

## **Gretchen Courtney Recommended Sites:**

### **Readworks**

[www.readworks.org](http://www.readworks.org)

This site has a variety of fiction and informational texts. The age range and lexile range is very wide. You can download and print texts and comprehension questions. You can search for texts by skill, topic, genre, grade level, or lexile.

### **WHYZZ**

[www.whyzz.com](http://www.whyzz.com)

This site provides short texts that answer questions about a wide variety of things. You can even type in your own questions.

### **Wonderopolis**

[www.wonderopolis.com](http://www.wonderopolis.com)

This site provides short texts that answer questions about a wide variety of things. You can do searches for “wonders” if there is a particular topic you want to find a text about.

### **Common Lit**

[www.commonlit.com](http://www.commonlit.com)

This site has many texts, fiction and informational. These texts are appropriate for 5th-12th grade. You can do searches by genre, common core standard, lexile, theme, and literary device. These texts are essays and pieces of literature written by well known, often classic, writers.

### **Newsomatic**

[www.newsomatic.org](http://www.newsomatic.org)

This site has several news articles each day. You can click on an article, read it, listen to it, watch a short video related to it, and view a slideshow related to it. You can access past articles as well.

### **DOGOnews**

[www.dogonews.com](http://www.dogonews.com)

This site provides news articles in a variety of areas (science, culture, etc.) You can search by grade level and category. The articles include a range of nonfiction text features, such as embedded primary sources, charts, highlighted terms, pictures and captions, etc. Each article has comprehension questions and vocabulary games. This site also features book and movie reviews.

## **Storyline Online**

[www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)

This site features numerous well-known children's picture books read aloud by Screen Actor's Guild actors. Each story is closed captioned. During the reading of the book, the camera will show the actors reading and animated shots of the pictures from the original book.

## **News ELA**

[www.newsela.com](http://www.newsela.com)

This site has news articles in a variety of areas. A really nice feature of this site is that each article is available in 5 lexile levels, so you could have all kids reading the same article, but at a level that is appropriate for them.

## **Pitara**

[www.pitara.com](http://www.pitara.com)

This site features a variety of informational and fictional texts. These texts include information and stories that are multicultural in nature.

## **Watch Know Learn**

[www.watchknowlearn.org](http://www.watchknowlearn.org)

This site allows you to search for videos related to any topic you may be studying.

## **The Literature Network**

[www.online-literature.com](http://www.online-literature.com)

This site allows you to read full essays, short stories, and books by well known classic authors. While this site will probably be most useful to the upper grades in the building, it does feature works by classic children's authors as well (Beatrix Potter for example). The pieces provide only the text, there are no illustrations. Usually there is a picture of the author. You can also read biographies of the authors featured on this site.

## **Epic!**

[www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com)

This site allows you access to a large array of electronic books. These are "real" books that you could actually buy in a store, not just books created for an online reading site. There are book collections that have been created by other teachers on the site, as well as video clips that relate to some of the books on the site. Books can be read or listened to. The books display as a spread of facing pages, just as if you had opened the book in front of you.