



ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCES FOR ARTS EDUCATORS

We've compiled a list of online resources for teaching in the digital sphere, or to use in tandem with in-person teaching. Regardless of how you choose to use them, they're excellent resources.

CREATIVE WRITING/LITERATURE

Resources for all grade levels:

[PBS Learning Media](#)

FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more just for teachers. Browse standards-aligned ELA resources for students in all grades.

[Teacher Vision](#)

Create a free account and start a 7-day trial that give you access to thousands of worksheets, lesson plans and projects.

[Creative Writing Worksheets](#)

Free printable writing resources aligned with educational standards, including printable worksheets.

Elementary:**Story Starters**

Scholastic's Story Starters kids' writing activity generates creative writing prompts, from general fiction to adventure, fantasy, and science fiction. The teacher guides inspire students to write by serving up hundreds of writing prompts in creative combinations.

Story Online

A children's literacy website that streams videos featuring award-winning actors reading children's books with illustrations. Each book includes a supplemental curriculum developed by an elementary school educator.

International Children's Digital Library

Provides free access to high-quality digital books from around the world. Offers books for kids ages 3-5, 6-9, and 10-13.

Middle and High:**Independent Reading Activity**

Worksheet with questions related to setting, characters, plot, language, point of view and more.

Shmoop Learning Guides

Shmoop's learning guides break down some of the texts most frequently taught in high school classrooms. Everything from Mark Twain to Ayn Rand to Shakespeare.

DANCE

Resources for all grade levels:**PBS Learning Media**

FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more just for teachers. Encourage and explore the participation, analysis, appreciation, and history of dance.

Kennedy Center Media & Interactives

Offers free featured content and media for students of all ages sortable by grade level and arts subject.

Dance Lesson Plans & Activities

Find dance lesson and unit plans, webinars, PowerPoints, and resources.

MUSIC

Resources for all grade levels:

[PBS Learning Media](#)

FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more just for teachers. Encourage students to perform, analyze, and appreciate music with resources that explore music from various time periods and cultures.

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[Popular Music Research Form](#)

This project encourages students to survey family members, neighbors, or friends about vocal music groups they have enjoyed over the years.

[TeachRock](#)

This standards-aligned, arts integration curriculum uses the history of popular music and culture to help teachers engage students. TeachRock has crafted engaging and meaningful material for every classroom. All for free.

Elementary:

[Rhythm Trainer Exercise](#)

This free, Flash-based program helps with learning and practicing rhythm. At the end of your session, you can email your results to anyone (for example, your teacher) and they can then see how you are doing.

[Chrome Music Lab](#)

This website makes learning music more accessible through fun, hands-on experiments. Check out the Song Maker experiment, which lets you make and share your own songs.

Carnegie Hall's Orchestra Instrument Safari

Takes your students on an online safari to find all of the instruments in the orchestra in the wild. It is up to you, Violet, and her Uncle Ollie to find them, collect them, and guide them to the orchestra stage.

A Child's Introduction to Jazz

In 1961, Julian "Cannonball" Adderley, the jazz saxophonist best known for his work on Miles Davis' epic album Kind of Blue, narrated a children's introduction to jazz music. Features music by Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Coleman Hawkins, Thelonious Monk and Cannonball himself.

Classics for Kids

Introduces elementary and middle school children to classical music in a fun and entertaining way. The site gives you access to famous pieces of classical music online and also related lessons plans and activity sheets.

THEATER

Resources for all grade levels:

PBS Learning Media

FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more just for teachers. Discover the world of theater with lesson plans, videos, interactive activities, and more.

Resources for Theatre Educators Teaching Online

A compilation of the latest resources for theatre educators to utilize during this unprecedented time.

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Elementary:

Role play lesson using narrative texts

Role play and drama can offer an authentic context for students to engage in new discourses. These contexts can provide situations where students can be comfortable to speak, respond, initiate ideas, argue, be tentative and reflect.

Middle and High:

[How to Write a Radio Play Activity](#)

The BBC World Service asked two award-winning radio dramatists to share their secrets and to explain what makes an effective radio play.

[Khan Academy & Pixar, The Art of Storytelling](#)

You'll hear from Pixar directors and story artists about how they got their start and what stories inspire them, and you'll begin to think about what kinds of stories you might want to tell.

[Shakespeare Learning Zone from the Royal Shakespeare Company](#)

This site gives you loads of information about Shakespeare's plays. You'll find key facts, key scenes, pictures from past productions, videos of actors and directors working on and performing the plays AND find out about all the main characters and how they relate to each other.

[Production Process Webquest](#)

You are the Executive Director of a theatre production company and need to collaborate with your production team to make artistic decisions in order to produce a meaningful production of Romeo and Juliet.

[Monologue Rehearsal Log](#)

Downloadable log to help students develop skills in projection, blocking, character work, and memorization.

VISUAL ART

Resources for all grade levels:

[PBS Learning Media](#)

FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more just for teachers. Explore the many forms of visual art, from basket weaving to painting, and glasswork to furniture, with resources that encourage analysis, research, and practice.

[MoMA Learning](#)

Browse by themes or artists to see MOMA created educational resources including slideshows, worksheets, and videos. Find questions, hands-on activities, and other opportunities for enrichment.

FAEA Distance Learning Resources

Compilation of videos, activity ideas, social media groups, online tools, and virtual collections put together by the Florida Art Education Association.

Getty Resources for Students

Enhance students' understanding of artists, art history, materials, and techniques with interactive web pages, online games, activities, and videos. Enliven your classroom teaching with select activities or encourage students to explore these resources independently.

Nasco Arts & Crafts Lesson Plans and Activities

All lesson plans and activities are free to download and feature a variety of methods, materials, and themes.

Remote Learning using Artsonia

This page provides a number of tips how you can use Artsonia to engage in remote-learning with your students. You can also use these ideas as supplemental activities or extra credit for at-home work.

Art Video Links

Compilation of video links in categories such as historical, instructional, inspirational, contemporary artists, and just for fun.

ArtThink

Created by the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, this site offers theme-based activities in visual arts, language arts, history and social studies. The site lets students investigate artists' work, lives, and their historical context.

Google Art Project

This new tool gives access to more than 1,000 works of art appearing in 17 great museums across the world. Using Google's Street View technology, you can now tour collections at 184 museums worldwide.

Elementary:**Aminah's World**

Combining traditional art materials with found objects and everyday materials, artist Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson created magical two- and three-dimensional works of art. Welcome to Aminah's World where you can take a peek into the mind, work, and processes of this artist and make your own digital artwork inspired by her.

High:**The Art Assignment**

This video series introduces you to innovative artists, presents you with assignments, and explores art history through the lens of the present.

For arts educators—indeed all educators—The Council on Culture & Arts (COCA) is a valuable resource and a dedicated partner for ensuring a lasting arts legacy in our schools. For more educational resources from COCA, visit coca.tallahasseearts.org/arts-education.



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