

50 Learning Activities...

To Inspire and Challenge!



These **50 learning activities** cover history, literature, and science and will appeal to all learning styles.

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Enjoy using these **50 learning activities** to inspire and challenge your child's learning...

- Challenge Your Historians
- Add Movement to Literature
- Inspire Your Scientists

To your child's success!

P.S. If you have questions, concerns, or need assistance **don't hesitate to contact me** at <http://www.custom-homeschool-curriculum.com/contact>. I would love to hear from you!

History



1. Choose a topic and debate opposing views (even mom).
2. Pick a recent topic out of a hat and do an impromptu presentation.
3. Choose a word that represents a major concept/event (revolution) and write a phrase for each letter of the word to explain its meaning.
4. Re-live an event for a day (such as the Great Depression).
5. Learn a trade or an art method from the era. (weaving, stenciling)
6. Pantomime what they learned that day.
7. Draw a mindmap of the topic.
8. Design costumes of the era (either on paper or better yet – dust the sewing machine off).
9. Find and listen to era music and speeches.
10. Create a montage of era music and speeches (throw in some pictures for a multimedia show).
11. Interview someone who lived in the era.
12. Write a poem about the unit.
13. Design a new product for the era to solve a problem.
14. Draw architecture from the era.
15. Introduce a historical period by reading short sections taken from future readings and ask, “what can be going on to have people living this way?”
16. Write a resume for a historical figure.
17. Write a poem about an event or historical figure.

Literature



18. Do a five minute “quick writing” reacting to a selection of literature.
19. When faced with a problem in the novel, plan ways to solve the problem before reading on.
20. Use flow charts to organize the events in a novel.
21. Create a scavenger hunt to gather items related to the setting.
22. Create a collage describing the setting, plot, and characters.
23. Construct the setting of the novel (a craft store can help you out with this).
24. Find and play appropriate background music when presenting oral book reports.
25. In an essay, relate the novel to your own life.
26. Lead a discussion about the novel.
27. Create a new character. Draw their physical characteristics then describe their place in the novel.
28. Write a letter to one of the characters agreeing or disagreeing with their actions.
29. Design a poster advertising the novel as a movie.
30. Compare your personal values to those of one of the characters.
31. Develop a glossary of terms used in the novel using context clues only (no dictionaries or encyclopedias!).
32. Count the number of adjectives, nouns, and verbs in a multiple-paragraph selection of the novel. Now, do the same for one of your writing assignments. Compare the findings on a graph.
33. Narrate what has been read to improve comprehension.
34. Re-write the ending to the novel.

Science



35. Have your child create crossword puzzles for vocabulary words.
36. Review reading assignments by listing keywords or phrases for each page.
37. Keep a science journal. Draw pictures of experiments, write down predictions and observations.
38. Role-play a process (such as photosynthesis).
39. Build models (such as molecular chains).
40. Instead of a written quiz, write the answers to the quiz on paper plates and have your child jump on the correct answers to the questions.
41. Create a video of a science experiment.
42. Make two-sided cards to review lessons. Put the concept on one side and the explanation on the other.
43. Review information by composing songs (replace words to familiar tunes with content-related lyrics.)
44. Interview someone working in a field of science. Start in the yellow pages – you'd be surprised who is in your community.
45. Put together collections of rocks, shells, leaves, feathers, etc.
46. Choose an object or place (backyard, tree) and observe how it changes during a year.
47. Collect local plants and create your own system for categorizing them.
48. Purchase (or borrow one from your library) a farmer's almanac and use the information to forecast the weather.
49. Give a multi-media presentation on your favorite topic. Use photos, video, hands-on examples and sound.
50. Write a news article announcing the results of your experiment.