

A TOOLBOX of CURATED resources for you to DO and TRY with your students TODAY:

Found at [CommonSense](#) ---> Literacy-Based Curricula / Multimodal Tools

1. ReadWorks - FREE, All Content Areas; [watch the intro video](#); read the [One-pager](#)

Here's what teachers have to say:



"96% of my students showed growth in literacy on our end-of-the-year standardized assessment, and I know that ReadWorks was a factor."



"The ease, diversity of levels, and range of topics you provide allow me to be a better teacher."



"My students are asking if they can read more. Your program makes differentiating reading much more possible than ever before."

Teachers can:

- Create classes and assignments online, including integrating with Google Classroom
- Access progress reports and data, including automatically-graded multiple choice questions
- Differentiate for individual students and groups

Students can:

- Complete assignments online or with [offline mode](#)
- Listen to assignments with audio
- Highlight and annotate
- See their progress and results
- Read in their student library

2. Common Lit - FREE, [ELA Specific Resources](#)



CommonLit is a nonprofit that has everything teachers and schools need for top-notch literacy instruction: a full-year ELA curriculum, benchmark assessments, and formative data.

Everything you need in an ELA curriculum



Reading and writing lessons

Access engaging texts, scaffolded questions and discussion prompts, and formative assessments.



Vocabulary and grammar lessons

Get units that include ready-made practice activities for 10-20 high-frequency words per unit.



Related media exploration

Use our relevant multimedia sources to deepen student collaboration and comprehension.

3. Harvard's Project Zero: Visible Thinking Resources

- a. [Thinking Routines Toolbox: website](#)

- b. More Visible Thinking [Resources from Inspiring Inquiry](#), including videos
- c. [Pre-downloaded and curated collection](#) of thinking routines to easily print!

4. New York Times Lesson Plans:

<https://www.nytimes.com/section/learning/lesson-plans?auth=login-google1tap&login=google1tap>

5. Six Reading Habits to Develop in Your First Year at Harvard:

<https://guides.library.harvard.edu/sixreadinghabits>

6. The CRAAP Test: A handout on evaluating the credibility of sources

<https://library.csuchico.edu/sites/default/files/craap-test.pdf>

Resources on Vocabulary:

- Sadlier School content, pre-downloaded and [ready to use Vocabulary Games](#)! These were all free to access and all seem extremely fun and simple for students to play. FYI, many of them require a few additional tools to set up, like scissors to cut out cards, or pennies to function as checkers, just to name a few examples, so give yourself a little bit of time to prepare, though you won't need to do much. Also works best if you have a color printer since all of them are full color.

Resources to support student engagement in groups:

Cult of Pedagogy Video - [Chat Stations](#) - excellent short video about engaging students

Jigsaw Method

[Paseo / Circles of Identity](#) - formerly SRI, now renamed CLEE, has tons of protocols that can be adapted for use with students; this one is great for deepening an understanding of identity

[Social Identity Wheel](#): Facing History and Ourselves website has good lesson and resource materials to print for teaching about identity