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## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy

### **Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills**

<http://www.21stcenturyskills.org/>

### **NCREL 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills**

<http://www.ncrel.org/engage/skills/skills.htm>

### **ETS ICT Literacy**

<http://www.ets.org/ictliteracy/>

### **Pacific Bell/UCLA Initiative for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacies**

<http://www.kn.sbc.com/wired/21stcent/index.html>

### **NMC 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy Initiative**

<http://www.nmc.org/projects/literacy/index.shtml>

### **EvaluTech 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills**

<http://www.evalutech.sreb.org/21stcentury/index.asp>

## Technology Integration – Best Practices

### **CITE Journal: Teaching the English Language Arts with Technology - A Critical Approach and Pedagogical Framework**

<http://www.citejournal.org/vol4/iss1/languagearts/article1.cfm>

### **NCREL: Critical Issue - Using Technology to Enhance Literacy Instruction**

<http://www.ncrel.org/sdrs/areas/issues/content/cntareas/reading/li300.htm>

### **GSU - Best Practices in Technology Integration**

<http://itc.gsu.edu/pt3/index.html>

### **Merrill Education's Link to Literacy**

<http://cwx.prenhall.com/bookbind/pubbooks/literacy-cluster/>

## Project-Based Learning

### **The WebProject**

<http://www.webproject.org>

### **WebQuest Portal**

<http://webquest.org/>

### **QuestGarden 1.0**

<http://webquest.org/questgarden/author/>

### **OZ Projects**

<http://www.ozprojects.edna.edu.au/sibling/home>

### **Literature-based Projects**

<http://projects.edtech.sandi.net/projects/literature.html>

### **Literature Learning Ladders: Literature-based Webquests**

<http://eduscapes.com/ladders/themes/webquests.htm>

### **WebQuests Based on Literature**

<http://webquest.sdsu.edu/literature-wq.htm>

### **Reading, Technology, and Inquiry-based Learning Through Literature-Rich WebQuests**

[http://www.readingonline.org/articles/art\\_index.asp?HREF=teclehaimanot/index.html](http://www.readingonline.org/articles/art_index.asp?HREF=teclehaimanot/index.html)

### **Engaging Readers in Inquiry-based Learning through On-line WebQuests**

<http://www.lerc.educ.ubc.ca/LERC/outreach/ira2002/webquest.htm>

<http://www.lerc.educ.ubc.ca/LERC/outreach/ira2002/webquest.doc>

## Digital Presentations

### Digital Booktalks

<http://digitalbooktalk.ucf.edu/>

### Digital Storytelling in Clark County Schools

<http://www.scott.k12.ky.us/technology/digitalstorytelling/ds.html>

### Digital Documentaries

<http://www.atschool.org/digidocs/>

### DigiTales – The Art of Telling Digital Stories

<http://www.digitales.us/>

### The Art of Digital Storytelling

<http://www.ebookhost.net/tldmc2/ebook.asp>

### Digital Directors Guild

<http://www.ddguild.org>

### Digital Storytelling

<http://www.jakesonline.org/storytelling.htm>

### Digital Storytelling

<http://www.lubbockisd.org/sfirenza/>

### Educational Uses of Digital Storytelling

<http://www.coe.uh.edu/digital-storytelling/>

### Center for Digital Storytelling

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

### Tech Head Stories

<http://tech-head.com/dstory.htm>

### Digital Stories

<http://www.digitalstories.org>

### Reading Video Project

<http://kwr.co-nect.net/pdfs/readingvideoproject.PDF>

### KQED - The Digital Storytelling Initiative

<http://dsi.kqed.org/index.php>

### MicroSoft Educators & Multimedia Storytelling

<http://www.microsoft.com/education/educators.msp>

<http://www.microsoft.com/Education/Storytelling.msp>

### iLife in the Classroom & Short Story Commercials/Book Ads

<http://www.apple.com/education/ilife/>

[http://education.apple.com/education/ilife/subject\\_template.php?subject\\_id=2](http://education.apple.com/education/ilife/subject_template.php?subject_id=2)

### Student Gallery

<http://edcommunity.apple.com/gallery/student/>

### Book Talk using iMovie

<http://www.users.ties.k12.mn.us/~wbierden/booktalk.htm>

### iLife – Developing the Creative Curriculum

<http://www.denbighict.org.uk/dv/ilife.html>

<http://stella.hflcampus.monroe.edu/staffweb/lromig/imovieclass/ilifeined.pdf>

### PowerPoint Poems

[http://www.teachersnetwork.org/impactii/profiles00\\_01/packets/menotti.PDF](http://www.teachersnetwork.org/impactii/profiles00_01/packets/menotti.PDF)

[http://www.education-world.com/a\\_tech/techlp/techlp018.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_tech/techlp/techlp018.shtml)

[http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson\\_view.asp?id=93](http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson_view.asp?id=93)

### PowerPoint Pairing Poetry Analysis Project

[http://utopia.utexas.edu/lesson\\_plans/2004/poetry\\_analysis.php](http://utopia.utexas.edu/lesson_plans/2004/poetry_analysis.php)

### Digital Storytelling through PowerPoint

[http://www.chabotspace.org/visit/programs/techbridge/download/Digital\\_Storytelling\\_PowerPoint.pdf](http://www.chabotspace.org/visit/programs/techbridge/download/Digital_Storytelling_PowerPoint.pdf)

## Chat Rooms

### **Scholastic Authors & Book**

<http://www2.scholastic.com/teachers/authorsandbooks/authorstudies/authorstudies.jhtml>

### **Animal Diaries - A Website for Student Authors**

<http://www.tesan.vuurwerk.nl/diaries/t3/chatroom.htm>

### **KidsCom KidsChat**

<http://www.kidscom.com/chat/chat.html>

### **ePals Student Talk**

<http://www.epals.com/tools/forum/forum.e?bo=69&at=db>

### **ChatDanger.com**

<http://www.chatdanger.com/chat/>

### **Literature Discussion in Cyberspace: Young Adolescents Using Threaded Discussion Groups to Talk About Books**

[http://www.readingonline.org/articles/art\\_index.asp?HREF=wolsey/considerations.html](http://www.readingonline.org/articles/art_index.asp?HREF=wolsey/considerations.html)

## Online Book Clubs

### **Literary Book Club**

<http://teach.fcps.net/lbc/default.asp>

### **Book BackChat**

<http://english.unitecology.ac.nz/bookchat/home.php>

### **Book Nuts Reading Club**

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

### **Kidsreads.com – Book Clubs**

<http://www.kidsreads.com/clubs/index.asp>

### **Teenreads.com – Book Clubs**

<http://www.teenreads.com/clubs/index.asp>

### **Multnomah County Library – Book Discussion Groups for Kids**

<http://www.multcolib.org/talk/>

### **Kids Who Read**

<http://kwr.co-nect.net/>

### **Global Book Club**

<http://www.ncsu.edu/globalbookclub/>

### **Book Clubs and Reading Groups Resource**

<http://www.book-clubs-resource.com/>

### **ePALS Book Club**

[http://www.epals.com/projects/book\\_club/](http://www.epals.com/projects/book_club/)

### **Planet Book Club**

<http://www.planetbookclub.com/kids/class.html>

### **Scholastic**

<http://www2.scholastic.com/teachers/authorsandbooks/authorstudies/authorstudies.jhtml>

[http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/flashlightreaders/flashK\\_landingPage.asp](http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/flashlightreaders/flashK_landingPage.asp)

## Blogs

### **Fred Roemer's 5th Grade Site (Tampa, FL)**

<http://www.pb5th.com>

### **The Secret Life of Bees**

<http://weblogs.hcrhs.k12.nj.us/beesbook/>

### **East Side Bloggers 2008**

<http://blogs.writingproject.org/eastside2008/>

### **Anne Davis**

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/eti/contributors/adavis.php>

<http://anne.teachesme.com/>

<http://itc.blogs.com/gh/>

### **Tim Lauer**

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/eti/contributors/tlauer.php>

<http://tim.lauer.name/>

<http://lewiselementary.org/>

### **Will Richardson**

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/eti/contributors/wrichardson.php>

<http://www.weblogg-ed.com/>

### **David Warlick**

<http://davidwarlick.com/2cents/>

<http://landmark-project.com/blogmeister/>

### **November Learning**

<http://www.novemberlearning.com/Default.aspx?tabid=39>

### **Gaggle Blogs**

[http://gaggle.net/gen?\\_template=/templates/gaggle/html/blog/index.jsp](http://gaggle.net/gen?_template=/templates/gaggle/html/blog/index.jsp)

### **Blogger**

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

### **Educational Bloggers Network**

<http://www.ebn.weblogger.com/>

### **Blogs in Education**

<http://awd.cl.uh.edu/blog/>

### **Blogging Across the Curriculum**

<http://mywebspace.quinnipiac.edu/PHastings/what.html>

[http://hipteacher.typepad.com/schoolblog/2005/02/re\\_student\\_blog.html](http://hipteacher.typepad.com/schoolblog/2005/02/re_student_blog.html)

### **WordPress**

<http://wordpress.org/>

### **KidzBlog**

<http://www.haranbanjo.com/kidzblog/>

### **21Publish**

<http://21publish.com/>

## Recommended Reading

**Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts, and Other Powerful Web Tools for Classrooms** — Will Richardson

**Classroom Blogging: A Teacher's Guide to the Blogosphere** — David F. Warlick

**Digital Storytelling: Creating an eStory** — Dusti D. Howell and Deanne K. Howell

**DigiTales: The Art of Telling Digital Stories** — Bernajean Porter

**Integrating Technology: Effective Tools for Collaboration** — Shan Glandon

**Literacy Learning in Networked Classrooms: Using the Internet with Middle-level Students** — Mary L. McNabb

**Making Literacy Magic Happen: The Best of Learning & Leading with Technology on Language Arts** — Mark Gura, Editor & Rose Reissman, Editor

**Raw Materials for the Mind (4<sup>th</sup> ed.)** — David F. Warlick

# Teacher Resources – Lesson Plans

## **PBS TeacherSource** [http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/arts\\_lit.htm](http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/arts_lit.htm)

**PBS TeacherSource** offers 3000+ free lesson plans and activities centered on PBS materials. Search by grade level and topic

## **Reading Rainbow** <http://gpn.unl.edu/rainbow/>

Classroom resources - lesson plans, unit plans, and guide materials for classroom discussions or class projects. Also provides the opportunity to preview episodes, plus review books and related web sites.

## **ReadWriteThink** <http://www.readwritethink.org/>

**ReadWriteThink** is a partnership between the [International Reading Association](#) (IRA), the [National Council of Teachers of English](#) (NCTE), and the [MarcoPolo Education Foundation](#). **ReadWriteThink** offers a wide array of standards-based lesson plans that meaningfully integrate Internet content into the teaching and/or learning experience. Lessons can be selected according to grade band (K–2, 3–5, 6–8, 9–12) and area of literacy practice. Each lesson is research-based, and includes a detailed instructional plan. The lessons are written for the teacher but include student-ready materials such as worksheets, interactives, and reviewed Web resources.

## **S.C.O.R.E. Language Arts** <http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/SCORE/cla.html>

**Schools of California Online Resources for Education** (SCORE) features [CyberGuides](#) which are supplementary, standards-based, web-delivered units of instruction centered on core works of literature. Each CyberGuide contains a student and teacher edition, standards, a task and a process by which it may be completed, teacher-selected web sites and a rubric, based on California Language Arts Content Standards. Also includes links to an [Activity Bank](#), [Phonics Link](#), and [Reading Initiative](#).

## **TeAch-nology.com** <http://www.teach-nology.com/>

**TeAch-nology.com** offers teachers FREE access to 27,300 lesson plans, 5,900 printable worksheets, over 200,000 reviewed web sites, rubrics, educational games, teaching tips, advice from expert teachers, current education news, teacher downloads, web quests, and teacher tools for creating exciting classroom instruction. Also offers three levels of paid membership with additional features.

## **The Teacher's Corner** <http://www.theteacherscorner.net/index.htm>

**The Teacher's Corner** provides free Primary & Intermediate Teacher Resources including lesson plans, thematic units, a teacher's lounge, and book nooks.

## **Web English Teacher** <http://www.webenglishteacher.com/>

**Web English Teacher** presents the best of K-12 English/Language Arts teaching resources: lesson plans, WebQuests, videos, biography, e-texts, criticism, jokes, puzzles, and classroom activities.

# Teacher Resources – Support Tools

## **4Teachers** <http://4teachers.org>

**4Teachers.org** works to help you integrate technology into your classroom by offering FREE online tools and resources. This site helps teachers locate and create ready-to-use Web lessons, quizzes, rubrics and classroom calendars. There are also tools for student use. Discover valuable professional development resources addressing issues such as equity, ELL, technology planning, and at-risk or special-needs students.

## **abcteach** <http://www.abcteach.org/>

**abcteach** provides 5000+ free printable pages and worksheets focusing on for Pre-K-6th grade. Requires a paid subscription for full access, but contains numerous free samples.

## **Adolescent Literacy in the Content Areas** <http://knowledgeloom.org/adlit/index.jsp>

This **Knowledge Loom** spotlight presents four key components of a successful adolescent literacy initiative and the best practices related to each, along with examples in action in actual classrooms. Use this resource to support local decision-making and as content for onsite professional development. The content has been prepared by [The Education Alliance at Brown University](#) and [CRM \(Center for Resource Management\)](#), as partners in the [Northeast and Islands Regional Educational Laboratory](#).

## **AwesomeStories** <http://www.awesomestories.com/index2.htm>

**AwesomeStories.com** is your online resource for unique information with fascinating links to source materials on the web. Most of the best primary web content (from the world's greatest archives, libraries, museums and institutions) is deeply buried and very hard to find. **AwesomeStories.com** finds the most relevant source material available and takes you to it within the context of clear, concise, entertaining stories. Here you will find some of the best the Internet has to offer about famous events, history, movies and much more.

## **Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Site** <http://www.carolhurst.com/index.html>

A 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 Web Guide** <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html>

The **Children's Literature Web Guide** is an attempt to gather together and categorize the growing number of Internet resources related to books for Children and Young Adults. Included are links to book lists, author sites, and resources for teachers, parents, and storytellers.

## **Children's Picture Book Database** <http://www.lib.muohio.edu/pictbks/search/>

Housed at [Miami University Libraries](#) the **Children's Picture Book Database** gives teachers, librarians, parents, and students a place for designing literature-based thematic units for all subjects. The site offers abstracts of over 5000 children's picture books and search capabilities for over 950 keywords, including topics, concepts, and skills which describe each book.

## **Clearinghouse on Reading, English, and Communication** <http://reading.indiana.edu/>

Educational materials, services, and coursework to everyone interested in the language arts. Operated by the [Indiana University School of Education](#), the site includes the public domain materials produced by ERIC/REC, including ERIC Digests and other publications, Web Resources, and online courses.

**Florida Literacy and Reading Excellence (FLaRE) Center** <http://flare.ucf.edu>

The **Florida Literacy and Reading Excellence** project was established in 2000 through a Florida legislative appropriation and has become a literacy center for professional development currently operating as a part of the Just Read, Florida! initiative. The FLaRE Center serves as: a statewide system for providing literacy professional development, an information clearinghouse for scientifically based literacy research, a development center for educator professional development materials, a linkage for school districts, institutions of higher education, community organizations that have a vested interest in literacy and reading excellence, and a lighthouse for disseminating information on successful projects.

**Florida Online Reading Professional Development (FOR-PD)** <http://www.itrc.ucf.edu/forpd/>

**Florida Online Reading Professional Development (FOR-PD)** is an online staff development project designed to help teachers improve reading instruction for learners in grades preK-12. The project is funded through the Florida Department of Education. FOR-PD functions as a primary delivery mechanism for improving teaching methods in preK-12 reading instruction to teachers across the state. The purpose of FOR-PD is to offer an intensive, current, interactive, effective, and efficient multimedia professional growth program in reading for teachers in preK-12 classrooms. An extensive, searchable, online literacy resources database is available without registering for the course.

**International Reading Association - Web Resources** <http://www.reading.org/resources/index.html>

**The International Reading Association (IRA)** is dedicated to providing information, research, and resources that can help all those interested in promoting literacy. The Web Resources area of [www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org) provides a range of resources in three groupings, freely available to all those with Internet access. [Teaching Tools](#) offers practical, hands-on ideas and materials to help you help learners. [Issues in Literacy](#) is your source for news, views, and policies. [Literacy Community](#) puts you in touch with colleagues, to exchange ideas and information, share your concerns, and celebrate your successes.

**Literature Learning Ladders** <http://eduscapes.com/ladders/index.html>

**Literature Learning Ladders** (encouraging active reading through book-technology connections) is part of the [eduScapes](http://eduscapes.com) website provided by Annette Lamb and Larry Johnson. Features include: Themes and Literature Circles, Collaborative and Interactive Projects, Literature-based WebQuests, Literacy Across the Curriculum for Today and Tomorrow, Newberys & the Net, Caldecott Connections, and Fun with Favorites.

**North Central Regional Educational Laboratory (NCREL) - Literacy**

<http://www.ncrel.org/litweb/index.html>

This website provides professional resources to help teachers build their knowledge base, apply their expertise to help children meet challenges in reading, and keep abreast of developments concerning literacy development.

**Personal Education Press** <http://www.educationalpress.org/educationalpress/Index.asp>

Create free educational worksheets such as flashcards, game boards, and quizzes to print directly from your browser. Simply choose a word list and an output style.

**Poetry Teachers** <http://www.poetryteachers.com>

#1 site for poetry resources on the web from how to teach poetry, to poetry theater, and activities.

**Promising Practices for Elementary Literacy Instruction** <http://knowledgeloom.org/elemlit/index.jsp>

This **Knowledge Loom** spotlight identifies the promising literacy practices of successful elementary school teachers who support the diverse learning needs of their students. Special sections highlight issues pertaining to English language learners, providing examples of good teaching that can apply to all students. The content in the spotlight has been prepared by **The Education Alliance at Brown University**. It will continue to grow and change as users share their experiences and concerns in support of elementary literacy development.

**Reading A-Z** <http://www.readinga-z.com/>

**Reading A-Z** offers a number of resources to help make teaching easier and help children learn to love to read, including printable books and lesson plans to teach guided reading, phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, and reading comprehension. Requires a paid subscription for full access, but contains numerous free samples.

**Reading Online** <http://www.readingonline.org/>

**Reading Online** is a freely available, online-only publication of the **International Reading Association** (IRA), a professional organization of literacy educators. Its focus is literacy practice and research in classrooms serving students aged 5 to 18. "Literacy" is broadly defined to include traditional print literacy, as well as visual literacy, critical literacy, media literacy, digital literacy, and so on. This site offers original features and peer-reviewed articles, reviews, and website recommendations published between May 1997 and June 2005, along with resources reprinted from other IRA journals. It is offered as an archived collection, and is not at present accepting new materials for publication.

**Reading Rockets** <http://www.readingrockets.org/>

The **Reading Rockets** web site is updated daily with news headlines about reading, research-based articles, video interviews with top children's book authors, tips for parents and educators, lists of national and local resources, and much more.

**Starfall** <http://www.starfall.com>

The **Starfall** learn-to-read website is offered free as a public service. They also provide [writing journals and books](#) at a very low cost that can be used with the website or separately. Primarily designed for first grade, Starfall.com is also useful for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and second grade.

**Storyline Online** <http://www.bookpals.net/storyline/index.html>

The **Screen Actors Guild Foundation** is proud to bring you **Storyline Online**, an on-line streaming video program featuring SAG members reading children's books aloud. Hand-picked by **BookPALS** National Program Director Ellen Nathan, a former teacher and librarian, each of the books on this site offer an accompanying lesson plan and activity guide.

**TeachingBooks.net** <http://www.teachingbooks.net/>

**TeachingBooks'** mission is to generate enthusiasm for books and reading by bringing authors, illustrators and engaging resources about books for children and teens to every school, library and home. From one easy-to-use website, **TeachingBooks** makes instantly available original, in-studio movies of authors and illustrators, audio excerpts of professional book readings, guides to thousands of titles and a wealth of multimedia resources on children's and young adult literature. Our hope is that by utilizing **TeachingBooks'** multimedia resources, educators will better understand the spirit and personality behind books and discover exciting ways to share these insights with children and teens. (*Note: This is a fee service*).

# Teacher Resources - Book Lists

## **Award Winning Children's Books** <http://www.schoolratings.com/bestbooks.htm>

A comprehensive list of nearly 1,300 award winning children's books - compiled from fifteen different award lists. Lists are also categorized by Baby-Pre-school, Ages 4-8, 9-12, 13+, and All Ages.

## **Caldecott Medal**

### <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal.htm>

From the [Association for Library Service to Children \(ALSC\)](#), the **Caldecott Medal** honors the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. Includes lists from 1938 to present.

## **Children's Book Review** <http://www.tnpc.com/36books.html>

Book reviews categorized by age groups: Ages 2 to 4, Ages 3 to 8, Ages 6 to 10, Ages 7 and up. The reviewer is Peter Neumeyer, Ph.D., a Professor Emeritus of English and Comparative Literature at San Diego State University.

## **Children's Notable Lists**

### <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/childrensnoteable/Default1888.htm>

Each year the [Association for Library Service to Children \(ALSC\)](#) identifies the best of the best in children's books. Includes lists from 1996 to present.

## **Coretta Scott King Award**

### <http://www.ala.org/ala/emiert/corettascottkingbookawards/corettascott.htm>

The **Coretta Scott King Award** is presented annually by the [Coretta Scott King Task Force](#) of the [American Library Association's Ethnic Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table \(EMIERT\)](#). Recipients are authors and illustrators of African descent whose distinguished books promote an understanding and appreciation of the "American Dream." Includes winners from 1970 to present.

## **Newberry Medal**

### <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/newberymedal/newberymedal.htm>

From the [Association for Library Service to Children \(ALSC\)](#), the **Newberry Medal** honors the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. Includes lists from 1922 to present.

## **Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People** <http://www.socialstudies.org/resources/notable/>

The books that appear in these annotated book lists were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by [National Council for the Social Studies \(NCSS\)](#) and assembled in cooperation with the [Children's Book Council \(CBC\)](#). Books selected for this bibliography are written primarily for children in grades K-8. Although the current year's list is only available to members, archived lists from previous years are free.

## **Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12 for 2004** <http://www.nsta.org/ostbc>

The books that appear in these lists were selected as outstanding children's science trade books. They were selected by a book review panel appointed by the [National Science Teachers Association \(NSTA\)](#) and assembled in cooperation with the [Children's Book Council \(CBC\)](#). Includes lists from 1996 to present.

## **Young Adult Booklists and Book Awards** <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists>

From the [Young Adult Library Services Association](#). Includes: Best Books for Young Adults, Outstanding Books for the College Bound, Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, Teens Top Ten, and more.