tool. **Just-a-Minute** provides a great forum for public speaking skills, listening skills, and topic knowledge,. It offers a great way to end a study unit.

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