

## RESOURCES FOR LITERACY

General websites and list serves

<http://readinglady.com/mosaic/tools/tools.htm>. This is the central source for a wide range of resources to teach comprehension. Related to Mosaics, Strategies that Work, Reading for Meaning etc. It is monitored site so you can count on the quality of the resources. You can also join the mosaics listserve from this site (see left corner of homepage). That is a list for many teachers dialoguing about teaching comprehension and reading in general.

<http://readinglady.com> This person hosts the above site but has her own rich array of teaching resources.

[www.readwritethink.org/lessons](http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons) This site has a plethora of high quality lesson plans vetted by the National Council Teachers of English

<http://hill.troy.k12.mi.us/staff/bnewingham/myweb3/>  
Lots of resources and ideas for a reading and writing workshop classroom.

<http://www.lauracandler.com/>  
Another useful site full of resources and ideas.

[www.kinderkorner.com/colors.html](http://www.kinderkorner.com/colors.html) Color poems and home page for other ideas

[www.ttms.org](http://www.ttms.org) A great site for supporting writer's workshop

[www.eddept.wa.edu.au](http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au) This is an Australian web site which lists many articles and resources on literature circles.

[www.textmapping.org/](http://www.textmapping.org/) This is a website for using text mapping as an excellent concrete strategy for helping kids dig into texts. I think it's probably especially useful for really struggling readers, special ed, and English language learners.

[www.share2learn.com/index.html](http://www.share2learn.com/index.html) An excellent site for literacy in general

[www.middleweb.com/ReadWrkshp/RWindex.html](http://www.middleweb.com/ReadWrkshp/RWindex.html) Focused on upper elementary and middle school.

<http://www.four-blocks.com/> Four blocks is a model for creating a balanced literacy curriculum. Pam Cunningham who works with Allington and who has also created the Making words and other effective word work strategies.

[www.saraholbrook.com](http://www.saraholbrook.com) Great poetry site.

[www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/lyrics/](http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/lyrics/) Government site with loads and loads of songs. Lyrics and many will play the actual music as well.

Google Indiana university, google Jerome Harste, look under his published articles. Great one starts “Critical literacy.....” Great site re critical literacy includes an extensive annotated book list of books to be used to promote critical discussion amongst children K-12.

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

Great site for books around the world – inviting children to be part of a global community. Free books to read on site, many multilingual.

<https://ttms.box.net/flp>

<https://ttms.org/> Steve has many powerful essays and rubrics and great advice, especially on teaching writing.

Starfall google it. A great place for kids to practice in fun ways learning sounds, initial phonics etc. Kids love this. Makes good homework too for families!

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

great website for book reviews of good books for kids – Patterson’s site. He writes exciting kids books. Also has lesson plans and discussion ideas. Free.

[www.literacy.uconn.edu](http://www.literacy.uconn.edu) good literacy stuff from University of Connecticut including good questions to ask during the study of literature – for you teacher, or for kids.

[www.sittonspelling.com](http://www.sittonspelling.com) A reasonable approach to teaching spelling.

[www.aaronshep.com](http://www.aaronshep.com) Great source for reader’s theater scripts – free.

<http://storytrail.com/pages/why.html>

<http://www.frankserafini.com/index.html> Great website. book lists. He’s a prof with lots of great resources

[www.storylineonline.net/](http://www.storylineonline.net/) Actors reading aloud great books. Children can hear story read aloud and see pictures. Lots of suggested activities for teaching and info on author and on the actor reading the story.

<http://www.theschoolbell.com/Links/Dolch/Contents.html>

This site has Dolch words (old school sight words, more recently Frye) but filled with lists and activities for teaching these important sight words. So still useful.

## **Assessments**

<http://readingandwritingproject.com/> This is from Columbia teachers college, reading and writing project. A complete assessment system. Look under assessment.

Developmental Reading Assessment - google it. It's another good reading assessment system that many schools/states use.

[www.nwrel.org/assessment](http://www.nwrel.org/assessment) Great site for six traits assessments of writing. Can practice scoring sample writing with those rubrics.

[www.cyberspaces.net/6traits/rubric1.html](http://www.cyberspaces.net/6traits/rubric1.html) K-2 6 trait rubrics

<http://teams.lacoe.edu/reading/assessments/assessments.html> Los Angeles County Office of Education collection of assessment tools including some videos. Wide range.

Also go to teams.lacoe.edu look under teachers. Then look under language arts and/or assessment for many valuable resources.

[www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org) Fair Test is a non profit national site for many articles and resources on assessment including the Learning Record

### **Leveling and bibliographies**

[www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com)

[www.guidedreading.scholastic.ca/index](http://www.guidedreading.scholastic.ca/index)

[www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org) Site for American Library Association. Find all the award winning books (including honor books) for many years back.

AR bookfinder easy way to get estimate. This is from Accelerated Reader. You can look up almost any book pretty easily for interest level and academic level.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/readinglist.asp> Annotated list from California State DOE....

### **Ed Policy**

[www.asu.edu/educ/eps/epru.htm](http://www.asu.edu/educ/eps/epru.htm)

### **Professional Organizations**

[www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org) International Reading Association

[www.ncte.org/about](http://www.ncte.org/about) National Council Teachers of English

[www.writingproject.org/](http://www.writingproject.org/) Information on the National Writing Project

National Reading Conference. Reading organization for reading researchers.

## **Magazines**

[www.tolerance.org/teach/index](http://www.tolerance.org/teach/index) Subscribe to free magazine focused on teaching tolerance/critical issues

Booklinks. American Library Association. Monthly issues with annotated bibliographies and teaching ideas organized by themes. Great source for learning a wide range of children's literature.

Faces/Cobblestones/Calliope Magazines.

30 Grove Street

Petersborough, NH 03458 Great sources for info text on various themes grades 3 – 8 depending. Faces is world cultures, cobblestones is U.S. history, Calliope is ancient civilizations. You can see it works well the social studies frameworks.

[www.skippingstones.org/contact-02.htm](http://www.skippingstones.org/contact-02.htm). Skipping Stones magazine. One I would not do without. Publishes childrens' writing in many languages from many cultures usually focused on a theme. Also pen pals.

[www.tolerance.org](http://www.tolerance.org) Teaching tolerance is a free journal for teacher either online or hard copy. Focus is on teaching multicultural/social justice issues. Great ideas for lessons and resources and current issues.

Specific authors have wonderful websites, often interactive!

## **Publishers I trust**

[www.heineman.org](http://www.heineman.org)

[www.stenhouse.org](http://www.stenhouse.org)

**Richard Owens**

Rethinking Schools

Syracuse Cultural Workers

Sources for making graphics

[www.makebeliefscomix.com/comic](http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/comic)

Comics in the Classroom

imagechef – see word mosaic

wordle

## **Poetry sites for interactive kid stuff**

First you know Wordle – google it. It's great for lots of stuff.

The one that you can do with a shape and just choosing some words.... They just repeat filling the shape

google image chef word mosaic

Next google squidoo poetry

Has list of different sites. I especially liked poetry splatter.

Then go past list of 12 and the next paragraph tells you that you can choose more interactive websites.

Finally the concrete poetry site I mentioned.....

[www.wild-about-woods.org.uk/elearning/concretepoetry/](http://www.wild-about-woods.org.uk/elearning/concretepoetry/)

And the magnetic poetry site that will work better

[kids.magpogames.com/](http://kids.magpogames.com/)