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The following resources are designed to help introduce teachers and students to the wealth of resources available from PBS designed to enhance students reading skills and love of literature.

Language Arts

AdLit.org

<www.adlit.org>

Resource Type: Multimedia
Grade Range: 4-12

This website offers resources to the parents and educators of struggling adolescent readers and writers. The site includes research-based articles, multimedia instructional materials for classroom teachers, an *Ask the Experts* feature, a blog by a librarian and children's book reviewer, tips for parents, book recommendations, exclusive interviews with top authors, and a free monthly e-newsletter.

Between the Lions

<<http://pbskids.org/lions>>

Resource Type: TV Program
and Web Content
Grade Range: PreK-2

Between the Lions is designed to foster the literacy skills of its viewers, while playfully demonstrating the joys of reading. Skills addressed include phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, text comprehension, and book and print awareness. Interactive games and print resources available online support the learning goals of the on-air show.

Martha Speaks

<<http://pbskids.org/martha>>

Resource Type: TV Program
and Web Content
Grade Range: K-2

The *Martha Speaks* series and supporting materials are designed to teach oral vocabulary skills to early elementary students. Supporting online materials include engaging interactive games that help student practice listening skills and oral vocabulary, and video and activities to extend the learning goals of the television episodes.

The Electric Company

<<http://pbskids.org/electriccompany>>

Resource Type: TV Program
and Web Content
Grade Range: 1-4

This on-air program and website provide storylines, interactive games, and learning resources designed to strengthen decoding, vocabulary, and comprehension skills while motivating students to read connected text and express themselves using text.

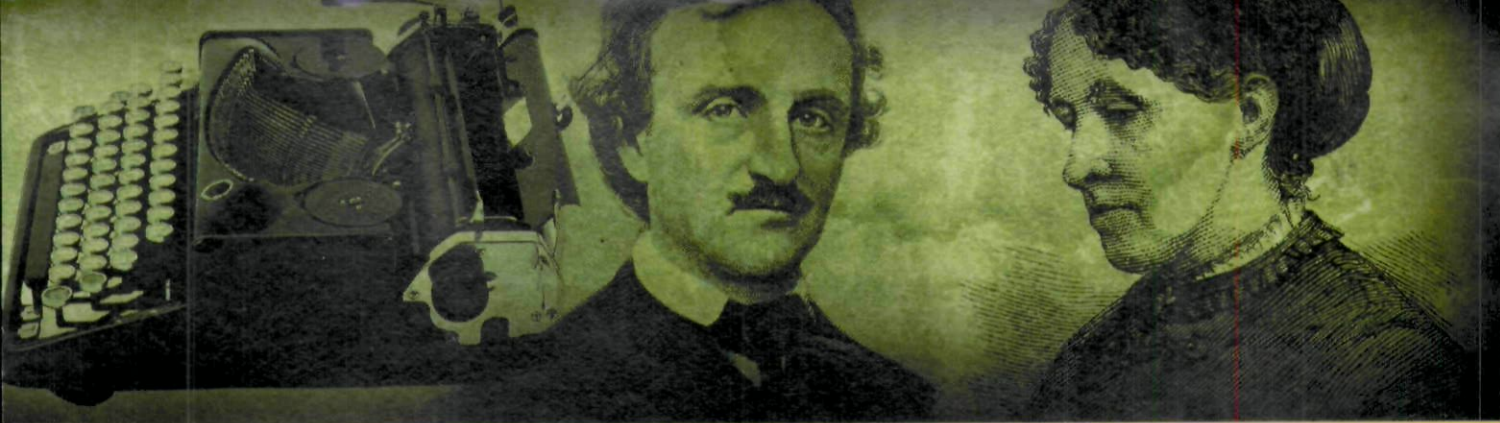
SUPER WHY!

<<http://pbskids.org/superwhy>>

Resource Type: TV Program
and Web Content
Grade Range: PreK-1

The *Super Why* television series and companion website are designed to help kids ages 3 to 6 with the critical skills that they need to learn to read, including emerging literacy concepts, phonemic awareness, the alphabet code, fluency, text comprehension, spelling, written expression / handwriting, and to motivate children to read. Immersive





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games and instructional materials available on the website support learning from the on-air show.

WordGirl

<http://pbskids.org/wordgirl>

Resource Type: TV Program and Web Content
Grade Range: 1-4

The *WordGirl* television series and companion website illustrate the power of words and build vocabulary through fun and engaging stories set in language-filled world. Supporting online materials include interactive games for students and lesson plans for educators.

WordWorld

<http://pbskids.org/wordworld>

Resource Type: TV Program and Web Content
Grade: PreK-K

The *WordWorld* television series and website aim to fascinate children with words and to inspire a love of words and reading by immersing viewers in a word-rich place, where images of objects spell out their names.

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Activity Packs:

Great American Authors and Shakespeare & the Renaissance

www.pbs.org/teachers/activitypacks/reading/index.html

Resource Type: Classroom Activities and Websites
Grade Range: 3-12

PBS Teachers® Activity Packs are theme-based widgets—each containing links to high-quality PBS resources and activities for multiple grade levels. Teachers can grab these rich collections and embed them on their own websites. The *Great American Authors* Activity Pack invites students to delve into works by Maurice Sendak, Ralph Ellison, Katherine Porter, and F. Scott Fitzgerald. The *Shakespeare & the Renaissance* Activity Pack explores the Elizabethan era as it relates to William Shakespeare's plays and sonnets.

American Masters

www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters

Resource Type: TV Program and Web Content
Grade Range: 6-12

This program and its companion website provide in-depth biographical information and standards-based lesson plans designed to help students learn about important American writers, including Truman Capote and Arthur Miller.

The American Novel

www.pbs.org/wnet/americannovel

Resource Type: Lesson Plans and Interactives
Grade Range: 9-12

This film explores the theme of the American Dream in seven great American novels, including *The Grapes of Wrath*, *The House of Mirth*, and *The Great Gatsby*. The companion website offers standards-based lesson plans and interactive activities, including a literary timeline, an exploration of six additional themes, and quizzes focusing on elements of the novel.

In Search of Shakespeare

www.pbs.org/Shakespeare

Resource Type: Lesson Plans and Interactives

Grade Range: 3-12

This four-part series explores the life and times of William Shakespeare. The website offers interdisciplinary lesson plans, teaching tips, articles, a multimedia digital library, and an interactive playwright game.

Masterpiece

www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece

Resource Type: TV Program and Web Content

Grade Range: 7-12

This series provides high-quality film adaptations of many classic novels and plays. The website contains extensive teachers' guides for a wide variety of programs, interactive timelines of author's lives, and a guide to using film in the classroom.

Mark Twain

www.pbs.org/marktwain

Resource Type: Lesson Plans and Interactives

Grade Range: 6-12

This film biography, directed by Ken Burns, tells the story of Mark Twain's remarkable nineteenth-century life. The website includes an interactive scrapbook, standards-based classroom activities, selected writings, and a chronology of Twain's life.

Maryland Public Television: Knowing Poe

<http://knowingpoe.thinkport.org>

Resource Type: Lesson Plans and Interactives

Grade Range: 6-12

This Webby-Award-winning website introduces students to the literature, life, and times of one of America's foremost writers. Through the interactive activities on the site, they explore Poe's worlds—both fictional and real—from a number of perspectives, examine the complex choices writers such as Poe make as they create their works, investigate the "hard facts" about life and death in Baltimore and the United States during Poe's lifetime, and learn about the continuing impact of Poe's legacy. The site also offers standards-based lesson plans, primary source documents, and links for further research.

Michael Palin's Hemingway Adventure

www.pbs.org/hemingwayadventure

Resource Type: Lesson Plans and Interactives

Grade Range: 6-8

In this program, Michael Palin takes viewers on a journey to recapture the world of Ernest Hemingway. The website contains standards-based lesson plans as well as extensive information on the author's life and works, a Hemingway glossary and an interactive about the Lost Generation.

Poetry Everywhere

www.pbs.org/wgbh/poetryeverywhere

www.teachersdomain.org

Resource Type: Lesson Plans and Videos

Grade Range: 7-12

This website takes a fresh look at poets and poetry using a variety of approaches, including video and animation. Related lesson plans available on the Teachers' Domain website help students gain an in-depth understanding of works by Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman, and others.

Thirteen: American Masters: Prairie to Paris

www.thirteen.org/edonline/americanmasters

Resource Type: Interactives

Grade Range: 7-12

This site uses materials from the PBS *American Masters* series to create interactive resources for students reading Willa Cather's *My Antonia* or Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*. Through interactive activities, students can immerse themselves in the prairie town of Black Hawk, Nebraska, where American pioneers strive to cultivate a life in the Great Plains. Or students can meet up with Hemingway and his writerly pals after World War I as they sip aperitifs, bemoan lost innocence, and gather materials for the Great American Novel.

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