

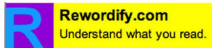
TECH-INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES FOR ELAR TEACHERS

Here is a compilation of tech-integrated activity ideas for the K - 12 English/reading classroom! For each activity I provided a link, some suggestions for how to use it, devices it works for, and the recommended grade levels for use. Each tool suggested is free for teachers or already on your classroom iPads (for K-3). You can use the Table of Contents below by clicking on the category to navigate to that page. Please let me know if you would like help setting up or getting started with any of the ideas listed (or any tech-integrated classroom activities)!

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Great Tools to Try

<u>Photo & Link</u>	<u>Link to CSE Review</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Platforms</u>	<u>Grade Levels</u>
	ReadWorks	Library of nonfiction & literary articles in every subject area with questions & vocabulary; lesson plans; units; novel studies; assign & track progress online	Web	All
	CommonLit	Leveled literary and nonfiction reading passages , questions & student performance tracking; passages in all subject areas; integrates with Google Classroom	Web	All
	Newsela	Library of nonfiction articles, text sets, questions, vocabulary & writing prompts in every subject area	Web, iOS, A	All
	Smithsonian Tween Tribune, Teen Tribune & TT Junior	School-appropriate articles and content organized by lexile level ; create classrooms & assign multiple-choice quizzes & more	Web	All
	ReadTheory	Online reading activities , passages & questions that improve reading comprehension; adaptive to student's ability level; data dashboard for teachers	Web	All
	Epic!	Digital library of eBooks for kids ; picture books, chapter books, read-to-me, audiobooks, nonfiction & book quizzes; create sets of books to assign your students; free for teachers	Web, iOS, A	K - 6th
	Biblionasium / Bookopolis / Goodreads	Book lovers find, review & share books ; track reading history & goals; also good resource for teachers to find books for their students; Bookopolis is geared toward younger students, while Goodreads is best for teens to adults	Web	All
	Rewordify	Text-leveling tool helps simplify text & helps students learn new words ; free online program; improves research & learning outcomes	Web	All
	Read&Write	Annotate, highlight & save articles & webpages; literacy supports for struggling readers; text-to-speech option; syncs across all your devices; completely free for teachers	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
	NoRedInk	Builds stronger writers through interest-based curriculum , authentic assessments, adaptive exercises & actionable data; free & paid versions available	Web	All

Reading Response / Discussion

<u>Digital Tool / Idea</u>	<u>How to Use It</u>	<u>Platforms</u>	<u>Grade Levels</u>
Flipgrid	Flipgrid is a social learning platform where students record short video responses to questions, such as a reading response question. The students can then reply to each other's videos if you allow them to, creating a classroom discussion.	Web, iOS, A	All
Google Classroom Question	One of Google Classroom's assignment options is a question. The teacher can ask a question and students write a response. Then, they can respond to one another if you allow them to, creating a class discussion.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
Digital Discussion Platform (Padlet)	Students can collaborate on beautiful discussion boards and add photos, text & much more. Padlet also integrates with Google Classroom.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
Collaborative Digital Journal (Google Slides , etc.)	As a class, you can create a collaborative journal responding to questions, reflecting on themes, analyzing characters, etc. For example, each student could be assigned a character to analyze, then students could comment on and add to each other's work in a collaborative journal in Slides.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
Podcasting (Anchor)	Podcasting allows students to reflect on a book or topic and share their learning with others. If all or many students created a podcast, they could be put together into a podcast series and published for others to listen to.	iOS, A	2nd & up
Social Media Response (i.e. Twitter , Instagram , Kudos)	Use a safe, kid-friendly version of a social media site (like Instagram's kid-friendly version, Kudos) or actual social media for older kids to have students respond to their reading. They can post a photo that relates to their reading or their response along with their written response, then comment on one another's post.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up

Book Reports

Digital Tool / Idea	How to Use It	Platforms	Grade Levels
Book Commercial / Summary (iMovie , Adobe Spark , Powtoon , etc.)	Students can create video book commercials or summaries to “advertise” the book they read. They can share the video with classmates to encourage them to read the book.	[Depends on Digital Tool]	All
Flipgrid	Flipgrid is a social learning platform where students record short videos. They could record videos as mini book talks / book reports, then (if you allow them to) reply to one another’s videos.	Web, iOS, A	All
Podcasting (Anchor)	Podcasting allows students to reflect on a book or topic and share their learning with others. If all or many students created a podcast, they could be put together into a podcast series and published for others to listen to.	iOS, A	2nd & up
Create-a-Quiz (Kahoot! , Quizizz , Quizalize , Quizlet)	Students create their own quiz over the book or chapters they read. If the whole class or other students also read it, the other students can play the quiz or use it to study.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
Mini-Book (Book Creator , Canva , Storybird , Pixton , etc.)	Students can create a mini-book or comic summarizing the book they read, writing their own sequel or prequel, etc. They can add photos and text, then “publish” it to share with the class and even online with an authentic audience.	Web, iOS, A	All
Digital Book Poster / Cover (Adobe Spark , Canva , etc.)	Let students become graphic designers and create a digital book poster advertising their book or a new cover for the book. The digital posters of book covers can be printed or posted online to “advertise” the book to classmates.	Web, iOS, A	4th & up
Face Talker (Blabberize , Chatterpix , etc.)	Fun “face talkers” make a picture come to life as if it’s talking. Students can pretend to be a character from their book and summarize the story, discuss the major themes or problems, convince others to read the book, etc.	[Depends on Digital Tool]	All
Word Clouds (Wordle , Word Clouds by ABCya , etc.)	Students can create word clouds describing the traits of each main character, all of the characters or settings of a book, the book’s themes, or any other topic to demonstrate their knowledge in a creative way that can be shared or displayed.	[Depends on Digital Tool]	All

Novel Studies

Digital Tool / Idea	<u>How to Use It</u>	<u>Platforms</u>	<u>Grade Levels</u>
“Quiz Show” Chapter Quizzes (Kahoot! , Quizizz , Quizalize , Quizlet)	Instead of regular paper-and-pencil quizzes to make sure students read and understood the section, make quizzes fun and competitive by taking them online. Use a game-show style quiz program to quiz students and get a grade in an interactive way.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
Google Lit Trips	Take an interactive journey in the shoes of the character(s) with Google Lit Trips. These trips take students into the character’s journey in Google Earth while providing supplementary media, information and discussion-starters to create relevant and engaging literary experiences.	Web	All
Literature Circles 2.0	The term “lit circles 2.0” encompasses a variety of techniques to bring traditional literature circles into the 21st century. Whether students use Padlet to collaborate on a discussion board, discuss the book with their group on Flipgrid, or collaborate on a presentation or Google Site about their book, there are lots of great ways to take literature circles to the next level with tech tools.	[Depends on Digital Tool]	2nd & up
Research Topics	Students can pick an aspect of the book (location, time period, historical event, etc.) to learn more about. Once they have done research, they can share their findings with the class through a presentation, video, graphic, etc.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
Digital Graphic Organizers (Popplet , Google Drawings , etc.)	Digital graphic organizers are a great way to organize thoughts, pre-write, or demonstrate understanding. Students can create concept maps, flow charts, venn diagrams, or various other graphic organizers digitally to make them neater and easier to share, present, turn into outline form, etc.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
Face Talker (Blabberize , Chatterpix , etc.)	Fun “face talkers” make a picture come to life as if it’s talking. Students can pretend to be a character from the book and summarize the story, discuss the major themes or problems, convince others to read the book, etc.	[Depends on Digital Tool]	All
Movie Version of Novel with EdPuzzle	Use EdPuzzle with the movie or clips from the movie of the novel to get students thinking more deeply about the movie version. For example, the questions could ask students to compare and contrast the movie and the novel or ask why they think the director made certain decisions.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up

Spelling & Vocabulary

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“Quiz Show” Quizzes (Kahoot! , Quizizz , Quizalize , Quizlet)	Instead of regular paper-and-pencil quizzes to practice or test spelling or vocabulary words, make quizzes fun and competitive by taking them online. Use a game-show style quiz program to quiz students and get a grade (or just practice) in an interactive way.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
Flippity	Use Flippity to create fun activities like Mad Libs, word searches, word scrambles, crossword puzzles, hangman, memory games, and more.	Web	All
Google Forms Spelling/Vocab Quiz	Never grade a spelling or vocab quiz again! Use Google Forms self-grading quizzes to have your students test over their words. They get immediate feedback on their answers; you don't have to grade!	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
iPad Apps: Starfall , Word Wagon , Monkey Word School , Word BINGO , Wallykazam Letter & Word Magic , Osmo Words	Let your students have fun with spelling and vocab using apps that are already loaded on your iPads; these apps allow your students to engage in no-prep activities that build their spelling and phonics skills.	[Most on iOS only, Starfall, Word BINGO & Wallykazam available on the web]	K - 2nd (depending on app)

Writing

Digital Tool / Idea	How to Use It	Platforms	Grade Levels
Google Docs	An “oldie but goodie,” Google Docs is a word-processing tool that also keeps track of all changes that have been made (and allows you to go back and see the revision history), comment on others’ text when the Doc is shared, and even mark up the text like you would with a pen for correcting. It’s especially great for collaborative writing, because students can work together on the same Doc in real time.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
Google Slides Digital Journal	Students can create digital journals / interactive notebooks using Google Slides. They can write responses, summaries, or short stories. The teacher can interact with the student within the journal by adding comments, making suggestions, etc. Google Drawings, which allows you to create graphic organizers, can also be inserted onto the Slides. Collaborative class journaling can also be done by sharing the Slides with everyone.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
Google Blogger	Blogger is an easy, built-in-to-Google tool for creating blogs. Students can blog, then share their blogs with one another and an authentic audience online.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
Mini-Book (Book Creator , Canva , Storybird , Pixton , etc.)	Students can create their own mini-books or comics. They can add photos and text, then “publish” it to share with the class and even online with an authentic audience.	Web, iOS, A	All
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Virtual Pen Pals (ePals , etc.)	Use a free online platform to connect your students to other students around the world while having them practice their writing skills, improve their communication, and learn about other cultures or places.	Web	All
Voice Recorder (Voice Memos , Mic Note , etc.)	Using a voice recording app or extension, students who are too young to write extensively can record themselves telling a story or explaining their knowledge on a topic. The recording can then be saved and assessed by the teacher, shared with parents or classmates. etc.	[Depends on Digital Tool]	K - 3rd

Reading Fluency

<u>Digital Tool / Idea</u>	<u>How to Use It</u>	<u>Platforms</u>	<u>Grade Levels</u>
Voice Recorder (Voice Memos , Mic Note , etc.)	Using a voice recording app or extension, students can record themselves reading aloud a passage or book. These recordings can be listened to later by a teacher to assess fluency, and also saved and compared with later recordings to monitor progress, share with parents, etc.	[Depends on Digital Tool]	All
Flipgrid	Flipgrid is a social learning platform where students record short videos. Flipgrid is a great tool that can be used to practice reading aloud independently in a fun way that the teacher can view later to assess for fluency.	Web, iOS, A	All
Face Talker (Blabberize , Chatterpix , etc.)	Fun “face talkers” make a picture come to life as if it’s talking. Students can use a face talker to make reading aloud text fun and even share their video with classmates, then the teacher can use their video to assess fluency.	[Depends on Digital Tool]	All

Reading Logs

<u>Digital Tool / Idea</u>	<u>How to Use It</u>	<u>Platforms</u>	<u>Grade Levels</u>
<u>Biblionasium</u>	Free site allows teachers to create student “social reading” accounts (they can even log in with Destiny!). The reading log feature allows students to track reading time and comment on books they read (younger students could do this with parent help). Parents can create accounts as well, and both parents and teachers can set reading challenges and rewards for students.	Web	All
<u>Reading Rewards</u>	Online reading log and reading incentive program that includes social reading features. Create reading challenges, track student reading & let students recommend books to others.	Web, iOS	All
<u>Google Slides</u> Digital Journal	Students can create digital journals of what they read using Google Slides. Each day or week, they can add responses or summaries of what they have read. The teacher can interact with the student within the journal by adding comments, suggesting books, etc.	Web, iOS, A	2nd & up
<u>Google Forms</u> Digital Reading Log	Students can fill out their Reading Log digitally using Google Forms (younger kids could have parent help), then the results for all your students will automatically populate in a Google Sheet for you to review. <u>See this blog</u> post for more great ideas related to Google Forms reading logs.	Web, iOS, A	All
<u>Flipgrid</u>	Flipgrid is a social learning platform where students record short videos. Flipgrid is a great tool that can be used for students to tell what they read that day or week and share something such as what they liked about it, a summary, a connection, etc. Classmates or the teacher can then watch and comment on their video.	Web, iOS, A	All