

Contact the English Language Arts Content Specialists in your area with questions and assistance regarding Common Core.

English Language Arts Common Core Standards Resource Listing

Reading Resource Links

<http://www.folger.edu/>

This may be old hat for everyone who has taught Shakespeare, but this has always been an inexhaustible resource with some great stuff on it. There are loads of unit and lesson plans, as well as printable downloads, primary source documents, and much, much more.

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/180/>

Poetry 180 is a site that changes posted poems daily. It is geared for the high school student and designed by the Library of Congress. A resource tab also contains links to a virtual tour of the Library's Poetry Room and featured webcasts.

<http://edsitement.neh.gov/subject/literature-language-arts>

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

Teachers and learners will find resources and can share best practices for teaching students to effectively read, write, listen, speak, and think.

<http://www.superteacherworksheets.com/full-ela.html>

This site includes sample reading texts and printable poems for different grade levels along with practice sheets for grammar.

http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/InstrucStrats_40Best.html

Journey North's lessons and activities provide teachers with resources engaging students in real-world investigations and incorporating content area reading strategies.

Writing Resource Links

www.readwritethink.org

Teachers can find lessons and student graphic organizers. The lesson plans provided incorporate mini lessons as well as unit lessons that align to Common Core Standards. Also, parent activities are listed.

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

The National Writing Project website lists the sites of the project in Illinois colleges as well as other state colleges. There is also a section that posts video clips of educators talking about digital writing. The sites work to provide professional development to area schools. They generate research and develop resources to improve the teaching of writing and learning. In Illinois, the Writing Project can be found at the following universities: University of Illinois at Chicago and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Eastern Illinois University, Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and National-Lewis University.

www.writingfix.com

Daily prompts are generated for journal writing. Lesson plans are listed as well as samples of student work. The website gives examples of writing genres and samples of each genre. Mentor texts are suggested and graphic organizers are provided for each genre.

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

Teaching That Makes Sense is a website that provides a writing strategy guide including charts to organize student writing. Student writing samples and an explanation of the writing workshop are presented. Writing posters for teachers are available as well.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/professional/teachwriting/>

Scholastic has a section of examples of writing prompts and mini-lessons, lesson plans, posters, reproducibles, and professional articles available for teacher use.

<http://thewritesource.com>

The Write Source posts writing topics for students as well as student examples of the multiple writing genres.

http://www.eduplace.com/kids/hme/k_5/brightideas/

Houghton Mifflin English published some free online writing prompts with pictures for student use.

<http://www.theteacherscorner.net/daily-writing-prompts/>

Writing prompts are listed by months of the year.

<http://www.ncte.org/positions/statements/writingbeliefs>

The National Council of Teachers of English position statement about writing can be found at this site.

Text Complexity Resource Links

<http://www.textproject.org/topics/common-core-state-standards>

This site offers a wealth of research based articles and resources that focus on the Common Core Standards and Text Complexity.

Language Arts Resource Links

www.vocabulary.com

After scrolling down through the site, the bottom menu allows a visitor to search out current vocabulary lists that others have made, create their own set of vocabulary lists, research certain historical documents and offer test preparation guidance. Certain literature titles have also been designed.

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

This website is run by NCTE and the International Reading Assoc. This is probably the best existing resource for teachers who are looking for strategies and lessons plans in the High School or Middle School English classroom. There are links and downloads galore, as well as webinars for common core and ideas for implementing it.

www.englishpage.com

Grammar and mechanics pages for teachers and students to use as well as tutorials.

Science/ Social Studies Resource Links

<http://www.amnh.org/education/resources>

Resources for Learning is a collection of activities, articles, evidence and analysis and more, for educators, families, students and anyone interested in teaching or learning about science.

Digital Literacy Resource Links

<http://tilesig.wikispaces.com/Cool+Tools>

Tools to enhance literacy is from The Technology In Literacy Education-Special Interest Group which is affiliated with the International Reading Association.

www.readwritethink.org

Read, write, think has lesson plans for digital literacy for teachers for grades k-12

www.naturalreaders.com

Assistive technology for special needs students can be found at naturalreaders.com and bookshare.org

www.thescriptorium.net

The scriptorium is a webzine for writers.

www.bitstrips.com

Bitstrips is a comic strip creator for students.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook.cfm>

Incorporates graphic novel booklists from the American Library Association

<http://www.skype.com/intl/en-us/homepage>

Skype is a place to video call that might help students to do projects collectively even when they don't live next door to each other.

www.clrn.org/fdti/

Digital textbooks

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

Digital Promise-national center created by Congress. Their goal is to identifying breakthrough technologies, learn faster what is working and what is not, and transform the market for learning technologies.

<http://www.schooltube.com/videos>

A site that has royalty free music, videos and lesson plans for video production and digital storytelling

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

Includes videos, audio clips and photos

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

Content area information for teachers, parents and students

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

Adolescent Literacy-resources for teachers including book lists, teaching strategies as well as research reports for parents and teachers of grades 4-12.

<http://www.khanacademy.org>

K-12 grade library of videos of lessons for students, parents and teachers

<http://wwii.ltc.k12.il.us/portal/wwii/WWIIClassroomProjectVideos/TabId/81/CategoryId/11/WWII-Classroom-Projects.aspx>

Illinois WWII veteran project has full length videos with veterans talking about the war

Other Helpful Links

<http://betterlesson.com/>

This site has cross curricular lesson plans for free. Registration is required to access parts of the site.

<http://freeology.com/graphicorgs/page/12/>

Nearly 100 free, printable graphic organizers for a wide variety of topics can be accessed.

<http://www.washingtonco.k12.nc.us/siteimages/images/uploads/Graphic%20Organizers%20for%20Reading.pdf>

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Graphic organizers can be accessed that connect to specific reading skills with a focus on informational strategies in upper elementary and middle school.

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

This is a new site developed to share materials and ideas for implementing common core that was set up “by teachers, for teachers.” It could turn out to be a great resource in the long term.