Once Upon a Time in the Land of Mathematics:
Using Mathematics History in the Classroom

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Abstract: Often, mathematics instructors are “on the hunt” for finding ways of connecting the content to the students. One of the ways to do so is implementing the use of the history of the mathematics. In this presentation, we will discuss the literature that exhibits the benefits of this implementation and demonstrate an activity as example. Furthermore, we will share a few resources that could be useful for a variety of mathematical topics for a variety of grade levels.

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