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Education World Releases Wizard-Themed Lesson Plans

Continuing its tradition of lessons that connect with what's going on in young people's lives, Education World has released four fun, creative Harry Potter-inspired lessons.

The lessons span the grades while incorporating a variety of academic subjects and skills including art, reasoning and language; math, map reading and critical thinking; writing and literature; and social studies and history.

"When a lesson offers both high interest and personal meaning, engagement is guaranteed. More importantly, when youth are engaged, they learn," explains EW general manager Rich Datz.

The Harry Potter-inspired lessons reflect the recently updated look and feel of [Education World](http://EducationWorld.com), which posts new, timely content daily.

Classroom activities provided in the lessons are not dependent on the text of the books, so any student can understand and participate. Teachers don't need to assign the books as required class reading, and students need not have read the books outside of class. The lessons simply build on the summer excitement generated by the release of the most recent Harry Potter movie. The lessons are designed to appeal to both boys and girls.

Three of the four activities make no mention of witchcraft or spells, avoiding what can be a controversial issue. One lesson, A Quest for Wizardly Efficiency, makes mention of a curse/spell in a lighthearted and non-threatening way, as students are asked to use creativity to prepare a potion that will lift the curse.

The four free lesson plans include:

[Design a Wizard Sports Team \(printable included\)](#)

In this lesson for grades K-2, students use art, reasoning and language skills to develop a new sports team.

[A Quest for Wizardly Efficiency \(printable included\)](#)

Math, map reading and critical thinking skills take center stage as kids in grades 3-6 plan a series of tasks.



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Character Sketch for a New Wizard

In this writing and literature lesson for grades 5-8, students create a new character that would fit into the wizard world.

How Does Social Change Happen?

In this fun social studies and history lesson for grades 8-12, students see the characteristics of American social activism reflected in the Harry Potter saga.

Recent lesson plans on timely topics have been among the most popular content on Education World, "The Educator's Best Friend™." More than 300,000 educators view millions of pages each month. Education World provides K-12 resources to teachers, administrators and school technology coordinators to enhance instruction and improve student performance. The site was recently re-launched with an easy-to-use design. All resources are free all the time, and new content is added daily. Resources include K-12 lesson plans, professional development articles and more.

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