

Online Tools that Strengthen Literacy Instruction

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Literacy – a couple of definitions

- an individual's ability to read, write, speak in English, compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family of the individual and in society
- The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the National Literacy Act of 1991 define literacy as "an individual's ability to read, write, speak in English, compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family of the individual and in society." This is a broader view of literacy than just an individual's ability to read, the more traditional concept of literacy.

What Online is NOT:

- Online tools and resources should NOT replace teachers and people.
- Online tools and resources should NOT replace REAL books.
- Online tools and resources should NOT be thought of as a panacea.

Focus in this Session

■ **Professional Resources**

- Tools
- Support

- Things to Read
 - Online books
 - Interesting Content
 - Interactive Activities
 - Projects
 - Online Activities

Teacher Resources

- Tools - <http://www.teach-nology.com/>
- Tools - <http://www.score.k12.ca.us/>
- Tools - <http://4teachers.org>
- Tools - <http://www.abcteach.org/>

Teacher Resources - Graphic Organizers

- http://teachers.teach-nology.com/web_tools/graphic_org/
- <http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/index.html>

Teacher Resources

- Support - <http://childrensbooks.about.com/mbody.htm>
- Support - <http://teams.lacoe.edu/village/welcome.html>
- Support - <http://www.teachervision.com/>
- Support - <http://www.nea.org/readacross/index.html>
- <http://7-12educators.about.com/cs/languagearts/>
- <http://k-6educators.about.com/cs/languagearts/>

Word Oddities

- <http://members.aol.com/gulhigh2/words.html>

Teacher Resource (to prompt thought)

- <http://www.gadzillionthings.net/>

Vocabulary - Oxymorons

- <http://www.oxymorons.com/oxymorons.html>

Collection of Resources for Teachers

- <http://www.wolinskyweb.com/word.htm>

Amazing Collection of ESL Resources

- <http://www.eleaston.com>

Things to Do

- Online Activities, Tools, Information
 - Tutorials

Vocabulary – A word a day

- <http://www.wordsmith.org/words/today.html>

Vocabulary – Confusables

- http://ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/notorious/notorious_frames.htm

Word Play

- <http://www3.bc.sympatico.ca/teachwell/>

More Word Play and Learning

- <http://www.wordcentral.com/>

Writing Tool – rhymes and more

- <http://rhyme.lycos.com/r/rhyme.cgi?>

Vowel Puzzle

- <http://www.soundpuzzle.com/index.html>

Play with Words -Shakespeare Magnets

- <http://www.shakespeare.com/Poetry/ieindex.html>

■ Also: <http://www.worldvillage.com/kidz/puzzles/scramble.htm>

■ And: <http://www.magneticpoetry.com/magnet/vmpk.htm>

Great Word Games

- <http://www.fwend.com>

Biography Maker Tool

<http://www.bham.wednet.edu/bio/biomak2.htm>

Online Reading Material

Teen Voices – for Young Women

- <http://www.teenvoices.com/tvhome.html>

Publish Online – Read Peer Writing

- <http://www.kidpub.com/kidpub/>

Online Reading Material

- <http://www.learning.caliberinc.com/reading.html>

Online Literature to Download

- www.blackmask.com/

Online Early Reader Books and More

- <http://www.starfall.com>

Online Ghost Stories and Folktales

- <http://www.themoonlitroad.com/index.html>

Interesting to Read - Space Station

- <http://kids.msfc.nasa.gov/c.aspx/rockets/station/?list12139-146>

Online Newspapers to Read

- <http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/>

Front Pages Today

- <http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/>

Poetry – an inspiration

- <http://www.favoritepoem.org>

Smithsonian for Kids

<http://www.kidscastle.si.edu/>

Reading with a purpose - WebQuests

- <http://webquest.org>