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1. A Walk Through the 20th Century Lesson Plan
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The Education World website has added a lesson plan for classes wanting to examine the 20th Century. In this lesson plan, each student reviews the people, places, and events of a particular decade of the 20th Century, writes a report about that decade, and creates a booth of memorabilia, music, dress, pictures and other artifacts representing the time period. Students share their booths with their classmates, and then invite the entire school to a "Celebration of the 20th Century." Visitors may view the website by grade levels or topics. This can be a great idea for a school project. More information is available at the website.

URL: http://www.education-world.com/a_tsl/archives/00-1/lesson0010.shtml

2. Hail to the Chief Lesson Plan

The Hail to the Chief lesson plan integrates social studies and music. Students listen to the presidential theme, "Hail to the Chief" in several styles, and then create a theme of their own. This lesson could be done in a one-computer classroom and can be accessed for either grades 2-5 or grades 6-12.

URL: <http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/activities/hailtothechief/index.html>

3. Math & Science Teaching Awards

Teachers are invited to apply for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching Program. Recognition is given to K-12 teachers in four award groups: elementary mathematics, elementary science, secondary mathematics, and secondary science. Four Presidential Awards will be given in 2001 in each state and the four U.S. jurisdictions. The award includes a \$7,500 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to the awardee's school, gifts to awardees and their schools from private sector donors, and more. The application deadline is February 12, 2001 to submit to specific state coordinators for each state. Additional information, application packets, & "best lessons" contributed by awardees are at their website.

URL: http://www.ehr.nsf.gov/pres_awards/

4. Redesigned Comprehensive Centers Website

Information about services, resources, and accomplishments of the 15 Comprehensive Centers that provide technical assistance to the thousands of high-poverty, low-performing schools and districts can be found on the redesigned Comprehensive Centers Network (CC Network) website. Visitors can register for conferences, see research on effective practices in low-performing schools, find CC Network publications, contact a Center for information, and more. These Centers work primarily with states, school districts, tribes, schools, and other recipients of funds under the Improving America's Schools Act (IASA). Priority for services is given to high-poverty schools and districts, Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, and IASA recipients implementing school-wide programs.

Related URL: <http://www.ccnetwork.org>

5. Standards and Benchmarks Compendium is Expanded

"Content Knowledge: A Compendium of Standards & Benchmarks for K-12 Education" is now expanded and updated in 5 subject areas: English and language arts, science, math, technology, and foreign language. This compendium, published by the McREL regional education lab and developed by John Kendall & Robert Marzano, presents standards and benchmarks for primary, upper elementary, middle school, & high school. It summarizes information from more than 135 documents and reports that address what students should know & be able to do. Information on ordering the book or the standards CD-ROM is available on the website.

URL:

<http://www.mcrel.org/products/standards/contentknowledge.asp>

6. New Jersey Online's Yucky Site

The state of New Jersey has developed a website that they proclaim is "The Yuckiest Site" on the web. Students have a chance to check out worms, cockroaches, and other "yucky" stuff. Other activities challenge them to test their skills with Whack-A-Roach and provide students "All you need to know about barfing, belching and blackheads!" Also, experience mad scientist fun in Yucky Labs!

URL: <http://yucky.kids.discovery.com/>

7. Presidential Fun Facts Website

This website includes short biographies and fun facts for each of the presidents of the United States from Washington to Clinton. Other items of interest include a record of progress, the White House for kids, and how to contact the White House.

URL: <http://www2.whitehouse.gov/WH/glimpse/presidents/html/presidents.html>

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