

Modernizing a Children's Classic: Integrating Technology into Fiction

TOPIC: ETHICS

GRADES: 9-12

LESSON DURATION: TEACHER DISCRETION (MULTIPLE DAYS)

SOFT SKILLS: CRITICAL THINKING, CREATIVE THINKING, COLLABORATION

Introduction:

- This lesson plan is designed to allow students to be creative. The lesson plan idea asks students to either re-create a classic children's story by adding a technical twist or create their own story with a technical aspect. This lesson is designed for insertion into an English or creative writing course.
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Learning Outcomes:

- Working collaboratively, students will creatively re-create/produce a children's book that teaches children an online safety skill or focuses on technology in some fashion.
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Activities:

1. Students should be divided into groups of 2-3.
 2. Students should select a children's book in which they think they can update the story to include one of the following themes: password hygiene, online safety and privacy; hacking; ethics and online behaviors; careers in technology; cryptography; computing systems (hardware v software); etc. Students can develop a unique idea but it should be pre-approved by the teacher.
 3. Students will then re-create the children's book with an original story line and new illustrations.
 4. The teacher can allow for completely original books, if desired.
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Enrichment/Follow-up Activity:

1. Students could attend a local elementary school and read their story to grade school children.

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