

English Language Arts

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Helpful websites for ELA teachers and students:

Online books:

****Reminder: If an online book is in pdf format, Adobe Reader has the option to listen while the book is read allowed. This is great for younger students and special needs students.

Project Gutenberg

http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page

The Online Books Page:

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/>

Page by Page books

<http://www.pagebypagebooks.com/authorlist.html>

Bibliomania

www.bibliomania.com/

The Literature Network Online Classic literature

www.online-literature.com/

The Online Books Page

onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/

Web Literature

www.webliterature.net/

Great sites for teaching:

Elementary lesson, activity and assessment resources - http://www.margb.com/RISD_web2/Other%20Elementary/elementary_four_blocks_lesson_pl.htm

Instant Poetry forms – <http://ettcweb.lr.k12.nj.us/forms/newpoem.htm>

The Woodlands website - <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/>

Reading a-z.com online reading site for K-5 – <http://www.readinga-z.com/book/itunes-books.php>

Flash cards – <http://www.flashcardflash.com/>

Test Prep Resource Center for SAT, ACT, GRE, ESL, and Elementary test vocabulary- <http://www.testinfo.net/>

Killgallon's Sentence Composing – <http://userpages.umbc.edu/~killgall/index.php?page=main.php>

Flashcard website (Make your own or search and use others) – <http://www.flashcardexchange.com/index.php>

Internet links for high school English from Naples High School - <http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/nhs/lmc/english.htm>

Free Classic Audiobooks - <http://www.freeclassicaudiobooks.com/>

4Teachers Family of Tools – <http://www.4teachers.org/tools/>

Kerpoof Studio - <http://www.kerpoof.com/#/activity/card?edit=true>

E-Resource Center – Grammar tutorials – <http://web.jjay.cuny.edu/~esl-rc/HTML/grammar/index.html>

Research Paper.com - <http://www.researchpaper.com/>

Online practice questions for ESL and TAKS practice - <http://eslus.com/LESSONS/READING/READ.HTM>

Interactive TAKS Study Guides – http://perspective.pearsonaccess.com/perspective/appmanager/tx/family/?_nfpb=true&_windowLabel=p2_stguide&_pageLabel=p2_stguide_page&wsrp-urlType=blockingAction&wsrp-url=&wsrp-requiresRewrite=&wsrp-navigationalState=&wsrp-interactionState=_action%3D%2Fportlets%2FstudyGuides%2FrenderToc&wsrp-mode=&wsrp-windowState=&StudyGuideId=34#

Junior High English website- <http://members.accessus.net/~bradley/>

Project Write On! – http://www.svusd.org/p_subject.asp?sid=11740

Gretchen Bernabei Trail of Bread crumbs – <http://www.trailofbreadcrumbs.net/>

AP English website – <http://www.hartlandhighschool.us/teachers/czapski/Class%20Schedule.htm?userid=Givesmart&userip=68.61.122.205&useragent=Mozilla%2f4.0+%28compatible%3b+MSIE+7.0%3b+Windows+NT+5.1%3b+.NET+CLR+1.0.3705%3b+.NET+CLR>

TAKS and AP Test Practice Sites – <http://www.neisd.net/lee/taks/taks.htm>

American Literature On-Line – <http://powayusd.sco.k12.ca.us/online/Amlit-Old/Amlit/units.htm>

Mrs. Dowling’s Literature Corner – <http://www.dowlingcentral.com/MrsD/area/literature/lit.html>

I Write Like... writing analysis to determine which famous writer you most write like – <http://iwl.me/>

Discovery Education Resources for English – http://www.discoveryeducation.com/search/page/k-5/english-language-arts/-/-/index.cfm?campaign=flyout_teachers_k5_la

Rubistar rubric maker – <http://rubistar.4teachers.org/index.php>

Lexile score (reading level) of a book – <http://www.lexile.com/DesktopDefault.aspx?view=ed&tabindex=5&tabid=67>

Read, Write, Think – <http://readwritethink.org/>

Son of Citation Machine for citing sources – <http://citationmachine.net/>

Teacher Tube – <http://www.teachertube.com/>

Hot Potatoes (free lesson construction software for crosswords, gap-fills, matching, jumbled exercises – <http://hotpot.uvic.ca/>

Project Gutenberg – http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page

Bartleby free books - <http://www.bartleby.com/>

Merriam Webster’s Visual Dictionary online - <http://visual.merriam-webster.com/>

iTunesU - <http://www.apple.com/education/itunes-u>

English Language Arts website (great!) - <http://jeffco.k12.co.us/isu/langarts/elawebsites.html>

Kathy Shrock’s Guide for Educators (Literature and Language) - <http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/arts/artlit.html>

AP English Language and Composition - http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/2123.html

Honda SSA website

http://hondassa.net/index.php?option=com_weblinks&view=category&id=56&Itemid=185

Poster Street for making and downloading online posters

<http://www.poster-street.com/>

Claymation sites

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

Claymation Station

<http://library.thinkquest.org/22316/home.html>

Comic Creator

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/comic-creator-30021.html>

Make Belief Comix

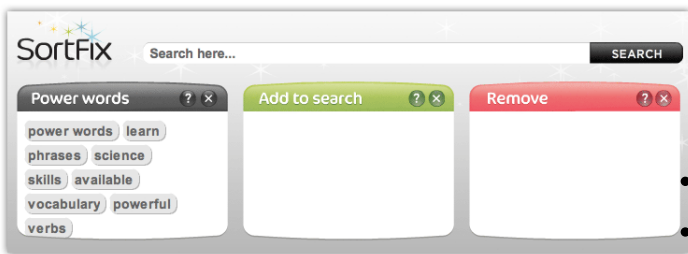
<http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/>

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From TCEA’s newsletter, this information could be very effective in teaching students to research more effectively.

As information overload increases geometrically, one of the most important things teachers can do for students is to show them how to effectively search for and evaluate critical information on the web.

To help even young students understand Boolean logic in the search process, try [SortFix](#). Available via the web or as a free iPad app (SortFix and SortFix Kids), SortFix shows students how to drag and drop search terms to ensure better results. Type in your search as you normally would. Then SortFix breaks down the



returned hits into additional power words that you can either use or remove. As you drag and drop, SortFix creates a Boolean logic stream in the search bar, showing what has been added and removed.

Some other great search tools to introduce to students so that they don't just Google their questions include the following:

- [Boolify](#) – Like SortFix, the search site helps you to construct a logical sequence of search terms. It includes a video introduction and lesson plans.
- [Google Custom Search Engine](#) – Create your own search engine on specific topics and limit it to just the websites you want students to use.
- [KidsClick](#) - a search engine designed by librarians for children.
- [KidRex](#) – kid safe searching.
- [Google Squared](#) – a search tool that helps you quickly build a collection of facts from the web; best used for comparing data.
- [Fact Monster](#) – a good place for younger students to find basic information using its almanac, dictionary, encyclopedia, and homework help.
- [Complete Planet](#) – allows searching of deep web content found in 70,000+ databases and specialty search engines. Search by keyword or browse the list of topical headings.
- [Yippy](#) – breaks the search results down into categories, displayed on the left-hand side of the screen. Good for narrowing down topics.

Here are some good lessons and activities to help students practice their searching skills:

- [Keyword Challenge](#) activity
- [CyberSmart Lesson Plans and Student Activity Sheets](#)
- [Surfing the Internet: Minimize Your Wipeouts](#) video
- [Common Craft Web Search Strategies in Plain English](#) video
- [Choose the Best Search for the Information Needed](#) chart
- [Internet Searching and Web Site Evaluation](#) PDF
- [Online Resources to Support Big 6 Information Skills](#)
- [Filamentality](#) guide