



Panwapa Themed Units

What is Panwapa? Panwapa, created by the educational experts behind *Sesame Street*, and in partnership with the Merrill Lynch Foundation, is a non-commercial, multimedia, global initiative designed to inspire and empower a new generation of children to become responsible global citizens. The Panwapa Themed Units are intended to enhance children's learning experiences by reinforcing the educational objectives built into the online, print and video materials available at www.panwapa.com. Most importantly, the units provide structured, concrete and accessible avenues for children and adults to participate in the most crucial aspect of the Panwapa mission (and the ultimate goal of global citizenship): creating local and global change.

What are these activities? The Panwapa Themed Units is a set of four units, each of which focuses on a different aspect of global citizenship. Each Themed Unit contains approximately 10 lesson plans that can be completed in a four week time period, depending on the frequency with which the lessons are presented. Each Themed Unit also comes with an assessment tool that should be administered prior to the first lesson and again after the completion of the unit. Informal assessments are listed throughout the lesson plans in order to give teachers an opportunity to verify mastery and check for understanding.

The themes units are designed for use in a formal kindergarten, first- or second-year class. While they are intended to support National Social Studies Standards, the general curricular areas draw broadly from social studies, mathematics, language arts, science, and health. While these lessons are most effective when they integrate numerous components of the online Panwapa world, they are designed to be adaptable to settings with a wide range of Internet connectivity and access to technology. In most cases, print alternatives are provided for computer-based and online activities. Please note that outreach kits, each of which includes a copy of Panwapa Magazine and a Panwapa DVD, are available through select Panwapa partnerships for educators with inconsistent Internet access.

Who should use these activities? The lessons are designed for classroom educators in kindergarten, first-, and second-grade.

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Panwapa Student Registration Information

Welcome to Panwapa, a magical online site that helps students learn about the world while integrating curricular content areas. Before beginning the curriculum, educators are encouraged to read the “Information for Caregivers” section of the site, which can be found by clicking the “For Caregivers” button on the homepage. This section will provide you with a brief explanation of the primary assets of www.panwapa.com.

To use certain features of Panwapa online, students must have a username and password to login. A teacher can either pre-register the students or use a class period to teach students how to create their own login. Students will not be submitting any personal information.

Each “Panwapa Kid” will receive a username—generated from the country they selected—along with a number. For example, the 6005th child to register in the United States will receive the username USA6005. Next, students must enter a password. Passwords can be the same for all students, but a mini-lesson on ethical use of any online site should be considered. Remember: keep the password simple and easy for the children to spell, and make a list of all students’ usernames and passwords.

A Parent & Families Welcome Letter has been provided that teachers can send home to parents and families. The letter provides a brief explanation of Panwapa, as well as a place where the student can write in his or her username and password. Send the letter home after students have created their avatars, Panwapa Flags and Panwapa homes in school, since these will be the first activities the class completes together.

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Parent & Families Welcome Letter

Welcome to Panwapa, a place where children from all over the world can explore and grow! Our class will be using Panwapa to learn about the world and its people. Funded by the Merrill Lynch foundation and developed by Sesame Workshop, the creators of *Sesame Street*, Panwapa is a free, non-commercial site designed to inspire and empower children to be responsible global citizens.

As your child's teacher, I will be using the Panwapa materials to build your child's curricular skills and to help him/her learn about other countries. In a world where people and nations are becoming more connected every day, learning about the world is important to your child's future.

A username and password have been created for your child. This information is listed below to give you the opportunity to explore Panwapa World (www.panwapa.com) with your son or daughter. This site is child-friendly, and it does not allow users to provide any personal information (such as his or her name, address or phone number).

For more information, I encourage you to go to the "For Caregivers" section at www.panwapa.com and read "Information for Caregivers." I also encourage you to explore the Panwapa site with or without you child.

Your child's registration information is below:

Child's Name: _____
Panwapa Username: _____
Panwapa Password: _____

Enjoy exploring Panwapa!

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The Panwapa Adventure Game

The Panwapa Adventure Game is a fun way to reinforce the educational objectives of the Panwapa Curriculum. In order to advance on the game board, children answer questions that require them to reflect on their lives and the lives of kids around the world, as well as the lessons they learn from the videos and activities on Panwapa World. The game encourages team work and cooperation, and celebrates community.

Each of the lessons that follow includes a section where the students are asked to create new playing cards for the Panwapa Adventure Game. The more lesson plans a child or team completes, the more playing cards there are. The more playing cards children have, the more fun it is to play the game!



Students feel ownership of the Panwapa Adventure Game because they develop much of the content themselves. **The Panwapa Adventure Game can be downloaded from the For Caregivers section of the Panwapa Web site.** Click on "For Caregivers" on the homepage. Then click on "Printable Activities for Panwapa Kids." Finally, click on "Panwapa Board Game: Adventure on Panwapa Island."

Object of the Game:

- Explore Panwapa Island from start to finish. After everyone arrives at the Community Centre gazebo, have a sing-along!

Materials/Resources:

- Panwapa Game Board(s) or any available game boards
- Panwapa Game Cards (both preexisting cards and cards created by students)
- Deck of cards (cut from *Panwapa Magazine*), placed facedown on the board
- One unique game piece per player: coins, pebbles, paper clips, etc. (more cards and game pieces available at www.panwapa.com).

How to Play:

- Put all the game pieces on the first space.
- Players take turns drawing a card, doing a task and then moving ahead the number of spaces (1, 2 or 3) on the card.
- Keep playing until everyone finishes. The player who arrives at the gazebo first picks a song for everyone to sing together.

Write your own game card.

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The Panwapa Diplomat Certificate

Once students have completed the Panwapa Themed Unit(s), pass out the Panwapa Diplomat Certificates. Students can decorate the certificates after they receive them, and the decorated certificates can be displayed around the room. These certificates are reminders of students' commitment to global citizenship and to making a difference in their communities.

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