



# RESOURCES

## Resources for Teachers and Planners

Looking for activities, lesson plans, and other materials that you can use when working with youth? The resources listed here are located on APA's website.

### Grades 4–6

To begin, your students will want to know about planners and city planning. You can use the companion flyer *What Is Planning?* or, for younger audiences, the Kids and Community website.

#### **Kids and Community**

[www.planning.org/KidsAndCommunity](http://www.planning.org/KidsAndCommunity)

#### **What Is a City Planner?**

[www.planning.org/KidsAndCommunity/whatisplanning](http://www.planning.org/KidsAndCommunity/whatisplanning)

*You may print and make copies.*

#### **More About City Planning**

[www.planning.org/KidsAndCommunity/more\\_planning](http://www.planning.org/KidsAndCommunity/more_planning)

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Next, you may wish to use an activity that introduces the concept of community and basic planning issues. The Kids and Community website has several options. The one listed here is linked to a lesson plan.

#### **Activity and Lesson Plan**

"City Gallery—Great Place/Lousy Place"  
[www.planning.org/KidsAndCommunity/city\\_gallery](http://www.planning.org/KidsAndCommunity/city_gallery)

Lesson Plan Linked to "City Gallery—Great Place/Lousy Place"  
[www.planning.org/resourceszine/articleview.htm?ArticleID=8887](http://www.planning.org/resourceszine/articleview.htm?ArticleID=8887)

### Grades 7–10

Students in this age bracket can use the companion flyer *What Is Planning?*, which may be copied, or go to career section of APA website.

#### **Considering a Career in Planning**

Who are planners and what is the field of planning ?

[www.planning.org/careers](http://www.planning.org/careers)

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#### **Activity and Lesson Plan**

Introduces the concept of plans and planning "City Detective: How Many Parks are Needed?" Located on ResourcesZine; *You may print and make copies.*

[www.planning.org/resourceszine/articleview.htm?ArticleID=8887](http://www.planning.org/resourceszine/articleview.htm?ArticleID=8887)

#### **Supplemental Reading**

These are written for an adult audience, but young people should be able to grasp most of the ideas.

"How Cities Use Parks to Help Children Learn"

"How Cities Use Parks to Create Safer Neighborhoods"

"How Cities Use Parks to Improve Public Health"

[www.planning.org/cpf/briefingpapers.htm](http://www.planning.org/cpf/briefingpapers.htm)

### Grades 11–12

For high school students, you may use the companion flyer *What Is Planning?* or the APA website career information to introduce the field of planning.

#### **Considering a Career in Planning**

[www.planning.org/careers](http://www.planning.org/careers)

#### **Activity and Lesson Plan**

Can be adapted to a lesson plan "Creating a Green Neighborhood Plan" Located on the High School Essay Contest page. Instructions are located at the bottom of the page. [www.planning.org/institutions/hsessay.htm](http://www.planning.org/institutions/hsessay.htm)

#### **Supplemental Reading**

Use the term "green communities" and search the APA website using the keyword search function.

#### **ResourcesZine for Teachers**

[www.planning.org/resourceszine](http://www.planning.org/resourceszine)

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