

Star Wars and Grammar - Weekly Spark #1



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In this lesson, students use proper capitalization and punctuation to create clear opening crawls for Star Wars.

Watch

Hook

Students will watch or observe...

Play the scrolling text in the link. Ask and discuss: "How could punctuation and capitalization make this easier to read?"

How does this concept relate to student lives or interests?

This lesson takes advantage of students interest in Star Wars. Highlight how important it is that the movie uses appropriate punctuation and capitalization to get the important information across.

Activity Resource(s)

Return of the Jedi - Edit Crawling Text

<http://www.starwars.com/games-apps/star-wars-crawl-creator/?cid=5683066de4b0021582fa0836>

Edit the opening text of Return of the Jedi to include appropriate capitalization and punctuation.

Watch

Inform

Students will watch...

Watch the videos and pay attention for when to use punctuation and capitalization.

Directions for students

Watch the videos and pay attention for when to use punctuation and capitalization. Follow along with the handout.

Activity Resource(s)

THE ELECTRIC COMPANY: LL Cool J Music Video: Punctuation - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/jhJJMn4yTho>

YouTube Video

How to Use the Correct Capitalization - No Nonsense Grammar

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/no-nonsense-grammar-correct-capatilization/how-to-use-the-correct-capitalization-no-nonsense-grammar/>

Capitalizing is extremely important. Not only is it proper writing, but it also makes writing look polished and finished. Learn what should be capitalized and what shouldn't!

Punctuation and Capitalization Handout

<https://app.box.com/s/c500jzf20b4y6d9vwwmiiyhw3gu5b0a8>

A short handout showing basic uses of punctuation and capitalization in sentences.

Do Groupwork

Practice

In groups, students will...

In each group, take turns pointing out capitalization or punctuation edits you think should be made. After all suggestions have been made, review as a group to see how you think you did.

Directions for students

In your group, take turns making capitalization and punctuation edits to the Return of the Jedi crawling text. After all suggestions have been made, review as a group to see how you think you did. Be ready to share your edits with the class.

Additional descriptions for teachers

Use the simpler text for younger students.

Materials needed

Digital access to scrolling text creator

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Create

Apply

Students will create...

Create your own star wars crawler. Use proper capitalization and punctuation.

How does this connect to the real world?

Star Wars has a large audience. The crawling text in the movies is very important and must be clearly and quickly understood by the audience. Misusing capitalization and punctuation will make it harder for the Star Wars audience to understand the movie.

Directions for students

Create your own very short story using the Star Wars crawling text creator.

OR you can use one of the real Star Wars openings from the movies and edit its punctuation and capitalization.

Additional descriptions for teachers

If every student has access to a digital device, they can each create their own Star Wars opening with the link to the creator. If students would like to edit the punctuation of the original movies, links to openings without proper punctuation and capitalization is available.

Visit the last link to the opening crawls to see how the actual crawls actually are in the movie. Don't worry too much about what is in ALL CAPS in the movie, but those are names and should be capitalized.

IF STUDENTS DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO DEVICES: Students can write opening crawls or copy/edit them on paper.

Materials needed

Digital access to online Star Wars Crawling Text Creator for each student.

OR have each student write their short stories on blank paper.

Activity Resource(s)

Star Wars Crawl Creator

<http://www.starwars.com/games-apps/star-wars-crawl-creator>

Students can create text that scrolls like the opening of Star Wars.

Star Wars Crawl Creator - Phantom Menace

<http://www.starwars.com/games-apps/star-wars-crawl-creator/?cid=56875ae0e4b0d5b6bf284e42>

Star Wars Crawl Creator - Empire Strikes Back

<http://www.starwars.com/games-apps/star-wars-crawl-creator/?cid=56875bcae4b03d2f6ba9df3d>

Star Wars Crawl Creator - The Force Awakens

<http://www.starwars.com/games-apps/star-wars-crawl-creator/?cid=56875d19e4b08b55f12bfc40>

Star Wars Opening Crawls

http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Opening_crawl

View this page to see what the capitalization and punctuation actually is in the movies.

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