

EdTech Tips

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Foster good reading practices across the curriculum by using targeted comprehension strategies and emphasizing the value of text-based resources.



Online Stories and Quizzes

At Magic Keys, students can choose from three story books to read online and take quizzes to check for understanding. Stories with quizzes include:

Wind Song
The Master Artist
A Tale of Friendship

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/quizzes/>

Digital Reading Resources

Words, Words...

The written word has been used to communicate ideas for thousands of years. Within the last few hundred years, the mass produced paper-based volume has become the standard format by which content has been produced and delivered to the literate and information-hungry masses. Only in recent years has there been a paradigm shift.



The Digital Age

Since the birth of the Internet, the amount of digital content available has been growing at a phenomenal rate. Widespread use of news, opinion, and article driven sites has given rise to

reading content aggregator and sharing tools. As we became more accustomed to receiving content from digital sources, we sought ways to bring our content with us.

The Devices

2007 was a big year for mobile devices. June brought the release of Apple's first generation iPhone, and

November saw the release of Amazon's Kindle. Finally, consumers had access to affordable devices and growing digital content markets. With the advent of the Kindle and other ebook readers, consumers now had a portable platform through which digital content could be purchased, stored, and readily accessed.

Digital Editions

Reading digital content is different than reading printed material. The physical feel, the ability to mark a page, and the weight in your hand are all different. When reading for content, as opposed to pleasure, many of us employ strategies that are based on our physical ability to interact with printed text on a physical page. To become successful readers of digital content, we must begin to think about reading strategies for the digital age.



Resources

Check out this article and presentation on reading digital content.

<http://fur.ly/0/readonline>
<http://fur.ly/0/readonline2>



Language Arts Skills

Study Zone

Check out the University of Victoria's English Language Centre's Study Zone. Students can choose their language level ranging from Upper Beginning through Advanced. Students can practice reading comprehension skills, grammar, and vocabulary by using their online activities and assessment tools.

<http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/courses/elc/studyzone/>

Henry Anker

Henry Anker's site provides students with the opportunity to practice their online testing skills

in a variety of subject areas. Mr Anker has created dozens of reading comprehension quizzes as well as language arts skills assessments for use in the classroom.

<http://www.henryanker.com/>

2nd Grade

<http://fur.ly/0/HenryAnker2nd>

3rd Grade Part 1

<http://fur.ly/0/HenryAnker3rd>

Part 2

<http://fur.ly/0/2HenryAnker3rd>

4th Grade

<http://fur.ly/0/HenryAnker4th>

5th Grade

<http://fur.ly/0/HenryAnker5th>



Check out Mr. Nussbaum's fantastic collection of reading passages with corresponding online assessment questions. Passages are sorted by grade level, or accessible by specific comprehension skill to be practiced.

<http://mrnussbaum.com/readingpassageindex/>

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