

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

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Standards

- Current Events: Students will express an opinion about superstitions in comics.
- Language Arts: Students will create their own superstitions.
- Social Studies: Students will research and report on the origins of superstitions.

Activities

1. Use the News: Falling for, or not falling for, certain superstitions can make funny situations. Which newspaper comic characters do you think would be superstitious? Write a short explanation about why you think a specific character would be superstitious, and/or create a comic strip about what could happen.
2. For some creative writing fun, come up with classroom superstitions. In small groups, brainstorm ideas about common events that could be perceived as good luck or bad luck. For example, "If you drop your pencil, it's bad luck." Or, "If you're the seventh in line, it's good luck." Make a list to share with the whole class.
3. Where did superstitions come from? Research and write a short article explaining the origin of one or more interesting superstitions. Halloween time is perfect for this subject.

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.