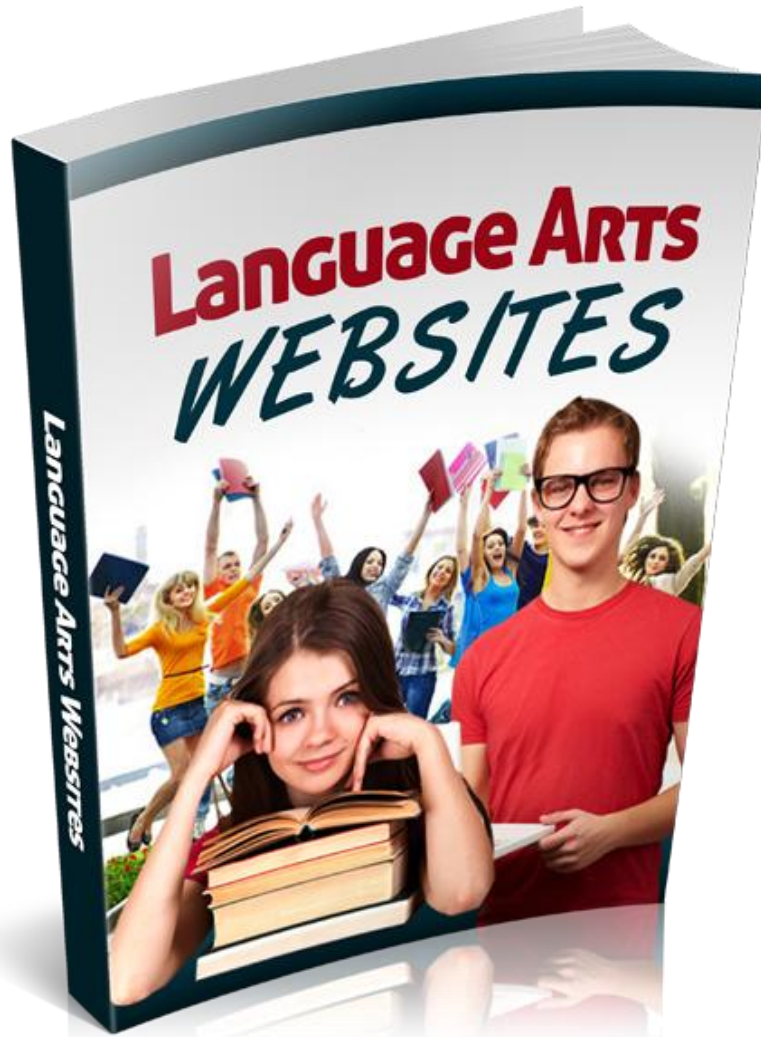


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Hello Busy Educator,

Thank you very much for taking the time to download my Language Arts Websites eBook.

If you have any websites that you like that aren't on this list, please feel free to share them.

If you liked this resource, please let other teachers know about the www.TheBusyEducator.com website and The Busy Educator Newsletter.

My goal is to help you make a difference in your classes and inspire your students to do their best.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at: marjan@glavac.com

All the best in your teaching success,

Marjan Glavac

'Talk to each other, support each other, take care of each other.'
Stu Cunningham

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ABCYA (GR. K-5)

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

This teacher created website has educational games for: Letters, Numbers, More (shapes, social studies, art) and Holidays. Use them in your groups and centers.

BITSTRIPS (GR. 4-12)

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

My grade 5 students really enjoy this site. It's not hard to know why. Here's a fast and easy way to get your reluctant readers and writers to draw comics and write story lines to go with them. A wonderful end of the year activity.

BOOK ADVENTURE (GR. K-8)

<http://www.bookadventure.com>

Created by the Sylvan Learning Foundation and sponsored by well known educational associations and corporations, Book Adventure is a free, reading incentive program dedicated to encouraging kids in grades K-8 to read.

BOOKHOOKS (GR. K-12)

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

Bookhooks is an online book report publishing centre where young readers can publish illustrated book reports online. There are over 27276 reviews posted from active readers around the world!

The site has many other features, including games, resources, style guide and word template, news and reviews.

BOOK REPORT SANDWICH STATION (TEACHERS, STUDENTS GR. 3-5)

<http://www.scholastic.com/kids/homework/sandwich.asp>

This resource from Scholastic.com is a great way to support student writing with prompts for plot, setting, character, and personal response. Students can add a graphic before printing the final draft.

CALLIOPE, MUSE OF ELOQUENCE (GR. 3-12)

fayette.k12.in.us/~cbeard/calliope

At "Calliope, Muse of Eloquence," students explore English words derived from Latin and Greek mythology. In this series of standards-based lessons, students read summaries of ancient myths to understand the origin and meaning of new words. The self-correcting lessons are designed for grades 3-12. Question sheets available via Adobe Acrobat Reader help students stay focused and provide a means of assessment.

CHANNEL ONE NEWS (GR. 4-12)

<http://channelonenews.com>

A detailed media literacy curriculum with lesson plans, worksheets and support materials you need to teach the news.

Children's Literature (GR. PRE K-12)

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

Links to hundreds of author's websites, teaching materials, themed reviews, Literature Annual Top Choice List, book reviews and more.

CHILDREN’S BOOKS ONLINE: THE ROSETTA PROJECT (GR. PRE K-12)

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

There are currently over 400 fully illustrated books (that’s about 20,000 pages of book content) and well as over 600 translations of same into 35 different languages. Favorite books are being dramatically adapted with sound files, too. All are still free for online reading and listening.

COMIC CREATOR (GR. 3-8)

<http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/comic/index.html>

Students can easily choose their own template of 1 panel up to 6 panels, backgrounds, characters, dialogue balloons, and props. Once finished, the comic strip can be printed out.

CRAFTING THE ESSAY (GR. 8-12)

<http://ctyjh.u.org/cdw3/>

Here’s a set of 14 well written and engaging on line tutorials for writing instruction suitable for grades 8 and secondary students from Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. Make sure to read the “Before you Begin” page for an explanation of the tools. Flash 5 or higher is required.

CRAYON (GR. 4-12)

<http://crayon.net>

CRAYON (Create Your Own Newspaper) is a personalized Internet news service. Here’s a way to encourage even the most reluctant reader to read. Easy step by step instructions show students (and adults) how to create their own newspaper with links to news sources from the Internet. E-mail address is required. Younger children may need guidance due to links to tabloids.

ECHALK OPTICAL ILLUSIONS (GR. 4-12)

<http://www.echalk.co.uk/amusements/OpticalIllusions/illusions.htm>.

Try out this list of optical illusions. They are all designed to amuse, amaze and baffle you.

Great site for getting kids to write, discuss and amaze.

Education by Design (GR. K-12)

<http://www.edbydesign.com>

A fun site for kids. Play scrambler puzzles, (recommended) practice mathematical skills, publish stories, jokes, riddles, and poems online. Great reading, writing, spelling and special education tips for teachers and parents.

Enchanted Learning Nursery Rhymes (GR. K-4)

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Rhymes.htm>

Dozens of rebus nursery rhymes in alphabetical order. Click on the picture for a coloring page and the rhyme. Then print them out for your class. Or have the class color them online. Also instructions for making a nursery rhyme coloring book, a scavenger hunt and information on teaching rhymes in your class.

FREE CLASSIC AUDIO BOOKS (GR. 6-UNIVERSITY)

<http://freeclassicaudiobooks.com/>

Here's just a small sampling of some of the classic audio books you can download and listen from this site:

- Shakespeare's Sonnets by William Shakespeare
- Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
- Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
- Treasure Island by R. L. Stevenson
- Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- White Fang by Jack London
- The Four Million by O. Henry
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

FREERICE (GR. 6-UNIVERSITY)

<http://freerice.com>

FreeRice has two goals: Provide English vocabulary to everyone for free. Help end world hunger by providing rice to hungry people for free. Students practice their skills and with every correct answer, 10 grains of rice are donated through the World Food Program to help fight world hunger.

GRAMMAR GRATER (GR. 8-UNIVERSITY)

http://minnesota.publicradio.org/radio/podcasts/grammar_grater/

Grammar Grater™ is a weekly podcast about English words, grammar and usage for the Information Age. explores punctuation, easily confused words, and more. Read it, listen online, or save it to your iPod.

GREAT TEACHER PROJECTS (GR. 3-8)

http://www.thebusyeducator.com/archive_booktalk.htm

Laura Mayne, has been an elementary-school teacher for the past 27 years. Her book "Great Teacher Projects" provides more than 75 tried-and-true, classroom-tested, teacher-approved projects designed for use in K-8 classes. Laura's publisher has allowed me to reprint a sample of her projects. This month I've included a Book Talk on Video project suitable for grades K-8.

HANDWRITING FOR KIDS (GR. 4-6)

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

Lessons and practice sheets are available here to teach handwriting skills. Click on the cursive link to view animated lessons in uppercase and lowercase cursive. Students can follow along with their fingers or their mouse. Site also includes math and Spanish worksheets and other resources.

HEADLINE SPOT.COM (GR. 4-UNIVERSITY)

<http://www.headlinespot.com>

HeadlineSpot.com is an educational guide to the best U.S. and international news resources on the Web. From one spot, this free news resource provides easy access to the latest headlines and the best newspaper sections, magazines, television shows, radio programs and online news sources by topic or region. From the politics section to the weather forecast, HeadlineSpot.com makes it easy to integrate news about geography, history, civics, economics, cultures, science, language arts and more into the classroom.

INTO THE BOOK (GR. K-4)

<http://reading.ecb.org/>

Explore eight reading strategies for K-4 students and teachers in this interactive and in-depth reading comprehension site. Students can watch online videos, play learning games and interactives, and share their creations with friends and family. Teachers can delve into rich information and teaching resources, lesson plans, video and audio clips, downloads, and more.

JOSIE'S POEMS (GR. 3-12)

<http://www.josiespoems.webeden.co.uk/>

Josie Whitehead is children's poet, writing for every age group. She is also a retired teacher who is particularly interested in helping children in schools learn and write and appreciate poetry.

KIDBIBS (TEACHERS, PARENTS)

<http://www.kidbibs.com>

A resource site for reading. Great tips for parents and teachers on how to encourage reading.

KIDS VID (GR. 4-8)

<http://kidsvid.4teachers.org/>

Kids Vid is an instructional website to help teachers and students use video in the classroom. Great ideas and resources are available here for both teachers and students.

LIBRIVOX (GR. 4-UNIVERSITY)

<http://librivox.org/>

The LibriVox site offers public domain books in audio format: MP3 and OGG files are available for download. Works include books, short works, poetry and works in other languages. All work is down by volunteers.

LITERACY VOLUNTEER CONNECTION (TEACHERS, PARENTS)

www.literacyvolunteer.com

Literacy Connections provides a wealth of information on reading, teaching and tutoring techniques, ESL literacy, and adult literacy. There are free resources available for teachers, volunteers, and directors of literacy programs. Topics include the language experience approach, phonics, word study, and the best in children's literature.

MARIE'S FREE SPELLING COURSE (GR. 6-8)

<http://www.splashesfromtheriver.com/spelling/courseoutline.htm>

Developed by Marie Rackham, a retired public school English teacher with over 34 years of experience, this free, 30 unit spelling curriculum for teachers includes: Weekly Work Plan, Pre-tests, Exercises, Dictation Sentences, Final Tests and Answer Key. Also includes a bonus unit on the RULES OF SPELLING! Perfect for Grades 6 to 8.

MATH AND READING HELP FOR KIDS (PARENTS, TEACHERS)

<http://math-and-reading-help-for-kids.org/index.html>

Math and Reading Help for Kids is a directory of hundreds of original articles, tips, and resources centered on the topic of children's learning. This site has teamed up with the American Library Association to help parents make informed decisions about their child's education. There are also a comprehensive resources for teachers and students

MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAP) READING (GR. 4-8)

<http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/ro/pages/studentlinks/map/reading.htm>

A set of resources to help students with the Minnesota MAP test. Can be used with any student to review and learn more about Word Recognition, Analysis, Vocabulary, Comprehension: Informational and Narrative and Literature.

MISUNDERSTOOD MINDS WEBSITE (TEACHERS, PARENTS)

<http://www.pbs.org/misunderstoodminds>

For one in five students, learning is an exhausting and frustrating struggle. The "Misunderstood Minds" website includes strategies for addressing various learning difficulties, tools for educators and parents, background on current issues surrounding the topic, resources to learn more, and information on the five children profiled in the documentary and their families. An interactive feature called "Firsthand" provides a glimpse of what it may be like to have learning problems, such as difficulties decoding the components of words, problems with memory, or with the recall of basic math facts.

MRNUSSBAUM.COM (GR. K-8)

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

MrNussbaum.com is an interactive website designed specifically for students in grades K – 8. On MrNussbaum.com you will find dozens of interactive games, activities, worksheets, and teacher tools that pinpoint essential skills. MrNussbaum.com was created and developed by a teacher!

MYSTERYNET'S KIDS MYSTERIES (GR. 4-10)

<http://kids.mysterynet.com>

There are mysteries here to solve, scary stories to read, magic tricks to think about, and contests to enter. A new mystery every week.

MYSTERYNET.COM (GR. 4-10)

<http://www.mysterynet.com/learn>

Hook students on the craft of mystery reading and writing with lesson plans and ideas from this site. Includes useful sites, examples and discussions.

NOODLEBIB 3.0 (GR. 9-UNIVERSITY)

<http://www.noodletools.com/noodlebib/index.php>

NoodleBib is a Web application that allows you to create and edit MLA and APA-style source lists (i.e. MLA Works Cited Lists, APA Reference Lists, etc.) online.

OUTTA RAY'S HEAD (GR. 9-12)

<http://www.rayser.ca/>

Ray Saitz, a teacher in Ontario, Canada, set out to produce an English and Library lesson plan website which would feature classroom tested lessons complete with the original student handouts. Most of the lessons revolved around the fact that he often had huge classes, or the students needed a break from boring English classes. The lessons are arranged in the areas of literature, writing, poetry and library.

QUIZLET (GR. 3-12)

<http://quizlet.com/>

Students can make their own flash cards or find other user created flash cards to study a topic of their own choosing.

READKIDDOREAD.COM (PRE K-8)

<http://www.readkiddoread.com/home>

Imagine that you're a best selling author with more than 16 million books sold in North America alone and you realize that your child doesn't exactly love books. Even though you've always read to him as a baby, and he was beginning to read for school picking up a book was a struggle. This was the inspiration for author James Patterson to create a website to help adults find books for kids.

SCHOOLTIME GAMES (GR. 3-12)

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

This site offers fun learning activities for students, ages 8 and up. A great selection of engaging games, puzzles, and activities that are connected to major subject areas in today's school curriculum. Try the Writer's Block and the European Geography game—your students will be hooked on these great educational games.

SPEAKING OF SPEECH.COM (PRE K-8)

www.speakingofspeech.com

Here's a great place for all school-based speech-language pathologists and teachers (regular and special education) to exchange tips, techniques, and materials that improve communication skills in students.

SPELLINGCITY.COM (K-12)

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

The Language Arts section includes video lessons, enrichment strategies for teachers and homeschooling parents, themed word lists, custom games and printable worksheets on a variety of popular Language Arts topics, including Analogies, Compound Words, and Figurative Language. There are also Useful Word Lists for subject-area vocabulary lists – Math Vocabulary, Science Vocabulary, and Social Studies Vocabulary.

STARFALL.COM (PRE K-2)

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

Starfall.com opened in September of 2002 as a free public service to teach children to read with phonics. Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children. Great for beginning readers.

STORYBIRD (K-12)

<http://storybird.com/>

The gorgeous illustrations inspire students to write. The more they write, the more they read. Students can share and comment on each other's work, bolstering confidence and skill, within a private and safe environment. Stories can be embedded on blogs, shared via email, downloaded, printed, gifted—even turned into a class fundraiser.

STORYLINEONLINE (TEACHERS, GR. 1-4)

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

StoryLineOnline is an online streaming video program featuring actors and actresses reading children's books online.

STORY PLACE: THE CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIBRARY (GR. 3-6)

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

Available in both English and Spanish, this site offers reading activities for preschool and elementary readers and their families. Created by the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, USA.

STUDY GUIDES AND STRATEGIES (GR. 6-UNIVERSITY)

<http://www.studygs.net>

Study Guides and Strategies is a website devoted to improving students' success in learning.

Contains over 267 Guides on practical suggestions, for time and stress management; basic skills in reading, writing, and classroom participation, test preparation and test taking and much much more. Translated (in whole or part) into 39 languages.

SUPER TEACHER WORKSHEETS (TEACHERS, GR. 3-8)

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

Free math worksheets, grammar worksheets, creative writing prompts, math word problems, cursive and printing worksheets, spelling worksheets, teaching tips, report comments and more.

TEACHERVISION (GR.K-12)

<http://teachervision.com/index.html>

TeacherVision is an online resource for K-12 educators. There are timely features for holidays and annual milestones, such as Back to School, Olympic Games and Black History Month. Resources include printables, lesson plans professional development resources and more.

TEACHERTOOLS (TEACHERS)

<http://www.teachertools.org/index.html>

Among the many offerings at Teachertools, I really recommend the Forms and Letters sections. There are dozens of forms and letters here that any teacher can use to save time. Grouped into four sections, discipline, academic, communication and other, these tools will certainly get you organized for the next school year!

THAT QUIZ (GR. 1-12)

<http://www.thatquiz.com>

Here's a quiz practice web site for grades 1-12. It's easy to use and covers the following: Math Integers, Fractions, Concepts and Geometry; Vocabulary English, French, Spanish, German; Geography Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia; Science Cells, Anatomy, Elements and Conversion.

THE FAVORITE POEM PROJECT (K-UNIVERSITY)

<http://www.favoritepoem.org/index.html>

The Favorite Poem Project is dedicated to celebrating, documenting and encouraging poetry's role in Americans' lives. During the one-year open call for submissions, 18,000 Americans wrote to the project volunteering to share their favorite poems — Americans from ages 5 to 97, from every state, of diverse occupations, kinds of education and backgrounds. From those thousands of letters and emails, several enduring collections were formed. There is also a special section just for teachers.

THE FIN, FUR AND FEATHER BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (GR. 3-8)

www.fffbi.com

The Fin, Fur and Feather Bureau of Investigation (FFBI) is designed to help upper elementary and middle school kids - especially those with attention issues - manage the problems they face with schoolwork, homework, and even managing their binders.

To create the Academy, WGBH collaborated with clinicians at the Alvin V. Baird Attention and Learning Disabilities Center (ALDC) at James Madison University to create and test FFFBI Academy content to focus on improving the organizational and learning behaviors of kids ages 8 to 13 with ADHD.

Each game is designed to teach useful skills and strategies, while continually encouraging players to complete increasingly difficult tasks. To increase interest, the FFFBI Academy uses its humorous spy theme and frequent reinforcements for successful game play.

THE FREE DICTIONARY.COM (GR. 4-UNIVERSITY)

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

In addition to features like “This Day in History,” “Word of the Day,” and “Today’s Birthday,” there is also an archive of history events and about 2,000,000 articles and definitions from leading dictionaries and encyclopedias.

TODAY IN LITERATURE (GR. 9-UNIVERSITY)

www.todayinliterature.com

This is a site that really makes literature come alive. Every time I visit this site I learn things about literature that I never learned in high school and university literature classes.

VISUWORDS™ (GR. 5-UNIVERSITY, TEACHERS)

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

Visuwords™ is an online graphical dictionary. Students can look up words to find their meanings and associations with other words and concepts, find out synonyms, antonyms. Learn how words associate. Great for budding writers, journalists, students, teachers, and artists. No membership required. FREE.

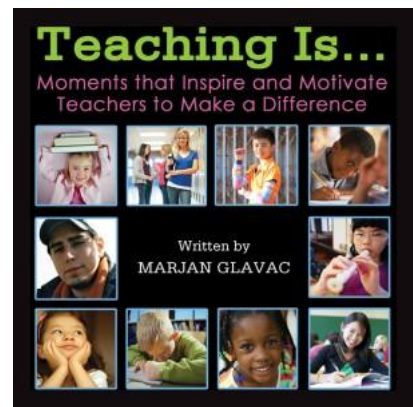
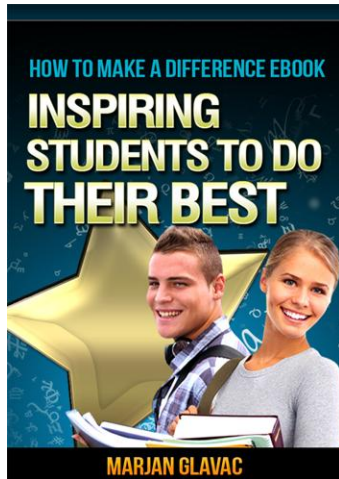
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<http://www.vocabahead.com/>

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