

Elementary Language Arts Resources

Lesson Plans and Teacher Resources

Google Book Search

<http://books.google.com/>

Google has digitized many books from library collections and allows users to view pages, search content and offers other book related information.

EdSitement

<http://edsitement.neh.gov/>

EdSitement is offered through the MarcoPolo library of materials. This site has lesson plans and links to websites that contain Language Arts materials. This is a good place to get started on any search.

Read-Write-Think

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

Read-Write-Think is also offered through the MarcoPolo library of materials. This site has lot of interactive assignments for students, as well as lesson plans and links to websites for teachers. Great site to help you find the English resources you need.

Themepark

<http://www.uen.org/themepark/>

A homegrown resource from UEN. This site contains links to websites that will help you find sites and activities to engage your learner.

Best Books for Kids

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/100books.htm>

This list was selected by the National Education Association, is posted on the TeachersFirst.com website, and recommends best books for kids grouped by age level. There are also site links to Reading Resources, Storytelling Resources, and Reading Lessons.

Between the Lions

<http://pbskids.org/lions/index.html>

This website is designed for parents and kids to surf together. Stories from the popular PBS show are posted online with links to associated games.

Fablevision

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

Fablevision contains some nice resources for helping students to create stories. There are some interactive elements on this site that encourage students to become more creative.

Language Arts Lesson Plans

<http://www.col-ed.org/cur/lang.html#lang1>

List of several lesson plans from Columbia Education Center. Merely a textual document, but still has some good ideas.

Interactives

Comic Creator

<http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/comic/index.html>

This tool allows students to practice the art of storytelling by creating their own comic strips. Great to demonstrate the storyboarding process.

Between the Lions

<http://pbskids.org/lions/games/>

This website is designed for parents and kids to surf together. Stories from the popular PBS show are posted online with links to associated games. The games focus on reading skills and developing children's vocabularies.

English Exercises Online

<http://www.smic.be/smic5022/>

This site contains links to interactive websites for students. The kids can work on reading comprehension, grammar and usage, spelling, and vocabulary. There are also links to many different teacher resources.

Read-Write-Think

http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/index.asp

This site has a great collection of different interactives covering a variety of subjects and skills. This is a wonderful place to browse for games and tools.

Funbrain

<http://funbrain.com/>

This site by the Family Education Network provides free educational games and quizzes in math, grammar, science, spelling, and history. It also provides excellent resources for teachers and parents.

Letter Generator

http://readwritethink.org/materials/letter_generator/

A great way to help students construct a formal business letter or a personal letter. This tool guides you step by step through the process.

Puzzlemaker

<http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/>

Puzzlemaker is a puzzle generation tool for teachers, students and parents. Create and print customized word search, crossword and math puzzles using your word lists.

Videos

eMedia

<http://www.uen.org/emedial>

eMedia is a service provided by the Utah Education Network (UEN) to deliver educational media to Utah's schools. The videos are licensed by the Utah Instructional Media Consortium (UIMC) and digitized and made available over the Internet by UEN. The service will eventually have hundreds of video titles, graphics, and other media items. Currently there are 83 titles which correlate to the Core Curriculum in Language Arts.

Reading Rainbow

<http://www.utahitv.org/index.php?area=programs&action=viewSeriesDetails&id=111>

This year-round series is a fast-paced, daily half-hour, magazine style series encouraging a love of reading in children, and building lasting connections between children and books. Book reviews

presented by real kids expand on the themes in the feature book, while “Kid-on-the street” interviews allow real kids to sound off about issues in each episode.

Between the Lions

<http://www.utahitv.org/index.php?area=programs&action=viewSeriesDetails&id=8681>

Between the Lions opens up a world of literature and learning for children aged four to seven. The series is named for a family of lions – Theo and Cleo and their cubs, Lionel and Leona. Each episode centers on a book or other written material that the lions and their friends discover in the library. In addition to its lion family, Between the Lions features an eclectic cast of characters, including Click the Mouse, the library's cyborg communications expert; Cliff Hanger, a swashbuckling comic book hero who escapes from sticky situations through quick thinking and literacy skills; Tiger Words, a multi-talented sports figure who plays with vowels and consonants instead of golf balls and tees; Martha Reads and the Vowelles, a rhythm and blues group that sings only vowel sounds; and the stalwart knights of "Gawain's World" whose jousting matches create words instead of wounds.

Thinkport Educational Videos Online

<http://www.thinkport.org/Tools/Search/Default.aspx?Keywords=&R=All&ContentTypes=18>

This contains over 1000 different videos that can be used for education. You'll need to conduct a search of the video you need, but there's a ton to choose from.

PBS Teachersource

<http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/>

This site gives you access to many videos that are produced by PBS for educational purposes.

Projects

Google Lit Trips

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

This site is an experiment in teaching great literature in a very different way. Using Google Earth, students discover where in the world the greatest road trip stories of all time took place.

Storyteller

<http://www.edbydesign.com/storyteller/index.html>

Here, you are the author. You can contribute a story yourself or read the many stories written by children from around the world.

Homework Helpers

Brainpop

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

This site contains many different types of activities and student aids in understanding different concepts for Language Arts.

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Merriam-Webster Online Language Center

<http://www.m-w.com/>

This site is an online version of the Merriam-Webster dictionary and thesaurus. It also contains funny word-builder activities and a word of the day.

Bookhive

<http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/activities/>

BookHive is designed for students through age 12, their parents and teachers. Created by public librarians in North Carolina, the site lists good children's books arranged categorically. The lists provide a synopsis of the book, its intended audience, and occasional reviews.

Experts

Ask an Expert

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

Askanexpert.com connects you with hundreds of [real world experts](#), ranging from astronauts to zookeepers. These experts have volunteered to answer your questions for free!

EPals

<http://www.epals.com>

Engage yourself in a multicultural e-learning community of students and educators, partners and friends, sharing authentic writing and learning experiences in a safe communications environment.

Miscellaneous

Copyright and Fair Use

<http://home.earthlink.net/~cnew/research.htm>

This site goes through and discusses the ins and outs of fair use and copyright.