



# Ways to Use BrainPOP in the Classroom

**IGNITE YOUR LESSON** - BrainPOP is a great way to introduce a new topic or concept and get kids' juices flowing. And there's a ton you can do before you even watch a movie! To set students up for active viewing, remember to pause the movies and engage kids when a new vocabulary word is introduced, paraphrase what just happened, make a prediction, etc.

**SWITCH IT UP** - Allow the students to occasionally take the quiz before watching the movie. This will train the students to listen to content for the answers. You can also stop the movie after the student letter is read by Tim and have students share what they already know about the topic.

**"I'M DONE!"** - Create an internet "Favorites" or "Bookmark" link of BrainPOP movies for students to watch and explore independently when they finish their assignments.

**IMPROMPTU INSTRUCTION** - In addition to integrating BrainPOP into lesson plans, remember that it only takes a few minutes to show a BrainPOP movie and take advantage of those in-between times by transforming them into teachable moments. It is also a great way to introduce a new topic or cover a current event.

**GIVE THEM A HAND** - With BrainPOP, movies are just the beginning. Students always love hands-on learning. Try a few of the BrainPOP experiments with Bob the Ex-Lab Rat, comics with Cassie and Rita, or any of our other classroom activities, and help bring learning to life.

**DESTRESS TEST PREP** - BrainPOP is a great review tool! Because you can find BrainPOP movies and activities that meet state standards, our movies and quizzes are fun ways to take some of the stress out of reviewing topics before testing time.

**TAKE NOTE OF THIS!** - BrainPOP's movies are just the right length to use for note-taking practice. Don't forget that the movies can always be paused if extra time is necessary.

**POP PARTNERS** - Library and technology staff, as well as other specialists, can easily collaborate with classroom teachers and make learning more interdisciplinary by using BrainPOP's related topics movie suggestions.

**"COME ON DOWN!"** - Take those BrainPOP quiz questions and answer them in the style of your favorite game show to increase the energy and enthusiasm!

**SIGN YOUR ANSWER** - Teach your students the letters for A, B, C and D in American Sign Language and have them raise their hands with the sign for the answer they choose during the quizzes. One student can easily tally votes to identify the most popular choice.

**ROTATION STATION** - Got a one computer classroom? Make BrainPOP work for all of your students! Choose a movie each week that you'd like each student to watch and take the quiz on, individually or in pairs. Bookmark the movie on the Personal Toolbar and introduce it on a Monday. Set up a computer rotation schedule so that each student has a chance throughout the week to complete the movie and related quiz or activities. Use a whiteboard or create an answer sheet for students to complete and hand in or have you check to hold them accountable.

**PAIR SHARE** - Purchase inexpensive headphone splitters to allow two partners to watch a BrainPOP movie together. Foster collaboration by encouraging them to discuss or write about what they learned together.