GENERAL TEACHER RESOURCES

P
Eduscapes
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

JH
In the Middle
Nancie Atwell
ISBN#0-8709-374-9
Presents a Reading-Writing Workshop, a system to weave reading, literature, and writing together, including ways to incorporate mini-lessons in grammar.

JH
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.

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.mpced.org
Teacher resources and professional development in all subject areas.

NEA – National Education Association
http://www.nea.org/lessons/tf030602.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.carollhurst.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


ELEM  Reading Lady  www.readinglady.com
Reading lessons, reader’s theater plays, and other language arts information.

JH  Just Read Now  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.

JH  Knowledgeloom  http://knowledgeloom.org/practices3.jsp?location=1&bpinterid=1174&spotlightid=1174
Supports adolescent literacy and all its elements: motivation, strategies, learning across content disciplines and organization support.

JH  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.mcdougallittell.com
Provides novel guides and author profiles.

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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
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.

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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.

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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.

LitPlans.com
http://www.litplans.com
Literature lesson plans, teacher's guides, and study guides for middle school and high school English teachers.

Web English Teacher
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.

Young Adult Librarian's Help/Homepage
http://yahelp.suffolk.lib.ny.us/yalit.html
A brief, well-chosen list of links to YA literature pages and other areas of teen reading interests.

Aaron Shepard's Reader's Theater
www.aaronshep.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.

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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.
6 + 1 Traits of Writing – a Primary book (K-2) and a Grades 3 – 8 book
Ruth Culham
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
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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
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/hypetext/
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
This Website will help in drafting a clear thesis statement for a persuasive writing essay.

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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.

Writing.Com
http://www.writing.com/?rfrc=inkspot.com
Online community for writers and readers of all interests and skill levels.

Writing an Outline
https://owl.english.purdue.edu/workshops/hypetext/ResearchW/outline.html#CONSTRUCT
This resource provides tips for creating a thesis statement and examples of different theses statements, paraphrasing, and developing effective outlines.

Writing Compendium
http://home.earthlink.net/~jhholly/compendium.htm
This website presents a compendium of strategies to help students read, write, speak and listen successfully.

Writing Research Reports
McDougal, Littell
ISBN#0-618-05272-0
Book gives a very good step-by-step approach to writing a research report.

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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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.comindex.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.

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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**  
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.

**SEC**  **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.

**ALL**  **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**  
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.

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LISTENING AND SPEAKING

ALL  Book:
International Debate Education Association.

Book:

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.

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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
Teacher Resources. Pen Pals & Key Pals. Teacher Tips & Tricks We have put together a collection of resources that will help you in your day-to-day classroom operations. There are a variety of topics for any teacher. "NEW". Teachers are always on the lookout for new inspiration and new ideas, but who has time to plow through the zillions of resources on the internet? Well, good news! We’ve done the research for you and here are 30 of our top sources for free teacher resources including lesson plans and activities created by fellow professional educators (marked with an asterisk). Happy hunting! 1. Amazon Inspire*. Resources and Tools for Teachers. Teacher.org is dedicated to supporting teachers. From providing free lesson plans to mapping out teacher discounts and teacher blogs to online teacher degree guides, we want to help teachers thrive in and out of the classroom. We are committed to assisting teachers in order to foster deeper engagement and opportunities for students to excel. That is why we offer a wide range of free teacher tools and resources. The teachers’ notes include general guidance about teaching online, as well as step-by-step activities and a variety of options depending on the platform you are using. The online class materials are available as a PDF version of a PowerPoint presentation. Our Facebook page and teacher community are an excellent way to find resources from a wide range of sources, and attend Facebook Live sessions to help you with your professional development. Resources are combined to strengthen teaching and learning opportunities, methods, and effectiveness. "The one point that clearly developed from this relationship was that both of us had expertise in many areas, and combining these skills made both teachers more effective in meeting the needs of all students" (Dieker & Barnett, 1996, p. 7). General educators bring content specialization, special education teachers bring assessment and adaptation specializations.