

The comprehensive resource guide to virtual lesson planning



Teaching online became the norm in the spring of 2020. Teaching professionals at all levels of education struggled to adapt their lesson plans and methods of teaching to a new medium.

As the old adage goes, though, necessity is the mother of invention, and many educators began sharing online lesson plans on their sites. To help educators across all grade levels provide effective learning experiences, we've assembled this guide to free virtual lesson planning resources available on the internet.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

[Readwritethink.org](https://www.readwritethink.org): This website features free lesson plans on a wide variety of subjects for students K-8. There are also lesson plans here for high schoolers, though the selection of plans for this demographic is much smaller. Lessons are submitted by actual teachers, so the quality varies. Some lessons have been rated by other teachers, but not all.

[Sharemylesson.com](https://www.sharemylesson.com): Teachers can access free lesson plans on a wide variety of topics for preschool up to 8th grade, with a few lesson plans for high school sprinkled in the mix. Lessons are submitted by ShareMyLesson's team of educators, so the lessons tend to be more comprehensive than those you might find on some other sites. Users rate the lessons, and most lessons are highly rated.

[Teachnology.com](#): Teachnology offers free lesson plans submitted by teachers. You can find a wide variety of topics. Because lessons are submitted by teachers, they vary in comprehensiveness and quality. Lessons aren't rated.

[Scholastic](#): Scholastic offers a variety of free teaching materials for K-8 classes. Its lessons are linked to relevant standards, and teachers can find additional goodies such as discussion guides for books, writing activities, vocabulary lists, and more. The lessons vary in level of comprehensiveness, but teachers can likely find something of use on this site.

[PBS LearningMedia](#): This free resource provides interactive lessons in science, social studies, math, and language arts. The materials are of high quality and are often presented with a slant toward current events or topics of particular interest to students.

HIGH SCHOOL

[Teachers.Net](#): High school teachers in search of free lesson plans on a wide variety of subjects should take a look at this website. Teachers submit lesson plans, so they vary in comprehensiveness. There are no ratings for lessons.

[PhET](#): For STEM subjects, this free resource from the University of Colorado, Boulder offers free math and science simulations and lessons, many of which are uniquely suited for a virtual learning environment. The lessons are based on extensive research and are very comprehensive.

Lesson plans by specific topic

ART

[IncredibleArt.org](#): This site focuses solely on art education. There are free lesson plans for students from pre-school until 12th grade. These plans are submitted by teachers, so lesson comprehensiveness varies. Lessons are unrated.

HISTORY

[History Teaching Institute](#): The History Teaching Institute is based at Ohio State University. The institute's online presence has free lesson plans about many aspects of history for older grades. While most lessons are created by the Institute's staff, some are created by other educators. There are no ratings for lessons.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

[Practicalmoneyskills.com](#): Get free lesson plans on financial literacy for students ranging from pre-K all the way to college. These lesson plans are very comprehensive, as they're created by financial literacy experts. There are no ratings for lessons.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

[PECentral.org](https://www.pcentral.org): These free lesson plans are designed for PE teachers of students in all grades. They're teacher-submitted, so comprehensiveness varies. There are no ratings, but teachers can comment on individual lesson plans.

CODING

[Code.org](https://www.code.org): These free lesson plans on coding were created by non-profit organization Code.org's staff. There are lesson plans for students ranging from kindergarten until 12th grade. Because they're developed by computer science educators, they're quite comprehensive. There are no ratings.

HUMANITIES

[EDSITEment](https://www.edsitement.org): This site is the result of a collaboration between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Trust for the Humanities. It offers free lessons on the arts, languages, culture, history and social studies, and literature. The lessons have been reviewed for content, design, and educational impact, and are all of high quality. It's a can't-miss site for teachers with a treasure-trove of educational materials to add rich content to virtual lessons.

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