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## Lesson Plan FAQs

### **What is the purpose of the *Mississippi, Believe It!*<sup>™</sup> lesson plans?**

The lesson plans are designed for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to be incorporated into the curriculum within schools across the state of Mississippi. The goal is to educate young Mississippians about the positive qualities of their state, beyond the typical stereotypes that have resonated across the nation for too long. The campaign is intended to encourage students to take pride in their home state of Mississippi and to learn about the great leaders who have walked the same halls of our schools.

Over the past 11 years, one of the campaign's biggest successes has been the impact the posters have had among students from the poorest to the most affluent schools. By combating the stereotypes of being “uneducated and ignorant,” the *Mississippi, Believe It!*<sup>™</sup> campaign has proven that, regardless of where you were born, you can be anything you want to be.

### **What educational standards were used to create the lesson plans?**

The lesson plans were created in College and Career-Ready Standards in Mathematics and Language Arts (Common Core). Mississippi science and Mississippi social studies frameworks were used also. Multiple standards were integrated into each lesson plan to help teachers cover more than one standard at a time and many of the plans are cross curricular.

### **How many lesson plans are there?**

There are currently 17 individual *Mississippi, Believe It!*<sup>™</sup> lesson plans.



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**What topics do the lesson plans cover?**

The lesson plans cover the following topics: Mississippi's economy; the Mississippi Blues Trail; famous entertainers and musicians from Mississippi; Mississippi football mania; football regions; branches of government; Mississippi writers; the first heart, kidney, and lung transplants; Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipient Jesse Brown; patriotism; first female NFL referee, Sarah Thomas; solar energy; community involvement; the Stennis Space Center; and Walter Anderson.

**How long does each lesson plan last?**

The duration of the lesson plans range from 10-15 minutes to 45 minutes for multiple days.

**How were the lesson plans created?**

During the summer, The Cirlot Agency hired Emily Atkinson and Emily Lingle, two Mississippi elementary teachers, to create the lesson plans.

**How can teachers and schools obtain the lesson plans?**

All lesson plans are available to download on **the *Mississippi, Believe It!***™ website. Teachers are able to obtain the lesson plans at any time by downloading the PDF versions on the site.

**How much do the lesson plans cost?**

The lesson plans are available to the public at no cost.

**For what grade are the lesson plans intended?**

The lesson plans are intended for 4th grade students, but may be appropriate for other grades, as well.

**For what subjects or courses are the lesson plans intended?**

The subjects and courses range from social studies, to economics, math, science, history, and English. Lessons from the Mississippi history are relevant to all aspects of education.