



Design School Lesson Plan

Getting To Know All About You

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TITLE OF LESSON

Getting To Know All About You

ACHIEVABLES

Students will learn interesting facts about their fellow classmates.

SUGGESTED LEARNING OBJECTIVES

While not directly related to standards or specific learning objectives, this lesson will serve both students and teachers the opportunities to learn about how to use Canva while learning about themselves and fellow classmates.

- Understand and master information and digital literacy skills.

PREPARATION

- Students will each need access to a computer with an internet connection.
- Present the [Canva Quick Guide](#) to onboard your class quickly.
- Read teacher notes.

SUGGESTED LEARNING FLOW

This lesson is designed to be an icebreaker for the start of the year.

Part 1: Learn about information literacy

To begin, it is important to have a conversation about Information and Digital Literacies. Have students work the information literacy modules found on [this site](#) to learn more about digital footprints, using appropriate information. As a group, lead a conversation on the questions found at the end of the module.

Part 2: Create a digital self-representation

Students will open a new design type in Canva (e.g. Presentation, Photo Collage, etc.) to create a digital representation about themselves. This should include:

- Photos of yourself that tell a story about you and where you are from.
- Additional photos that represent any unique information such as special talents, favorite hobbies, or proud accomplishments.

- A link to a publicly available video that represents you.
- Photo captions or other text that help narrate your personal story.
- Other elements you choose that can tell your story.

When complete allow students to share their designs and creations with the class.

Graphic Design Notes (Use [Tips for Great Design](#))

Before students start designing, run through the Tips for Great Design one-page reference guide. This includes five important tips for creating an effective design.

HOMEWORK/EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Pair up with a classmate. Conduct a 15-30 minute biography-type interview. Convert your interview into a Canva representation (e.g. Presentation, Photo Collage, etc.) to share with the class.

Suggested Interview Questions:

Who has been the most influential person in your life so far?

Do you have any nicknames? How did you get it?

What is your biggest fear?

What are you most passionate about?

_____ is the most awesome thing I've eaten.

_____ is the worst thing I've eaten.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Why?

What is the happiest you've ever been?