



A Pestalozzi Cartoon Biography

Intermediate (Classes 7-10)

Foundation House / Elementary (Classes 5-7)



The Life of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi: Drama Activities (Pestalozzi Approach)

The students discuss cartoons they know and if possible look through a few different cartoon books, noticing how much dialogue there is, and whether there is a strip of writing below each picture.

The teacher divides the students into groups of eight and explains that each group will be making a cartoon book of Pestalozzi's life for use with younger students.

Instructions to participants:

- Read '**The Life of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi**' to each other in your group
- Look up any words you cannot understand
- Ask the teacher's help with anything you still do not understand
- Discuss how you would make each section into cartoons, which should include a cartoon strip of each of the key episodes in Pestalozzi's life with dialogue and a strip of brief text below each picture. Decide on a size for your cartoons so that the overall presentation of the book is uniform
- Take one section of '**The Life of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi**' each and develop it into a cartoon strip. Whoever takes 'Pestalozzi's Death' should also take the section of the biography set in 1980, the brief episode before 'Pestalozzi's Childhood and Early Years in Zurich'
- If possible make eight copies of your cartoon book, containing each member of your group's work, and bind them

The students take their cartoon books to a group of younger students and read them together, explaining anything the younger students find difficult to understand.

Materials Needed

- A copy of '**The Life of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi**' for each group of 6 students
- Any available stage props, costumes and devices for creating special effects such as lighting and sound effects
- Materials needed for making props, costumes and devices for creating special effects

