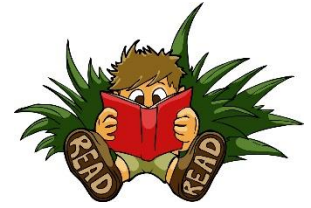




ELA Resources August 2020



We sincerely thank the teachers and administrators in Pennsylvania who continue, even in these unprecedented times, to focus on doing everything possible to ensure the health, safety, well-being, and education of their students.

The following resources are specifically intended for teachers and administrators to provide ideas and inspiration as they plan and implement remote learning for the upcoming school year.

The resources listed below are provided as options and examples. Pennsylvania does not require, recommend, or endorse any specific program or product. All curricular and instructional decisions are made at the local level.

If you have any questions about these or other resources, contact Rebekah Baum-Leaman, rbaumleama@pa.gov.

General Links

[PDE ELA](#)

[SAS ELA](#)

[PA State Library](#)

[Power Library](#)



General Information



Focus on Effective Instruction & Assessment (PDE)

PDE has posted information and resources to assist LEAs in planning for the return to school this fall and ensure that every student has access to the resources and supports necessary to successfully engage with and master grade-level content. Follow this link for more information: [Focus on Effective Instruction & Assessment](#).



Instructional Coaching Group

The Instructional Coaching Group has provided a [collection of coaching resources](#) including the Radical Learners blog, Jim Knight's books and complimentary enrichment tools, videos, presentations, coaching toolkits, and coaching research articles. The resources are designed to assist coaches, teachers, and leaders.



UF Literacy Institute

UF Literacy Institute is providing a six-part webinar series for teachers, tutors, and parents focused on [Teaching Reading Online](#). Listen live or watch the recordings.

Websites -- Resources

Achieve 3000

Achieve 3000 has provided **free** printable literacy packets for kids who do not have internet access. These engaging and purposeful collections include strategic math, language arts, science, reading, and literacy learning opportunities.

<https://remotesupport.achieve3000.com/>

Achieve the Core

[Achieve the Core](#) provides a searchable list of lesson and unit plans for grades K-12 in ELA and math. Novel units can be printed and sent home in a pack. Many units can be completed in a digital environment. All resources are open source and **free**.

Authors Everywhere!

A [YouTube channel](#) created and run by children's books writers and illustrators. Users will find workshops, readings, activities, art projects, writing games, and writing advice that will offer fun and creative distractions during potential school closures and quarantines.

CommonLit

The [CommonLit](#) Literacy Model is built on a foundation of over 2,000 high-quality free reading passages for grades 3-12, complemented by aligned interim assessments, growth-oriented data, and expert-led teacher development. Currently offering 4 weeks of lesson plans. This does require a registration but is **free**.



Global Problem Solvers

The Series is a **free** animated supplemental curriculum for grades 4-8 that teaches the STEM, problem-solving, entrepreneurial, and teamwork skills needed for students to thrive in today's digital world - and tomorrow's workforce. <https://www.gpsthseries.com/en-us/teachers/>

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Explore **free** K-12 activities and lessons by grade, across subjects, and adaptable for at-home learning. <https://www.hmhco.com/blog/free-learning-resources>

Khan Academy

[Khan Academy](#) is a non-profit organization that has a library of video lessons, learning activities and challenges, and resources for multiple subjects K-12. Khan Academy is offering **free** resources for students, teachers, and parents.

Newsela

[Newsela](#) is providing **free** access to Newsela ELA, Newsela Social Studies, Newsela Science, and Social and Emotional Learning collections **AT NO COST** through the end of the year. To support ongoing communication, we have created the following document. [PA: Newsela access during closures document](#).

New York Times Learning Network

[The New Your Times Learning Network](#) provides **free** activities for students include writing, current articles and trends, crosswords, multimedia, and contests. Teachers resources are organized based on content areas.

PBS Learning Media: Resources

As teachers, students, and families deal with changes for the fall semester, [PBS Learning Media](#) producers and educators have curated a **free** special collection of resources organized by grade and subject area. Find videos, lesson plans, and activities that support learning at home.

Readworks

[Readworks](#) offers **free** content and curriculum for grades K-12. It includes remote learning resources for educators, families, and students. Content includes reading passages, question sets, paired texts, vocabulary, ebooks, audio narrations, and lessons and units. Readworks platform and materials are completely free.

ReadWriteThink.org

[ReadWriteThink.org](#), from the National Council of Teachers of English, is a **free** searchable collection of “traditional” instructional resources, access to student interactive items and mobile apps for accessing learning activities. Grades K-12.

Smithsonian Tween Tribune

[Smithsonian Tween Tribune](#) (grades K-12) offers the option to create a **free** account and set up a class. Students can sign into your class. The teacher may assign articles which are accompanied by quizzes and monitor responses to articles through the dashboard.

Scholastic Learn at Home

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#) provides **free** day by day projects to keep kids reading, thinking and growing (grades PreK – 9). Learn at Home provides 20 days' worth of active learning journeys designed to reinforce and sustain educational opportunities. New learning experiences are built around a story or video daily. Activities are divided into four grade spans: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-9.

Smekens Education


Smekens Education is offering **free**, ready-to-use mini-lesson videos. This growing collection of K-12 reading and writing lessons allows teachers to share videos directly with students. Click on this link: [Literacy Lessons](#).



TED Talks for Kids / TED-Ed Lessons

Students can access dozens of [TED Talks](#) to learn about a variety of topics. [TED-Ed](#) includes lessons, graphic organizers, and reflective questions. Listening and reflecting on TED Talks can be great ways for students to practice writing and speaking (via recordings) in response to sources, using evidence from the text. Remember that videos, images, and recordings like TED Talks *are* texts. The TED Talks can also be used as a launch for students creating their own TED Talk.

Text Dependent Analysis Series (Dr. Jeri Thompson & PDE)

- [Anatomy of a TDA](#)
- [Selecting Complex Texts for Text Dependent Analysis](#)
- [Understanding TDA](#)
- [Recognizing the Difference Between Inference and Analysis](#)
- [TDA Purposeful Annotations](#)
- [TDA Close Reading Questions](#)
- [TDA Reading Elements & Structures](#)
- [TDA Student Work Analysis](#)
- [TDA Collaborative Discussions](#) 

The Fordham Institute

[The Fordham Institute](#) has listed materials for podcasts, videos, and **free access** to materials that many publishers are offering for a short time. Consider audio and video options as you are planning lessons to provide a wide variety of access to texts in all media.



UFLI Virtual Teaching Resource Hub

UFLI has developed a [Virtual Teaching Resource Hub](#) to assist teachers as they explore new ways to teach foundational reading skills using technology. This site has tools for reading instruction and intervention with children in the elementary grades.



Updated: FREE Resources

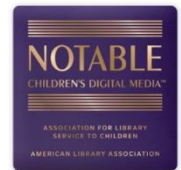
Amid the COVID-19 outbreak, solution providers are offering schools and districts resources, services and teaching materials at no charge.

BOOKS / APPS / GAMES / VIDEOS



ALSC

The Notable Children's Digital Media list includes real-time, dynamic, and interactive media content for children 14 years of age and younger that enables and encourages active engagement and social interaction while informing, educating, and entertaining in exemplary ways.



Audible Stories

Audible Stories is a **free** website where kids of all ages can listen to hundreds of Audible audio titles across six different languages—English, Spanish, French, German, Italian and Japanese.

Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)

To read **free** e-books, download the SimplyE app for iOS or Android and add Digital Public Library of America as your library to access the DPLA Collection. It provides access to more than 5,000 free ebook titles. DPLA also provides access to Primary Source Sets that explore topics in history, literature, and culture developed by educators, complete with teaching guides.

Epic!

A digital library for ages 12 and under, Epic is like a Netflix for books. Resources include text-to-speech, quizzes, learning videos, and more. Books can be saved to the app to be accessed without internet. Parents and educators can track student progress. Epic is offering this **free** for educators and a free month for families.

National Geographic

National Geographic has been igniting the explorer in all of us for 132 years through groundbreaking storytelling from the best and brightest scientists, explorers, photographers, and filmmakers in the world. **Free** educational games and videos.

Storyline Online

[Storyline Online](#) is an award-winning website that features videos of actors reading from children's books, including Viola Davis, Chris Pine, Annette Bening, James Earl Jones, Betty White, and more. Each curriculum was designed to focus on strengthening reading comprehension, and verbal and writing skills.



Supporting the Home Environment

REL – Reading at Home

The Regional Educational Laboratory provides **free** resources for [Supporting your Child's Reading at Home](#). The Family Activities at home can help children develop language, link sounds to letters, blend letters and word parts to read and write words, and read for understanding. Supports are provided for Kindergarten through third grade.

Starfall

[Starfall](#) is the perfect website for kids who are learning the basics or in the early stages of independent reading. Most of the resources are **free**, although there is a paid section that gives you access to additional resources. There are printable books, online games, and writing journals.

ABCYa

This website offers academic games for kids from PreK-5. [ABCYa](#) was created by teachers. It offers a free subscription and never collects personal data.

FUNBRAIN

[Funbrain](#), created for kids in grades Pre-K through 8, offers hundreds of free interactive games, books, videos, and printable resources that help kids develop skills in reading, math, and problem-solving.

