

Smithsonian

Be sure to encourage your local teachers to visit the Museum on Main Street website to access Smithsonian lesson plans for *Hometown Teams*. The lesson plans were developed for grades 6-10 and can be downloaded at:

<http://www.museumonmainstreet.org/education/hometownTeams.html>

All host organizations will also receive 200 posters that can be used to promote the exhibition and the lesson plans to your local educators.

Many other organizations also offer lessons that correspond to the themes of *Hometown Teams*. These materials are intended for use in the classroom to prepare students for a visit to the exhibition. Each lesson plan is available free on the internet, and includes information on compliance with national standards of learning.

EDSITEment

www.edsitement.neh.gov

The National Endowment for the Humanities' EDSITEment website offers online lesson plans in literature and language arts, foreign languages, art and culture, and history and social studies. EDSITEment is easily searchable by subject matter, grade levels, etc. There are several online lesson plans for high school students touching on sports and themes of the exhibition.

The Victor's Virtue: A Cultural History of Sport Grades 9 – 12.

www.edsitement.gov/lesson-plans/victors-virtue-cultural-history-sport

To what extent does the role and value of sport in modern high schools resemble the role and value of sports in an ancient Greek education? The intersection of sports, philosophy, and culture is illustrated in the multiple meanings of the ancient Greek word aretê and the Greeks used aretê to describe the ultimate purpose of both athletic competition and philosophical speculation. The lesson plan includes worksheets and several images and documents to study.

Live from Ancient Olympia. Grades 6 – 8.

www.edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/live-ancient-olympia

If television had existed in the time of the ancient Greek athletes no doubt their triumphs in the ancient Olympic Games would have been the subject of numerous live broadcast interviews. In this lesson, students will have an opportunity to develop such "live interviews" with ancient athletes and other famous athletes (Native American athlete Jim Thorpe among them). To prepare meaningful scripts of questions and responses, student groups will draw upon resources of an online exhibit, "The Ancient Olympics", developed for the EDSITEment. Worksheets are available.

Portrait of a Hero. Grades K – 2.

www.edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/portrait-hero

Through a series of interactive activities, students will explore their beliefs about heroes and heroism. They will share names of familiar figures (athletes among them) they consider to be heroes, and then closely examine their reasons for believing each one is a hero. Students will also broaden their understanding of what makes a hero, enabling them to identify the real-life heroes who surround them each day

What Makes a Hero? Grades 3 – 5.

www.edsitement.gov/lesson-plan/what-makes-hero

A common lament one hears today is that young people lack heroes to emulate. Is that true? Do your students have heroes? Who are they? What qualities of a hero do they represent? Which historical figures, including athletes, would students recognize to be heroes? Are there contemporary or even local figures with similar qualities?

Having Fun: Leisure and Entertainment at the Turn of the Twentieth Century. Grades 6 – 8

www.edsitement.gov/lesson-plan/having-fun-leisure-and-entertainment-turn-twentieth-century

How did Americans "have fun" a century ago? Where did they vacation and how did they get there? In a time of profound social and cultural change, the increasingly mechanized urban environment left many feeling anxious. The construction of parks in urban areas, the recommendation of physical exercise as a way to ward off stress, and the rise of spectator sports became part of the leisure landscape in the United States.

National Baseball Hall of Fame

<http://baseballhall.org/education/school-programs/curriculum>

Baseball is not the only sport we can learn from but it is certainly the most studied and written about. And, Cooperstown's Baseball Hall of Fame has several lesson plans for all subjects (math, history, language arts) and grade levels that fit the themes of the Hometown Teams exhibition and many more. The lessons will well prepare students for a trip to the exhibition, the Hall itself or their videoconference. The site covers everything from the integration of minorities in sports, women and sports and how you can teach math with the sport. Click on the link to find Lesson Plans that you may print out for use in your own classroom. Each lesson comes with directions, activity suggestions, and reproducible handouts. All of the lesson plans are aligned with the Common Core Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts. Additionally, many of the lessons support Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL) learning goals. Here are a few of the topics covered:

Geometry: Circling the Bases

Examine how geometric concepts, such as circumference, area, perimeter and diameter apply to baseball. Students play an interactive baseball game to test their skills!

Statistics: Batter Up!

Examine how mathematical concepts, such as addition, subtraction, fractions and decimals apply to baseball. Students play an interactive baseball game to test their skills!

Economics: The Business of Baseball

Learn about the ever-changing value of a dollar and explore other economic laws and concepts related to the National Pastime.

*Science:***Physical Science: Science on the Sandlot**

Explore aerodynamics, the physics of friction, forces of motion and other fascinating factors present in the game of baseball.

Innovation: Tools of the Trade

Use observation and reasoning skills to determine how safety, technology, available resources and a desire for greater effectiveness have led to invention, change and standardization of equipment.

Health Science: Be A Superior Example (BASE)

Students explore how decisions related to food, exercise, and performance enhancing substances affect their overall physical, mental, and social well-being. Through lessons and activities that reinforce positive decision making, participants gain an understanding of tools that are needed to succeed in athletics and life, and how they can *Be a Superior Example* in their own community.

*Social Studies:***Geography: Coast to Coast**

Visit some of baseball's most famous stadiums while learning about geographical concepts such as direction, scale, regions, transportation and population.

Women's History: Dirt on Their Skirts

Meet the women and girls who broke barriers to play the National Pastime. This unit covers 150 years of milestones and achievements that led to greater opportunities for all.

Labor History: Hardballs and Handshakes

Behind the big salaries are complex negotiations between labor and management. Students compare and contrast models of resolving differences by exploring player organizations in baseball's labor history. *Recommended for students in grades 9-12*

Civil Rights History: Before You Could Say "Jackie Robinson"

Explore American history from the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement where stories of honor, courage, and perseverance are brought to life.

Popular Culture: Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Baseball was part of popular culture as early as the 1850s, celebrated in song, story, and art. Discover how baseball's popular culture continues to influence our everyday lives.

Cultural Diversity: Diversity in the Dugout

Discover how America's National Pastime takes on unique flavors worldwide as cultures come together at the ballpark.

*The Arts:***Communication Arts: Going, Going, Gone!**

Students have the opportunity to experience baseball in a variety of ways as they explore changes in sports journalism and the media over the last two centuries.

*Character Education:***Character Education**

Character attributes such as perseverance, courage, humility, respect, leadership and citizenship are highlighted as students explore the life of Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig. *Recommended for students in grades 3-6.*

Leadership: Leading Off

Win or lose, leaders in baseball and other arenas display a consistent set of ethics and values that influence the real measure of their lives. In this unit, students explore the meaning of successful leadership. *Recommended for students in grades 7-12.*