

Show Lesson at the Book Fair

Charles Dickens is one of the greatest English writers. In his novel "Oliver Twist" he portrays life in the bustling and crowded streets of 19th century London. In the lesson participants will study aspects of the story and research interesting background information using multimedia resources from the library.

title: Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist
time: 1pm- 1.45pm

Part 1 Introduction

- Students retell the story
- Students watch a clip from Roman Polanski's film adaptation
- Students become familiar with their tasks

Part 2 Individual Research

- Students work in groups of two or three and research according to the given task

Part 3 Conclusion

- students give a short presentation of their work
- lesson finishes with a clip from the London musical "Oliver"
(<http://www.oliverthemusical.com/video/>)

Tasks (extract)

(1) Oliver's London – Students study life in 19th century London

Richard Brassey: The Story of London;
Rossi, Renzo: In Nineteenth-Century London with Dickens

(2) Exploring the text - Students read a selected chapter from an abridged version of the text

Olmstead, Kathleen: Oliver Twist

(3) Children and Crime- Students research background information on London police, child employment and living conditions in 19th century London

Bray-Moffatt, Naia: Oliver Twist - The classic Story, plus fascinating background facts and photographs

(4) About the author – Students study Dickens' childhood

Collins, David R.: Tales for Hard Times