

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

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Standards

- **Current Events:** Students will compare water usage between a bathtub and a shower.
- **Science:** Students will research and report on how a flush toilet works.
- **Social Studies:** Students will research why Europeans of the Renaissance feared water and bathing.

Activities

1. **Use the News:** Which uses more water, a shower or a bath? Research and write a brief news-style article that gives information and opinions about water conservation.
2. **How does a “flush” toilet work?** What makes the water stop flushing? What makes the tank stop filling? Examine websites to discover the process, then draw a labeled diagram of your own.
3. **Europeans' feelings toward bathing changed during the Renaissance.** They became fearful of water and bathing. What happened during that period that may have affected their ideas about bathing?

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.