

**Websites with Free Lesson Plans for Teachers, K-12****Curriki** <http://www.curriki.org/>

Curriki is an online, open community for educators to share and find resources for teaching. The board for Curriki is made up of educational experts, CEOs, and government-level education advisors from around the world. Lessons can be searched by subject, topic, grade level, and state standards.

**Discovery Education Lesson Plans** <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/free-lesson-plans/index.cfm?pid=lesson>

Browse by grade level and subject area to find lesson plans on arts and literature, business, technology, social studies, math, science, and health. Lessons include adaptations, vocabulary, discussion questions, and suggested reading; the author of each plan is identified, as are standards.

**Ellis Island Immigration Webquest**[http://lh099.k12.sd.us/Quickstad/ellis\\_island\\_immigration\\_webques.htm](http://lh099.k12.sd.us/Quickstad/ellis_island_immigration_webques.htm)

Yes, this is highly specific, but it is a great webquest that encompasses language arts, social studies, and science. **Note:** not all of the links given as resources are currently working; preview the activity and adjust as necessary.

**FREE Federal Resources for Educational Excellence** <http://www.free.ed.gov/index.cfm>

The mother lode of government teaching resources, this is the hub of hundreds of links to websites covering topics such as the arts, math, science, and history. Each subject is divided into several topics for faster searches (i.e. "Music" has topics such as "Jazz" and "Sheet Music"; "Math" has topics of "Algebra," "Geometry," and "Number & Operations"). Once a subject is selected, topics are broken down even more to narrow your search.

**In the School from PBS** <http://www.pbs.org/oceanrealm/intheschool/index.html>

Lessons on ocean-related topics written primarily for grades 5-7, but with adaptations for other grade levels. Each lesson includes instructional objectives, background information, activity, procedures, and elementary and secondary extensions.

**Library of Congress Lesson Plans for Teachers**

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/>

Focusing primarily on history, culture, and literature, these plans can be searched by topic, era, or alphabetized list. The grade levels are noted next to each plan on the lists. Most of the lessons are geared for grades 6-12, but there are some plans for grades 3-8. Each lesson provides an overview with objectives, standards, and time requirements; preparation resources; procedure for the lesson; and an evaluation suggestions.

**Resources 4 Educators: The Portal to Texas History**

<http://education.texashistory.unt.edu/index.html>

A product of the UNT Libraries, this site offers primary source projects and group activities exploring Texas history. The activities list specific grade levels and TEKS, as well as additional resources, worksheets, games and puzzles, and online extension activities. Primarily for grades 4 and 7, though the resources may prove helpful to any lessons on Texas.

**San Francisco Exploratorium** <http://www.exploratorium.edu/explore/>

Focusing on science and math topics, this page has 528 things to make and do with topics such as geometry, astronomy, the human body, and culture. Some activities are more involved than others, and grade levels/ standards are not outlined, but the site is easy to navigate.

**Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum**

<http://www.texasranger.org/education/lessons.html>

Only two lesson plans here: "Rangers and the Texas Revolution" for Grade 7, and "Texas Geography" for Grades 4-7. The site is worth looking at, though, for primary sources, Texas history, and resources.

**Thinkfinity, from Verizon** <http://www.thinkfinity.org/in-the-classroom>

Verizon has partnered with such respected entities as National Geographic, The Smithsonian Institution, and readwritethink to produce this website with lesson plans and activities for home and school. Teachers can choose lessons by subject, grade level (K-12) and state standards (by state). Other resources such as videos, primary sources, and worksheets are also available.