TEACHER RESOURCES

Lesson plans and teacher ideas - Collections

A site may provide for scrolling through a title listing or may have a search feature within the site.
✯ marks an excellent site; recommended for newer users

Evaluations and user tips for these sites are online at http://www.merrybee.info/trresource.html

- **http://ofcn.org/cyber.serv/academy/ace/**
  Academy Curriculum Exchange.
  Textual teacher-submitted lesson plans categorized by core subject for k-5 or 6-8. This collection is not current, but the computer lesson is about the only unusable one. Each subject level has a numbered list of titles with specific grade level. Although there is no topic subdivision, the lists are easy to scan. All lesson plans are located on the site so there are no dead ends.

- **http://www.eduplace.com/activity/**
  Activity Search from Houghton Mifflin.
  Select lesson plans for K-8 classroom activities from an alphabetical list of topics or inter a keyword search. The resulting annotated list gives the targeted grade level(s). Each activity includes objectives, materials, and procedure; no assessment or standards alignment. Permission to copy for classroom use.

- **http://ali.apple.com/ali/uops.php**
  Apple Learning Interchange.
  Search for lessons and units that integrate technology into the curriculum. Can limit to primary or intermediate. All lessons have been submitted to a teacher-panel for review before listing. This section of the Apple site is no longer being maintained as an active site with new ratings and submissions, but the units are valid. The copyright states, "All Rights Reserved."

- **http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/index.html**
  CanTeach
  Lesson and activity plans in all subjects. Also good collections of poems and art supply recipes. Separate section of links. Canadian focus. No current additions, but easy to navigate and read. No copyright information.

- **http://www.youth.net/cec/cec.html**
  Columbia Education Center's Mini Lessons
  Maintained by the Columbia Education Center. Click on K-5 or 6-8 in a subject area to get a list of lesson plans submitted by teachers.

- **http://www.coollessons.org/coolunits.htm**
  Cool Teaching Lessons And Units
  Directory compiled by Rich Levine for k-12 teachers. Categories include webquests, research modules, online projects (definition differs from use of the term in MerryBee), lesson plan collections, resources for unit planning. Maintained. For non-profit, educational use only.

- **http://www.buildingrainbows.com/CA/home.html**
  Curriculum Archive
  Searchable by grade level (preschool to undergraduate), subject area and/or keyword. Listed lesson titles are described by grade range, subject, and visitor rating. Teachers earn a commission on contributed lessons.

- **http://www.eduref.org/Virtual/Lessons/index.shtml**
  Educator's Reference Desk Lesson Plans.
  Select a subject then see a listing of lesson plans with suggested grade levels for each, or enter a search statement and specify a grade level. This collection contains more than 2000 unique lesson plans which were written and submitted by teachers from all over the United States and the world. Permissions are outlined on a Copyright Statement page.

- **http://www.lessonplansearch.com**
Lesson Plan Search. Searchable database of over 1700 lesson plan links, annotated and rated by users. Select k-2, 3-5, 6-8 within a subject/topic list. Two nice details: (1) total number of lesson plans given with the category name, and (2) annotation includes the date the lesson plan was added to the database.

- **http:// school.discovery.com/ lessonplans/**
Lesson Plans Library.
Select from a list of subjects and/or specify K-5 or 6-8. Primarily science and social studies topics. Lesson plans are generally quite complete including assessment, standards alignment, and online resources. Provides a pdf version of each lesson plan as well. The broad green heading and its buttons are for the DiscoverySchool site and not this Lesson Plans section of that site. All rights reserved.

- **http://www.lessonplanspage.com/**
✰ The Lesson Plans Page.
Well organized set of over 2500 lesson plans, primarily elementary. Keyword searchable or browse by selecting first by subject area then by level PreK-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, or junior/high. Lesson plans include assessment, standards alignment, and Web resources. Each lesson has a button for a print friendly version that opens in a second window. The site includes a section of lesson plans appropriate for specific holidays and seasonal events.

- **http://lessonplanz.com/**
LessonPlanZ.
Annotated and evaluated collection of links for hundreds of lesson plans and unit resources categorized within grade spans: preschool, k-2, 3-5, 6-8. Browse by subject or search by keyword-grade span. Unique in that there are over 240 lessons and thematic units for preschool from all over the Web. Part of the A to Z Teacher Stuff Network. Can copy for non-commercial use, provided you also retain all copyright and other proprietary notices contained on the materials.

- **http://www.halcyon.com/marcs/lessons.html**
Marc Sheehan's Lesson Plans Page.
Original lesson plans with modifications for special needs (K-5) and alphabetical list of links to other lesson plan sites.

- **http://www.mrdonn.org/**
MrDonn Free Lesson Plans & Activities.
Compiles both original units and lesson planning materials by many authors organized by subject and topics. K-12 but most are appropriate for middle school. Mainly language arts and social studies.

- **http://www.thesolutionsite.com/**
  Solution Site
  Teacher created lessons are by grade level spans within 11 categories. Many are interdisciplinary units. Units/lessons list standards correlation and integrate the use of technology tools. You can do a keyword search, but you are likely to get returns that have mention of your word in several different contexts. Message board is a good idea, but useless at the time site was reviewed. "Use the contents herein for informational purposes only."

- **http://www.teachercreated.com/free/**
  Teacher Created Materials.
  Lesson plans grouped for grades 1-3, 3-5, 5-8. New lesson plan weekly in each level with archive by subject. Also activities appropriate to the calendar and current events. Site has online form for permission to use their copyrighted materials.

- **http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/search.htm**
  TeacherSource.
  Identify a grade level and topic to search 3500+ lesson plans and activities that are correlated to sets of national and state curriculum standards. Many are designed for use with specific PBS classroom television programs.

- **http://www.teachervision.com/index.html**
  TeacherVision.
  Lesson plans by subject or themes and level; and tools for lesson planning. Searchable. Most lesson plans and lesson resources have a printer friendly version. Some materials are available for a fee. Part of The Family Education Network.

- **http://teachers.net/lessons/**
  Teachers.Net Lesson Bank.
  Categories for preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle, and subject areas or search the collection of over 4000 lessons. Lesson plans are submitted to the bank by teachers and each lesson includes the author's name and email along with date of posting. In addition to retrieving or submitting a lesson, a teacher can also submit a lesson plan request for help in curriculum development.

- **http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/**
  Teaching Ideas for Primary Teachers.
  Ideas, activities, and worksheets by categories: Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Information & Communication Technology, Design & Technology, Geography, History, Art, Music, Physical Education, Religious Education, Time-Fillers, Early Years, Foreign Language. Within categories each annotated idea is listed for age 5-7, 7-11, or 5-11. A site from the United Kingdom but appropriate for U.S. schools.

- **http://www.lcandler.web.aplus.net/**
  Teaching Resources.
  Laura Candler draws on her own teaching experiences to share lesson information, tips and materials on her website. Sections include cooperative learning, literacy teaching techniques (literature circles, Literary Lunch Bunch, book buddies, Rocket Reader Program, reading workshop), ideas for the classroom, and downloadable activity sheets as PDF files.

- **http://www.usatoday.com/educate/home.htm**
  USA Today Education.
  Includes daily activities and web resources linked to top news stories. Most are grade 6-12, but teacher will need to adapt as appropriate to level. Updates are posted by 9 P.M. EST the preceding evening.

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