

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

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Standards

- Current Events: Students will report on organizations such as PETA.
- Social Studies: Students will report on how to raise a “backyard” farm animal.
- Language Arts: Students will write an essay or story about another race "domesticating" humans.

Activities

1. Use the News: Organizations such as PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) are controversial in many people's opinion. What do these groups believe? Research and write a newspaper opinion article about what these groups are doing currently and what you think about it.
2. Some people living in suburban neighborhoods (not on farms) raise animals for food. Animals such as chickens, ducks, pigs, goats, fish and even rabbits can be raised in a small area to provide food for the homeowner. Some cities allow it; others don't. Research and report on how and why someone could raise one particular type of domesticated animal in a backyard.
3. Humans' high level of intelligence has allowed us to learn how to domesticate some animals. They provide us with food, help and companionship. What if a race of beings from another planet tried to domesticate humans? Would it be the same situation? Write your opinion about this “science fiction” situation, or write a short story about it.

World of Wonder meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade.