

Reading Websites – Fiction and Non-Fiction

The following are reading sites – both fiction and non-fiction. The sites are listed in alphabetical order. Although not inclusive, this list provides a beginning source for obtaining both fiction and non-fiction texts.

Adult Learning Activities. A California Distance Learning Project. Articles are written at an ABE readability level about different life skills. Some of the articles are about California or may be dated based on the type of news story used. <http://www.cdlponline.org/>

An Online Library of Literature. Reading books online that can be downloaded free from this online library. <http://www.literature.org/>

Awesome Stories. This site includes descriptions and primary source background materials on current popular movies, American history, religion, disasters, famous trials, biography, religion, inspiration and the law. The background materials come from the Library of Congress, National Archives, the British Museum and universities, libraries historical societies and museums from around the world. Each story has "chapters" and links to the source material. <http://www.awesomestories.com/>

Detroit News. Part of the Newspapers in the Classroom project, this site provides online articles, worksheets, editorial cartoons, and lessons already developed. <http://nieonline.com/detroit/>

eReading. This site provides reading worksheets, activities, and resources aligned with the Common Core States Standards. This website uses a skill-focused approach where each activity targets a specific set of skills. Assignments are appropriate for approximately GE levels 6-12, but with modifications could be adapted for lower levels as well. <http://www.ereadingworksheets.com/>

izzit.org. This site provides a variety of articles from various sources. Articles are based on current topics of interest. The site also includes videos for use in the classroom. <http://www.izzit.org/>

The Internet Public Library. This is a free online public library with references, books, stories, and newspapers from all over the world. <http://www.ipl.org/>

The Learning Edge. An interactive, on-line newspaper for adult learners. It's interesting, topical stories are plainly written for a range of learners. Each story is read out loud slowly by a pleasant voice, and is accompanied by learning activities such as games, puzzles, interactive quizzes and writing contests. www.thewclc.ca/edge

The Learning Resources. Western Pacific LINCS/Cable News Network, Inc. provides web-delivered instruction with full text of newspaper story and activities to test comprehension and assist teachers in using authentic texts with different levels of learners. Each module includes the text of the story, activities, and a short video clip. <http://literacynet.org/cnnsf/home.html>

Library of Congress. Searchable database of primary source documents with references to CCSS and lesson ideas from lowest grade levels through high school. <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>

Newsela. This site provides an innovative way to build reading comprehension with nonfiction text that's always relevant. Each article is available in 4-5 different Lexile Levels with many of them providing a quiz that is aligned to a specific anchor standard. It is necessary to sign up for the free account to see the different level of articles. <https://newsela.com/>

Newspaper Map. Provides access to the front page of hundreds of newspapers, worldwide. <http://www.newspapermap.com>

ProCon.org. This site provides articles/documents/visual texts that provide both the pro and con side of the issue. Context on an issue is provided with plenty of sources on each side. Provides great resources to support critical thinking skills, as well as videos. <http://www.procon.org/>

ReadWorks.org. Although written for the K-12 program, many of these nonfiction texts and lessons are usable in the adult basic education program. Each article is between 3/4th of a page to about 2 pages in length. Common Core aligned skills units are also provided on the site, including paired text units. <http://www.readworks.org/>

ReadWriteThink. This is a terrific resource for teachers for many activities, lessons and games. <http://www.readwritethink.org/>

The Reading Matrix. The website includes 50 reading passage. Students can pull their results which provide not only the percent correct and incorrect, but also an explanation for why a selection was incorrect. http://www.wadsworth.com/devenglish_d/templates/stripped_features/devreadingquizzes.html

Reading Skills for Today's Adults. This site provides original texts written by instructors for Marshall Adult Education. Each article can be used as a timed reading, as well as a source for reading comprehension. Articles are written at a 0.7 to 8.9 GE. http://resources.marshalladulthoodeducation.org/reading_skills_home.htm

StoryBytes. Short, original stories about life's experiences. Please note that the stories should be assessed prior to using in the classroom. Although many of the stories are very appropriate for use in the adult education classroom, such as the short story. <http://www.storybytes.com/>

ThinkCERCA. Similar to Newsela, this site has a mix of nonfiction articles that include an audio feature that reads each article aloud to students, an option of inputting Extended Response/Short Answer questions, and an embedded dictionary within each article. <http://www.thinkcerca.com/>

TV 411. The Adult Literacy Media Alliance. Audio clips and slide shows on assorted topics, including reading. This site is also available in Spanish. <http://www.tv411.org/>

Tween Tribune. Daily news sites, including text, photos, graphics, and audio and/or video materials prepared by the Smithsonian about current events, history, art, culture, and science. <http://tweentribune.com/>

Understanding Science. Science articles for reading at different levels. http://undsci.berkeley.edu/article/intro_01

US History.org. This site provides access to numerous types of historic documents and nonfiction articles on U.S. history, ancient civilizations, and American Government. <http://www.ushistory.org/>

Wonderopolis. Articles, videos and other resources searchable by topic and grade level are provided by the National Center for families Learning (NCFL). The articles are appropriate for adult education classrooms. <http://wonderopolis.org>