

Secondary 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.

Discovery.com

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/lessonplans/?pID=lesson#>

This is a great list of lesson plans that are specific to teaching certain novels. The lessons contain historical background and support materials to help teachers cover the novel in greater detail.

PBS-Teachersource

http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/arts_lit.htm

This site contains lesson plans utilizing PBS resources. These lessons have a lot of multimedia clips and great ways to incorporate them in teaching novels and other thematic units.

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.

Teaching Shakespeare

<http://www.folger.edu/education/teaching.htm>

This site has a ton of lesson plans and activities to help students learn about Shakespeare and his plays.

Poets.org

<http://www.poets.org>

Produced by the Academy of American Poets, this site contains biographies of poets and the texts of hundreds of poems, many with images and sound files.

Interactives

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.

Etymologic

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

Word game to find the origin of certain words.

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.

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.

Literary Elements Mapping

<http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/lit-elements/>

This interactive allows students to chart literary elements such as: characters, conflict, resolution, and setting.

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.

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.

In Search of Shakespeare

<http://www.kued.org/page.php?area=programs&action=viewSeriesDetails&id=11679>

"In Search of Shakespeare" is a four-part series exploring the life of the world's greatest and most famous writer. Surprisingly, it is the first time that a full-scale life of William Shakespeare has been

attempted on TV. Presenter-led, mixing travel, adventure, interviews and specially shot documentary and live action sequences with the RSC on the road, this is an innovative TV history series from the award-winning team which made "In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great" and "Conquistadors ."

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.

Diary Project

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

The Diary Project, a non-profit organization, is a global multimedia resource that encourages teens to write about their day-to-day experiences growing up. The nucleus of the project is this website. We invite you to write freely and often about anything that is on your mind, just as you would in your own journal. Our goal is to encourage communication amongst teens of all cultures and backgrounds, provide peer-to-peer support, stimulate discussion, and generate feedback that can help ease some of the concerns encountered along the way.

Homework Helpers

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.

The Nuts and Bolts of College Writing

<http://nutsandbolts.washcoll.edu/mla.html>

The Nuts and Bolts of College Writing is for anyone who wants to write better. It's intended mainly for college students, but it has also helped lots of other people around the world learn how to write more clearly, gracefully, and effectively.

BJ Pinchbeck's Homework Helper

<http://school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/bjpinchbeck/bjenglish.html>

This site contains over 700 links to sites that will help you with your homework. Includes references, websites, and interactives to help students with their English homework.

Brainpop

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

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

Experts

Ask an Expert

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

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

Ask a Librarian

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/>

This site gives you a chance to find out information from a virtual library at the Library of Congress. This helps students access all the information on this site.

Miscellaneous

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

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

Copyright & Fair Use Stanford University Libraries

<http://fairuse.stanford.edu/>

Copyright information and videos about copyright and fair use.