

## Lesson Idea 2: What I Learned Over Summer Vacation

### Lesson Plan Overview




“How I Spent My Summer Vacation” is the traditional back-to-school assignment, but it shouldn’t really be so much about what we did, but what we *learned* over summer vacation. This assignment incorporates images to help students explain what they learned over the summer.

### Lesson Plan Suggestions:


Students will

1. Reflect on what they *learned* over the summer. Their “lessons” don’t have to be about math, science, or social studies, but they might include some very practical lessons for every day life. They will identify five “lessons” they learned.
  - a. Write a rough draft of each experience
  - b. Decide on some visual image that would represent that lesson
2. Students will create those five images. They may
  - bring in digital photos from their summer exploits
  - scan photos that they took this summer
  - take digital photos of “lessons” they learned
    - they may have to “stage” summer lessons
    - create and record scenes that are symbolic of what they learned
      - Example: They may have learned lessons about budgeting from a summer job. This could be represented with a piggy bank
2. Students will create a visual presentation of their experiences (PowerPoint, Hyperstudio, Windows Movie Maker) to accompany their verbal presentation.

### Tips and Tricks for Taking Photos

-  Practice using the self-timer feature on the camera if students are recreating some scene and they are included in it
-  Use the zoom function to take a close-up shot, but keep the object in focus
-  Some photos may need to be edited—cropped/resized for this project.

### Resources for Students

-  Classical Photo Course—Composition section  
On the Web:  
[http://www.agfanet.com/en/cafe/photocourse/classiccourse/9903/cont\\_index.php3](http://www.agfanet.com/en/cafe/photocourse/classiccourse/9903/cont_index.php3)  
if you are not comfortable taking photos, or if you want to grab some quick tips to improve your images.