



English

Sites for High School Students

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General Literature	
	AllSides - The AllSides News Page curates daily news stories by topic categories and with left-center-right bias ratings. Issue searches include background articles, thinktank and policy group perspectives, in-person Livingroom Conversation prompts and protocols, and Consider.it online discussion areas. See AllSides for Schools for use in the classroom.
	American Rhetoric - A comprehensive site of famous speeches including presidential inauguration speeches, State of the Union addresses, movie speeches, Nobel Prize speeches, among others. Note: When you click on one of the links on the left-hand side, you may need to scroll down when directed to the next page to see the links to the speeches.
	Biography.com - A well-loved and often-referenced website among biography researchers, Biography.com provides videos, images, extensive biographies, and quick facts on over 7,000 key historical figures. Updated regularly and published by A&E.
	Book Riot - "All books. Never Boring." Book Riot is an awesome site for any type of reader, not just the reader of classic literature. Complete with a plethora of book lists, blog entries, and links to its companion podcast's episodes.
	Brain Pickings - A blog which curates and creates posts on reading, thinking, and writing about enduring ideas that glean some semblance of insight into what it means to live a meaningful life.

	David Perdue's Charles Dickens Page - Claiming to be working to bring Charles Dickens to a new generation of readers, David Perdue has just about everything on this site: biographies, book details, tweets, blog posts, maps, and links to additional Dickens resources. The website is currently in its 20th year of existence.
	Dime Novel and Popular Literature - This collection, created by Villanova University, brings together pre-Pulp era tales initially depicting scenes of early America, the Frontier, and the West. Ranging roughly from 1860 to 1930 these often serial publications record the attitudes of 19th and early 20th Century society: including racist, sexist, and ethnic stereotypes.
	Epic Reads - A digital community designed to connect readers with HarperTeen authors and books. This site contains news and book reviews from their young adult list, especially highlighting new titles.
	Lit2Go - A collection of audio versions of classic poetry and stories. The audio is available for download or can be played directly from the website. Each story or poem includes a downloadable pdf of the text, the word count, and playing time.
Grammar	
	Grammar Girl Podcast - This link will take you to a website where you can access web versions of Grammar Girl's podcast. The page will also tell you how to subscribe to her podcast. Grammar Girl takes grammar and makes it funny, quirky, and easy to remember.
	Quill - Quill requires a registration, but is free for all students. The website provides lessons, tutorials, and writing exercises to help improve a student's grammar, sentence structure, and overall writing. Consider signing up for this easy-to-use, streamlined resource. There are sample activities students may access before signing up to see if it's a website that will be helpful.
Modern Language Association (MLA)	
	Google Scholar - An academic search engine available through Google, Google Scholar allows students to search for scholarly articles as opposed to a general Google search. Many articles are free, and students can also obtain MLA citations for the articles.

	NoodleTools - The premium citation maker to which Frederick County Public Schools subscribes. It allows students to create citations, paste citations, or import citations using a number of different citation styles. Students also have access to a digital notetaker and essay feature. Check out this Citing Sources Using Noodletools guide.
	Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL): MLA - The Online Writing Lab produced by Purdue University is one of the most helpful writing labs available online. The MLA section of this website is helpful and user-friendly. Visit OWL to double check both your citations in your bibliography and the formatting of your paper and in-text (parenthetical) citations.
	Williams Libraries: Citing Your Sources - A straightforward website that outlines how to format MLA citations and works cited pages using the MLA Handbook, 8th edition.
Poetry	
	Poetry Foundation - An easy-to-use comprehensive site to search poetry, poems, poetry movements. This site is the one that many students and teachers search to find specific poems and/or search poetry by a specific poet.
	Poets.org - Another website devoted to providing background on poets and copies of poetry. Poets.org is focused entirely on American poets. A visitor to this site can sign up to have a poem a day emailed to his or her email address.
Poetry Pairings	Poetry Pairings - A collaboration between The Poetry Foundation and <i>The New York Times</i> (NYT), Poetry Pairings is a blog published by the NYT in which both classic and contemporary poetry are paired with NYT articles and photographs.
	Favorite Poem Project - A website of 50 short documentaries. Each documentary focuses on an American who shares the poem that he/she finds relevant to his/her life. When the project was first introduced, 18,000 Americans volunteered to showcase their favorite poems - the videos on this website are the 50 that were chosen.

Shakespeare	
	No Fear Shakespeare - A tool published by Sparknotes, No Fear Shakespeare provides digital copies of all of Shakespeare's plays. On one side the screen is the original text of the play, and the other side includes the play written out in contemporary language. A valuable resource for any student struggling with understanding Shakespeare's language.
	Folger Shakespeare Library - This is the official website of the Folger Shakespeare Theater in Washington DC. In addition to providing information about current productions, this website includes a number of research and browsing materials for those interested in learning more about Shakespeare.
MIT GLOBAL SHAKESPEARES	MIT Global Shakespeares - A compilation of videos of Shakespearean performances from around the world. The goal of this collaborative effort is to emphasize the fact that Shakespeare is relevant across all ages and cultures.
	Shakespeare Uncovered - Produced by PBS, Shakespeare Uncovered is a website where famous actors (most of whom have performed a Shakespearean role) delve into one of Shakespeare's plays, traveling to locations within the play and highlighting the history and writing that encompass it. Hosts include Morgan Freeman, Kim Cattrall, Ethan Hawke, and many others.
Writing Centers	
	Excelsior Online Writing Lab - This free public writing resource offers comprehensive support for writing and reading, including grammar guidance through the use of multimedia. Find videos, interactive exercises, quizzes, downloadable handouts, and games.
	Guide to Grammar and Writing - This resource created by the Capital Community College Foundation contains grammar guides at the word, sentence, and paragraph level, as well as information on principles of composition and other writing related resources
	NoRedInk - This link takes students to a personalized, interactive site that assists students with their writing and proofreading skills. It was created by former teachers, and it requires an account (free). There is also a cost for a premium version.



UNC Writing Center - A clean, easy-to-use site, the UNC Writing Center website is obviously designed for UNC students, but there are still a number of helpful hints, handouts, and tools, especially under the “Tips & Tools” tab.