

FREE LESSON PLANS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS: June 14, 2009 updates

PART ONE: GENERAL LESSON PLANS:

TOP MARKS: SEARCH ENGINE FOR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES:

<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2009/03/top-marks-educational-search-engine.html>

Also searches for Lesson Plans.

POWERPOINT PALOOZA: <http://pptpalooza.net/> (Over 220 Powerpoints at present.) **Free Powerpoints serving as inspiration for ideas for Lesson Plans.**

Related Web Sites are: <http://www.worldofteaching.com/index.html> and <http://www.sitesforteachers.com/index.html>

SCHREYER INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE: TOOLS FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING: <http://www.schreyerinstitutione.psu.edu/Tools/>

Colleges and universities around the world have embarked on a new era of assisting teachers with their classroom manner and organization. The Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence at Pennsylvania State University has created this site to give educators access to a wide range of excellent teaching and learning tools. The materials and resources here are divided into the following sections: "Course Design and Planning", "Teaching and Assessment Strategies", "Tools for Course Evaluation", "Tools for University Assessment", and "Scholarship of Teaching and Learning". Within these sections, users can read and download specific activities geared towards syllabus improvement, writing effective and meaningful tests, lesson plans and incorporating problem-based activities into the classroom.

CIVICS LESSONS FOR ESL STUDENTS:

<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2008/06/civics-lessons-for-esl-students.html>

LESSON PLANS FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS:

<http://myloc.gov/Education/Lessonplans/Pages/default.aspx>

Includes lesson plans for U.S. History.

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS (from the U.S. CONSULATE, KRAKOW, POLAND): <http://krakow.usconsulate.gov/studyus/resources-for-teachers.html>

FEDERAL RESOURCES IN EDUCATION: LESSON PLANS IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS: <http://www.free.ed.gov/>

TOP 20 EDUCATION WEB SITES: <http://www.top20education.com/>

CURRIKI: GLOBAL EDUCATION AND LEARNING COMMUNITY
OFFERS CURRICULUM GUIDES AND LESSON PLANS FOR HUNDREDS OF
DIFFERENT TOPICS: A GREAT RESOURCE FOR EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS
AND TEACHERS FUNDED IN PART BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION: <http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Main/WebHome> (registration
necessary, but registration is free.)

CAN ALSO BROWSE BY SUBJECT IN CURRIKI:
<http://www.curriki.org/xwiki/bin/view/Main/Browse>

FREE LESSON PLANS: <http://www.teachersfirst.com/index.cfm>
(registration necessary)

EDSITEMENT: Detailed Lesson Plans on the Web
<http://edsitement.neh.gov>

EDSITEMENT: CLICK ON THE CURRENT CALENDAR FOR CURRENT LESSON
PLANS: <http://edsitement.neh.gov/calendar.asp>

To use EDSITEMENT, Go to SUBJECT CATEGORIES
(http://edsitement.neh.gov/subject_categories_all.asp)
Then (as one example) **POETRY LESSON PLANS**
http://edsitement.neh.gov/tab_lesson.asp?subjectArea=4&subcategory=45

OR, **POETRY OF LANGSTON HUGHES AT:**
http://edsitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?id=405

Lesson Plans for K – 8 TEACHERS: <http://thefilecabinet.pbworks.com/>

FOR TEACHERS: BROWSEABLE LESSON PLANS INDEX
[http://www.marcopolo-
education.org/teacher/shell.aspx?filename=/teacher/lesson_plan_content_index.aspx&site
_area=teacher](http://www.marcopolo-education.org/teacher/shell.aspx?filename=/teacher/lesson_plan_content_index.aspx&site_area=teacher)

MERLOT: <http://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm>
(MERLOT stands for Multi Media Educational Resources for Learning and Online
Teaching.) Resources submitted by professional educators from a variety of institutions.
See especially the what's new section for the latest educational resources:

**EXAMPLE USING MERLOT: Go to HUMANITIES ON THE LEFT and then
VALLEY OF THE SHADOW**
What's New In Merlot: <http://www.merlot.org/merlot/whatsNew.htm>

FREE TECHNOLOGY FOR TEACHERS: a WEB SITE DEVOTED TO LESSON PLANS and the real-world applications of new technologies for educators and teachers:
<http://www.freetch4teachers.com> (A daily blog, excellent, a five star reating!)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: FREE LESSON PLANS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE: <http://www.freetch4teachers.com/2009/04/lesson-plans-from-us-department-of.html>

HOTCHALK: IDEAS FOR TEACHING ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES AND COUNTRIES:
<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/SSLAOCICountriesandCulturesIdeas18.htm>

CLOUDNET: MULTICULTURAL LESSON PLANS AND RESOURCES:
<http://www.cloudnet.com/~edrbsass/edmulticult.htm>

COVERDELL WORLD WISE SCHOOLS:
<http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/educators/lessonplans/>

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY: LESSON PLANS WITH A MULTICULTURAL FOCUS (INCLUDES ESL LESSON PLANS):
<http://www.library.csustan.edu/lboyer/multicultural/lesson2.htm>

EDUCATION WORLD: MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION:
<http://www.education-world.com/preservice/learning/multicultural.shtml>

FREE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS and a few free textbooks as well:
<http://www.cnx.org>:

CNX: Connexions is: a place to view and share educational material made of small knowledge chunks called modules that can be organized as courses, books, reports, etc. Anyone may view or contribute: authors create and collaborate instructors rapidly build and share custom collections
 Learners find and explore content
<http://www.cnx.org>:

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Example: Introduction to researching Oriental Cairo:
<http://cnx.org/content/m12590/latest/>

TOP 100 Materials for EDUCATORS: has lots of highly useful material for American Literature: <http://www.assortedstuff.com/top101/>

IDEAS: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EXTENSION SERVICE:
<http://www.ideas.wisconsin.edu/#> LESSON PLANS IN ALL AREAS

OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES: <http://www.oercommons.org/>

A clearinghouse of free teaching and learning resources – from K-12 lesson plans to college curriculum.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FREE WEBCASTS IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS:

<http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/>

EXAMPLE OF A WEBCAST ON THE POETRY OF LANGSTON HUGHES:

http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=3352

Don't forget about the online courses offered at YALE UNIVERSITY

(<http://open.yale.edu/courses/>):

consult this free seminar at YALE UNIVERSITY on the American Novel since 1945:

<http://oyc.yale.edu/english/american-novel-since-1945/>

OTHER FREE UNIVERSITY COURSES OFFERED AT MIT: (<http://ocw.mit.edu>, UC BERKELEY (<http://youtube.com/ucberkeley>) and many others.

The Directory at OCW CONSORTIUM (<http://ocwconsortium.org>) will have a complete list of these. Click on the TAB “MEMBERS” to see that list.

PART TWO: LESSON PLANS FOR SPECIFIC AREAS:**FOR TEACHERS OF AMERICAN HISTORY:**

The Learning Page for the American Memory Project of the Library of Congress is useful for teachers <<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/>> The Learning Page is designed to help educators use the American Memory Collections to teach history and culture. It offers tips and tricks, definitions and rationale for using primary sources, activities, discussions, lesson plans and suggestions for using the collections in classroom curriculum. American Memory is a gateway to the Library of Congress's vast resources of digitized American historical materials. Comprising more than 9 million items that document U.S. history and culture, American Memory is organized into more than 100 thematic collections based on their original format, their subject matter, or who first created, assembled, or donated them to the Library.

Lesson Plans for Teaching American History from the Smithsonian Museum:

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/ourstory/>

LESSON PLANS for U.S. History and American Studies: [Picturing the Century - Lesson Plans and Worksheets](#)



[Picturing the Century](#) is an online photo exhibit created by and hosted by the [National Archives and Records Administration](#). The exhibit contains six galleries of images from 20th Century life in the United States. [NARA](#) provides teachers with [six lesson plans](#) including a printable worksheet for using the [Picturing the Century](#) images in their classrooms.

Here are some related resources that may be of interest to you:

[Lesson Plans and More for US History Teachers](#)

[Lesson Plans from the US Department of State](#)

[The Farm Letters - Stories of Great Depression Life](#)

EARTH DAY LESSON MATERIALS:

<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2009/04/last-minute-earth-day-lesson-materials.html>

Lesson Plans for Teaching about the U.S. SUPREME COURT:

<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2009/05/lesson-plans-for-teaching-about-supreme.html>

KODAK LESSON PLANS:

<http://www.kodak.com/US/en/digital/edu/lessonPlans/>

VIDEO AND LESSON PLANS ON FAIR USE IN COPYRIGHT CONTEXT:

<http://www.mediaeducationlab.com/2-user-rights-section-107-music-video>

LESSON PLANS FOR AREA STUDIES: <http://www.outreachworld.org/index.asp>

FREE LESSON PLANS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:

<http://www.energy.gov/foreducators.htm>

Includes Lesson Plans for the following topics:

- [NEED Curriculum Guides & Activities](#)
- [Energy Activities for Students & Teachers](#)
- [Milestones Introduction](#)
- [Ocean Energy, Tidepool Math and Sand](#)
- [Human Genome Basics and Beyond](#)
- [10 Cool Sites](#)
- [Help with Science Fair Projects](#)
- [Science Fair Experiments](#)

ECONOMICS EDUCATION LINKS: <http://www.econedlink.org/>

Useful Lesson Plans for Economics

OTHER RELATED RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THIS WEB SITE:

<http://tinyurl.com/6dfaxn>

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