

GENERAL TEACHER RESOURCES

P Eduscape

[Http://eduscapes.com/tap/topics53.htm](http://eduscapes.com/tap/topics53.htm)

Creative strategies and assessments for primary language arts.

ELEM Houghton Mifflin Publishers

www.eduplace.com/kids/hme

Graphic organizers, revising checklists, rubrics, and samples of student essays for PreK through Grade 8.

Ideas for Creative Thinking

McDougal, Littell

ISBN#0-86609-180-7

Creative ideas for teaching vocabulary/language development, composition, speaking and listening skills, study/research skills, literature, grammar/usage, and mechanics for primary, intermediate, and junior high students.

Outta Ray's Head

<http://home.cogeco.ca/%7Erayser3/lessons3.htm>

A collection of handouts for teachers. K-8.

JH In the Middle

Nancie Atwell

ISBN#0-86709-374-9

Presents a Reading-Writing Workshop, a system to weave reading, literature, and writing together, including ways to incorporate mini-lessons in grammar.

JH SEC State University of Missouri

<http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divimprove/fedprog/Bestpractices/Web%20Resources.htm>

This comprehensive website provides several links to good reading instruction.

ALL Collaboratory Project – Northwestern University

<http://collaboratory.nunet.net/stats/>

Teacher written units in all content areas from primary to university level. Illinois Benchmarks, performance descriptors and student assessment are incorporated into units as well as curriculum integration.

Kathy Shrock's

<http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/arts/artlit.html>

Covers almost any topic that a teacher of literacy might want to learn about!

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ALL Lesson Plan Pages. Com

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/index.html>

2,500 Lesson plans for all subjects. Resources on research.

Marcopolo

www.mped.org

Teacher resources and professional development in all subject areas.

NEA – National Education Association

<http://www.nea.org/lessons/tt030602.html>

A list of the best sources for often-used and hard-to-find teacher templates.

PowerPoint in the Classroom

<http://www.actden.com/pp/>

Learn how to use PowerPoint Presentation software at this site.

Read*Write*Think

<http://www.readwritethink.org/index.asp>

A partnership between the International Reading Association (IRA), the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), and the MarcoPolo Education Foundation. It provides educators and students with access to practices and resources in reading and language arts instruction.

Resources for Catholic Educators

<http://www.silk.net/RelEd/>

Links, lesson plans, clip art, coloring pages for Catholic educators.

Scholastic.Com

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/professional/teachwriting/>

Provides specific methodology to teach all aspects writing. Reproducible handouts and links to professional articles and lessons plans include: writing prompts and starters; ways to overcome writer's block; ways to begin a written piece; vocabulary choice; character development; writing memoirs; prewriting activities; writing biographies.

Teachers.Net

www.teachers.net/lessons/

Language Arts lesson plans by subject or grade level.

Teacher Use Tech

<http://www.ourladyofvictories.ecsd.net/maas/usetech>

Great resource to integrate technology into lessons.

Webquest

http://sesd.sk.ca/teacher_resource/webquest/webquest.htm

Lists a variety of webquests for all grade levels and subject areas.

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Resources for Finding Quality Literature

ALL Your local library is a great source for the newest/best in classroom literature. Many libraries also compile book lists that are available to patrons.

Reference Books:

Teacher Created Book of Lists

Best Books for Children Pre-school through Grade 6, edited by John Gillespie

Best Books for Middle School and Junior High Readers

Best Books for High School Readers

A to Zoo, edited by Carolyn Lima and John Lima (subject access to Children's Picture Books)

Wordless/Almost Wordless Picture Books by Virginia Riches and Kathryn Puckett

Play Learn and Grow (an annotated guided to the best books and materials for very young children).

Websites

Literature.org – The Online Literature Library

<http://www.literature.org/>

Easily-navigated selection of online etexts from English literature.

Bibliomani

<http://www.bibliomania.com/>

Free online literature with more than 2000 classic texts.

Children's Literature Web Guide

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/>

Internet resources related to books for children and young adults.

Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Site

<http://www.carolhurst.com/>

Collection of reviews of great books for kids; ideas of ways to use them in the classroom; and collections of books and activities about particular subjects, curriculum areas, themes and professional topics.

Children's Literature Comprehensive Database.

<http://www.childrenslit.com/>

Membership required for full access; great booklists available and additional resources with membership.

Database of Award Winning Children's Literature.

<http://www.dawcl.com/>

Award winning database is maintained by a librarian; recognized as a valuable site for children.

GENERAL TEACHER RESOURCES CONTINUED

Resources for Finding Quality Literature continued

ALL Booklinks

<http://www.ala.org/Booklinks>

Connecting books, libraries and classrooms.

Bookbag

Literacy ideas for teachers (part of the Mailbox magazine family).

Library Sparks

www.librarysparks.com

Activities to encourage lifelong readers.

Professional Organizations:

ALL These are four professional organizations available to Language Arts teachers. They provide excellent resources, materials, and professional growth opportunities. Membership fees vary.

International Reading Association

800 Barksdale Road

P O Box 8139

Newark, DE 19714-8139

www.reading.org

ASCD

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

1703 North Beauregard Street

Alexandria, VA 22311-1714

www.ascd.org

NCTE

National Council of Teachers of English

1111 West Kenyon Road

Urbana, IL 61801-1096

www.ncte.org

IRC

Illinois Reading Council

1210 Fort Jesse Road

Suite B 2

Normal, IL 61761-1836

www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org

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READING

LE Book:

JH Robb, L. (2000). *Teaching Reading in Middle School (Grades 5 & Up)*. Scholastic Professional Books.

SEC

ELEM Tyner, B. and Green, S.E. (2005). *Small-Group Reading Instruction: A Differentiated Teaching Model for Intermediate Readers, Grades 3-8*. International Reading Association.

Reading Lady

www.readinglady.com

Reading lessons, reader's theater plays, and other language arts information.

JH Just Read Now

SEC <http://www.justreadnow.com/index.htm>

Offers effective strategies that will engage students and encourage them to become active participants in the reading process. Includes effective metacognitive reading strategies, sample lesson plans implementing reading strategies, video demonstrations of teachers modeling strategies, tools for integrating reading strategies, specific content area suggestions, quality online professional development courses.

Knowledgeloam

<http://knowledgeloam.org/practices3.jsp?location=1&pinterid=1174&spotlightid=1174>

Supports adolescent literacy and all its elements: motivation, strategies, learning across content disciplines and organization support.

Madison, WI

<http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/tnl/langarts/pdf/infe8.PDF>

Reading strategies are presented in PDF format and explained including purpose, grade level, materials needed, and procedure to follow. Both comprehension and vocabulary strategies are presented.

JH McDougal Littell

www.mcdougallitell.com

Provides novel guides and author profiles.

READING CONTINUED

JH NCTE

SEC <http://www.ncte.org/collections/adolescentliteracy>

This site identifies what is unique about adolescent literacy. Provides strategies to help teachers show, demonstrate, and make visible to student how literacy operates by providing strategies and professional resources.

Reading Compendium

<http://home.earthlink.net/~jhholly/compendium.htm>

This website presents a compendium of strategies to help students read, write, speak and listen successfully.

JH State University of Missouri

SEC <http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divimprove/fedprog/Bestpractices/Web%20Resources.htm>

This comprehensive website provides several links to good reading instruction.

University of Connecticut

<http://www.literacy.uconn.edu/adolit.htm>

Focuses on adolescent literacy including effective practices, articles on adolescent literacy and instruction, instructional resources, booklists for adolescent readers.

Vocabulary.com

<http://www.vocabulary.com/>

Vocabulary and learning activities separated into three levels of difficulty and using Latin and Greek roots and cells to help decode words.

Promoting Educational Excellence for All Americans

<http://www.ed.gov/teachers/how/tools/initiative/summerworkshop/dickson-adaptations/index.html>

This site is devoted to specific ways to make adaptations for struggling readers as they read content area texts. Suggestions and examples are provided in PDF and PowerPoint formats.

ALL Kathy Shrock's

<http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/arts/artlit.html>

Comprehensive literacy website for teachers.

LITERATURE

P Literature Circles

<http://home.att.net/~teaching/litcircles.htm>

This site is good for introducing literature circles to your class as well as a means of assessing student work and participation.

ELEM Aesop's Fables

www.aesopfables.com

A collection of Aesop's fables includes a total of 655+ fables indexed, and morals listed.

Book Lists and Book Reviews

<http://www.Scholastic.com>

This site provides book lists including the latest publications for students in grades K-12, book reviews written by students and teachers; author interviews; handouts; lesson plans, etc. Ordering class sets of books online is easy and reliable here.

Candlelight Stories

www.CandlelightStories.com/

Stories written and illustrated for the web.

Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Web Site

www.carolhurst.com

Reviews, activities, related books, related areas on the Internet, and creative groupings (by theme, curriculum areas, grade level) of children's books.

Fabulous Fairy Tales

http://ali.apple.com/ali_sites/ali/exhibits/1001262

This site provides the lesson plans to help students use multimedia with their own dramatic work and fairy tales. It also includes tips for creating your own fairy tales, and a rubric for teachers and students to assess their work.

FictionTeachers.com

<http://www.fictionteachers.com/>

This site features fiction and poetry lesson plans.

LITERATURE CONTINUED

Tales of Wonder

www.itpubs.ucdavis.edu/richard/tales/

Explore 73 folk and fairy tales from 14 different parts of the world.

The Children's Literature Web Guide

www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html

This site offers reviews, a reference desk, and lists of award winning books. It lists sites and resources for many reading and composition activities.

LE LitPlans.com

JH <http://www.litplans.com>

SEC Literature lesson plans, teacher's guides, and study guides for middle school and high school English teachers.

McDougal Littell

www.mcdougallitell.com

This site provides novel guides and author profiles

JH Web English Teacher

SEC www.webenglishteachers.com

This site contains information regarding literature circles, reading guides, and new approaches in language arts/literature. It is designed for secondary school educators.

LE Young Adult Librarian's Help/Homepage

JH <http://yahelp.suffolk.lib.ny.us/yalit.html>

SEC A brief, well-chosen list of links to YA literature pages and other areas of teen reading interests.

ALL Aaron Shepard's Reader's Theater

www.aaronsherp.com/rt/

Reader's theater scripts by grade level; offers a wide variety of genres, identifies theme, and gives staging directions.

Assessment Generators

<http://www.qdsouza.com/tools/>

These generators guide teachers through the process of creating a variety of assessment and evaluation tools. Could be used as criteria checklists, discussion checklists, 3 point – 5 point rating scale, matrix rubric, weighted matrix rubric, and matrix rubric with points.

LITERATURE CONTINUED

Internet Public Library

www.ipl.org

An alphabetical listing of authors can be found under KidSpace; go to Reading Zone and the Authors & Books.

Inspirational Poetry Online:

A Guide to Internet Resources

www.poetry-portal.com

A directory of worldwide poetry that includes a Help Centre.

Literacy Connections

<http://www.literacyconnections.com/ReadersTheater.html>

A well-done set of links to scripts, ideas, and resources for this type of reading activity.

Literacy Net

www.literacynet.org/cnnsf/

This site provides newspaper reading experiences in a weekly feature story, both in full text and in edited text (shortened and simplified). There are many learning activities provided to build skills.

S.C.O.R.E. Language Arts Cyberguide

www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/score/cyberguide.html

CyberGuides are supplementary, standards-based, web-delivered units of instruction centered on core works of literature.

Teachers@Random

<http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/>

A complete teacher's guide to over 60 novels published by Bantam, Doubleday, and Dell.

WRITING, PUBLISHING ON THE WEB, RESEARCH

ELEM 6 + 1 Traits of Writing – a Primary book (K-2) and a Grades 3 – 8 book

Ruth Culham

Primary book ISBN#0-439-57412-9

Grades 3-8 book ISBN#0-439-28038-9

Both books introduce a standard approach to teaching and assessing writing using 6 writing traits – ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions. Books are very strong in writing rubrics.

Houghton Mifflin Publishers

www.eduplace.com/kids/hme

This site offers graphic organizers, revising checklists, rubrics, and samples of student essays for PreK through grade 8.

Scholastic Writing with Writers

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/index.htm>

On this site students can work with authors, editors and illustrators in exclusive workshops designed to guide them in developing their skills in writing poetry, book reviews, and speeches.

Time for Kids

www.timeforkids.com/TFK/hh/writeideas

This site includes graphic organizers, revising checklists, expert tips, model papers, a writer's toolbox, and a rapid research link.

ZuZu

<http://www.zuzu.org>

The unique point of this site is that children can publish their own work here.

4teachertalk

<http://www.kimskorner4teachertalk.com/writing/menu.html>

An effective website that focuses on teaching writing using the 6 Traits +1 strategy. In addition to explaining this strategy in detail, the site also provides the following:

- General ideas for writing
- How to teach the writing process
- How to teach models of writing
- Ideas for writing across the curriculum
- Information on the 6 Traits + 1 for parents

WRITING, PUBLISHING ON THE WEB, RESEARCH CONTINUED

JH Kent State University

SEC <http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/strategies/writing.html>

This efficient website provides specific strategies to help teach writing. Strategies are presented in PDF format and are explained, including purpose, grade level, materials needed, and the specific procedure to follow.

JH Madison, WI

SEC <http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/tnl/langarts/sixtrtersmtrl.htm>

This website provides the framework and a thorough discussion, complete with accompanying rubrics, of the 6 Traits + 1 writing strategy which dictates the current method of teaching writing. The 6+1 traits are: ideas; organization; voice; fluency; convention; presentation.

LE Modern Language Association Format (MLA)

JH http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_mla.html

SEC OWL Writing Lab at Purdue

This site is a guide to using the standardized Modern Language Association (MLA) format for writing research papers.

JH Ohio University

SEC <http://www.ohiou.edu/esl/teacher/writing.html>

This site provides a wealth of links covering the entire scope of teaching writing. Specific areas that provide additional links are: resources for teachers, pedagogy (computers and writing organization, journaling, process approach, writing across the curriculum), grading rubrics, portfolios, research, lesson plans and teaching ideas.

LE Paraphrasing: Writing in Your own Words

JH http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/print/research/r_paraphr.html

SEC OWL Online Writing Lab

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/workshops/hypertext/>

This site helps you learn how to borrow from a source without plagiarizing.

JH Research Paper

SEC <http://www.researchpaper.com/>

An excellent site that provides information on all aspects of writing the research paper: writing research papers and term papers, research paper ideas, research paper help, sample research papers.

Thesis Statement

<http://www.ozline.com/electraguide/thesis.html>

This Website will help in drafting a clear thesis statement for a persuasive writing essay.

WRITING, PUBLISHING ON THE WEB, RESEARCH CONTINUED

LEO

<http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/acadwrite/thesistatement.html>

Provides handouts for a variety of writing topics. It has links to the Write Place Catalog, a resource that helps with every thing from pre-writing to editing and proof-reading.

University of Connecticut

<http://www.literacy.uconn.edu/writing.htm>

A very comprehensive website developed by the University of Connecticut, that focuses on writing from many aspects including links to: writing websites for educators, instructional resources for writing, websites to use with students in all grade levels.

JH Writing.Com

SEC <http://www.writing.com/?rfr=inkspot.com>

Online community for writers and readers of all interests and skill levels.

LE Writing an Outline

JH <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/workshops/hypertext/ResearchW/outline.html#CONSTRUCT>

SEC The OWL at Purdue

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/print/research/r_paraphr.html

This resource provides tips for creating a thesis statement and examples of different theses statements, paraphrasing, and developing effective outlines.

JH Writing Compendium

SEC <http://home.earthlink.net/~jhholly/compendium.htm>

This website presents a compendium of strategies to help students read, write, speak and listen successfully.

JH Writing Research Reports

McDougal, Littell

ISBN#0-618-05272-0

Book gives a very good step-by-step approach to writing a research report.

ALL eTeachers Portal.com

<http://kotn.ntu.ac.uk/teachers>

Advice to educators who teach writing and English, as well as space where children can publish their writing.

Inspirational Poetry Online: A Guide to Internet Resources

www.poetry-portal.com

A directory of worldwide poetry that includes a help centre.

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ALL International Reading Association (Read – Write – Think)

www.readwritethink.org

Learning Language offers process writing lessons and writing to learn activities for grades K– 12.

Lesson Plan Pages. Com

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/index.html>

2,500 Lesson plans for all subjects. Use search engine for resources on research.

Lit Scene.com

www.litscene.com

Access to nearly 3,200 theme-based sites offering tips, advice, discussion forums, and support for writers.

There are contest links for young writers.

My Paradigm: Online Writing Community

<http://my.powa.org>

The Paradigm online Writing Assistant provides writing help in the form of an interactive, menu-driven, free guide to writing.

The Stack the Deck Writing Program

www.stackthedeck.com

A complete writing program for grades 1 – 12 that includes student writing samples and teaching tips.

Excellent resource for teaching specific types of writing (persuasive, explanatory, etc.), utilizing think sheets,

checklists and grading sheets for each type. SOS (sentence opening sheet) sheet is a great tool to quickly

assess the strengths and weaknesses of first drafts. Order a sample book for grade level ideas.

Writing is Dialogue

www.writedial.com

Based on the book Writing Is Dialogue: Teaching Students to Write (and Think) Like Writers, this site offers lesson plan ideas.

Writing-Portal.com Directory

<http://writing-portal.com/portal/directory>

Nearly 3,000 sites geared toward writing and publishing. There is a list of resources organized alphabetically into 26 categories.

RUBRICS AND ASSESSMENTS

ELEM Houghton Mifflin Publishers

www.eduplace.com/kids/hme

This site offers graphic organizers, revising checklists, rubrics, and samples of student essays for PreK through grade 8.

JH About Education

SEC <http://712educators.about.com/od/rubrics>

A site for secondary educators that offers a collection of language arts grading tools and assistance with setting up objective grading practices.

ALL Assessment and Rubric Information – Kathy Schrock’s Guide for Educators

www.school.discovery.com/schrockguide/asses.html

Resources to evaluate student Web pages, specific subject-area projects, educator technology skills, electronic portfolios, and report card comments.

Assessment: Creating Rubrics – Teacher Vision

www.teachervision.com/lesson-plans/lesson4521.html

Focus is on the advantages of rubrics, rubric design and types, how to weight evaluation criteria, and how to elicit student input in the assessment and evaluation process.

Create Your Own Rubric

http://www.landmark-project.com/classweb/tools/rubric_builder.php3

The Rubric Builder enables teachers to build effective assessment rubrics and to make them available over the World Wide Web.

Creating Rubrics: Tools You Can Use – Education World

www.education-world.com/a_curr/curr248.shtml

Creating objective assessment tools students can use as guidelines for project evaluation. It links to David Warlick’s Landmark Project Rubric Builder, a resource for creating project-based rubrics or viewing other teachers’ rubrics.

Generic Rubric in PDF

<http://www.sites4teachers.com/links/redirect.php?url=http://www.congresslink.org/rubric.pdf>

Student assessment rubric in generic form. PDF file.

Rubrician.com

www.rubrician.com

This site features rubrics on subjects such as language arts, math, performing arts, physical education, social studies, technology, and science. Click on a topic in the table of contents, then view the topic’s offerings.

Rubistar

www.rubistar.4teachers.org

Create project-specific evaluation guidelines or view and edit rubrics created by other educators. This site is also in Spanish.

LISTENING AND SPEAKING

ALL Book:

Meany, J. & Shuster, K. (2005). *Speak Out! Debate and Public Speaking in the Middle Grades*. International Debate Education Association.

Book:

Daley, P. & Dahlie, M.S. (2001). *50 Debate Prompts for Kids*. Instructor Books.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum

<http://www.rockhall.com/programs/plans.asp>

Resource of lesson plans for listening and speaking. Great student interest ideas.

Internet Resources for Teaching Virginia's Standards of Learning: English 7

<http://teachers.henrico.k12.va.us/Specialist/franceslively/so17.htm>

Presentation resources and lesson plans that follow the basic listening and speaking standards.

Web English Teacher

<http://www.webenglishteacher.com/about.html>

Resources for speech and debate.

VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

ELEM Daily Grammar

www.dailygrammar.com

Daily grammar lesson archives on a variety of grammar concepts.

edHelper

www.edHelper.com

Click on Language Arts, then go to Grammar or Punctuation to create printables based on listed concepts.

English Grammar Quizzes

<http://a4esl.org/q/j/>

English grammar quizzes designed for ESL students. These are interactive Java Script quizzes and are classified as easy, medium, or difficult.

EE/LE iknowthat.com

www.iknowthat.com

Grammar games for grades PreK-6, examples: Punctuation Paintball, Supernova Sentence Puzzles, and Alien Word Mine.

ELEM Skillswise

www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/grammar

Interactive activities for a variety of grammar lessons, as well as fact sheets, quizzes, and worksheets.

LE The Teacher's Desk

www.teachersdesk.org

English lesson plan ideas for grades 5 & 6 that include grammar songs.

ELEM The Wide World of Verbs

www.kyrene.k12.az.us/schools/brisas/sunda/verb/enter.htm

Action, helping, and state-of-being verb practice and tests.

ALL Dr. Grammar

www.drgrammar.org

On-line dictionary, writer's toolbox, a grammar resource, and a frequently asked questions link.

English-Zone.com

www.english-zone.com

Lesson plans, games, and strategies.

VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR CONTINUED

ALL Funbrain.com

www.funbrain.com

Language arts games for grades 1 – 10.

Grammar Bytes

www.chompchomp.com/exercises.htm

Interactive grammar exercises and PDF file handouts that are listed by grammar concept.

Guide to Grammar & Writing

<http://grammar.ccc.comment.edu/grammar/>

Guide to grammar, and quizzes on grammar concepts. Search by level and concepts.

Webgrammar

www.webgrammar.com

Link to Grammar Basics & Tips, Common Mistakes, Grammar Handbook, and Grammar Quizzes.