

LESSON PLAN 75 : CREATE A MAGAZINE COVER

Objective: Design and publish your own front page

Age range: 7-12

Everyone's seen the rows of magazines in the shops. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have your face, photo or design featured on a cover? Well, now's your chance. You can do it yourself or use one of a number of online tools to appear on the cover of famous magazine titles, including *Time*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Harvard Business Review*, *Forbes*, *Rolling Stone*, and others.

DEVELOPING SKILLS

Design and presentation, photography, publishing, literacy.

YOU WILL NEED

Computer, internet access, cover image.

METHOD

1. Talk to your class about magazine covers – perhaps bring a selection into the classroom for them to look at. Review what's on the cover and determine why it's there. Discuss why magazines have images on the cover and what makes a good cover.

2. Explain to the class that you're going to create a magazine cover and decide what you want to put on it.

3. There are a couple of ways to create your own cover. You can do it yourself or use a website tool to help you.

Do it yourself – you can create either a paper or a digital copy of a magazine cover.

For the paper version, simply cut off or copy an actual masthead (or design your own) – this is the magazine's name, which usually appears at the top of the cover (some examples below). Put this on a blank sheet of paper and create the cover image below – perhaps draw a picture or stick on a photo.



VOGUE

COSMOPOLITAN

WIRED

For a digital version, scan in the masthead and create a template with it across the top and a blank space below. You can use a design program, like Publisher, CorelDRAW, DrawPlus, Scribus, Illustrator or InDesign, even Word will do the job. Then fill in the blank space with your cover image. If you want, you can overlay wording, save, print ... and you're done.

Website tools – alternatively, there are a number of online tools that allow you to create a cover. Generally, they operate on similar principles – simply upload the photo you want to appear on the cover, choose from a selection of famous magazine covers, then 'publish' and share. Some you could try are:

- FakeAZine (fakeazine.com)
- Magcover (magcover.com)
- Enjoypic (enjoypic.com)
- MagMyPic (magmypic.com)
- Yourcover (yourcover.com)



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- Cover template

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