

Wealth O' Websites for Young Writers

We have compiled a list of websites for young adults and emergent writers. These sites are recommended as starting points and a brief description is included when possible. The trick comes in finding sites that fit the variety of needs and interests of young writers that provide a forum for thoughtful exchange, supportive feedback and publishing. We recommend that you visit these sites yourself and/or with your student and spend some time evaluating the quality and appropriateness of the content.

Book Builder

<http://bookbuilder.cast.org/>

Free online tool teachers can use to create “interactive” books in order to help facilitate learning for their students.

Edutopia

<http://www.edutopia.org>

Hosted by George Lucas educational foundation, this website strives to inspire, inform, and accelerate positive changes in schools and districts by emphasizing evidence-based strategies that improve learning and engagement in K - 12 students.

Fan Fiction

<http://www.fanfiction.net/>

There are many categories of fan fiction that can be browsed. “Sign Up” to be able to post poetry and short stories online for other kids to read, Some topics are intended for mature students and parental discretion is advised.

Figment

<https://www.getunderlined.com/create/>

GetUnderlined.com, which used to be Figment.com, is a free platform for young people to to read and write fiction, both on their computers and on their cell phones. Users are invited to write novels, short stories and poems, collaborate with other writers, and give and receive feedback on the work posted on the site. Some topics are intended for mature students and parental discretion is advised.

“I love to Write Book” Activity & Resource Center

<http://www.lovetowritebook.org>

Quotes, activities, writing tips, and information on how to get published. This site is inspired bt the *I Love to Write* book.

Lesson Planet

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

A database for teachers to share and discover innovative lesson plans. Helps teachers find lesson resources, correlate them to standards, and organize their curriculum.

NWP 30 Ideas for Teaching Writing

<http://www.nwo.org/cs/public/print/resource/922>

The National writing Project (NWP) offers successful strategies for teaching writing, contributed by experienced writing project teachers.

Paradigm Online Writing Assistant

<http://www.powa.org/>

Online writing assistant for young adults, including “Freewriting”, which has writing ideas and tips on what can be the most difficult part of any project...starting. It also has many resources for writing academic essays.

Poetry Writing with Jack Prelutsky

http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/jack_home.htm

Learn how to write a poem that Mr. Prelutsky will publish! Includes poetry tips, a huge collection of student’s writing, Jack’s biography, and sound clips of his poems.

Purdue Writing Lab

<http://owl.purdue.edu>

Online writing lab for high school/college-age students. This site includes help with citing sources, paraphrasing, a grammar hotline, tutorials, workshops, and reference materials.

Story Writing Tips for Kids Presented by Corey Green

<http://www.coreygreen.com/storytips.html>

Seven simple steps to writing a story. Corey Green is a children’s book author who writes middle grade fiction. He also has ideas to success in writing book reports.

Teen Ink

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

Teen Ink has no staff writers and depends completely on teen readers to submit work. There is no charge to submit or to be published. Read and/or submit nonfiction, interviews, opinion pieces, art, college essays and reviews, poetry, fiction, reviews, sports, and community service experiences. Also now features help with the college essay.

Word Tamer

<http://www.wordtamer.co.uk>

Interactive online tool for young writers to develop their composition and diction skills. Offers a circus themed user interface.

Young Authors Guide

http://newpages.com/npguides/young_authors_guide.htm

A site where young authors can find places to publish writing. This site provides a select list of children’s and teen publications in print and online that have open submissions with guidelines, an editorial selection process, and a regular print cycle. Some publish only young authors, some publish all ages for children and teen audiences. For more specific submission guidelines, visit the publication’s website. Also links to other websites that feature sample stories, and essays written by high school students.

Websites that require fees:

KidPub

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

A safe and fun site for kids who love to write. A one-year membership costs \$12.95 and it includes access to discussion boards and free entry into all KidPub writing contests. One of the really cool things about this site is that it offers professional publishing packages. For any kid (or adult) who wants to be published without having to deal with the usual hassles of the editors and publishers of other publishing companies. Able to read short stories without subscriptions, though subscription necessary to create posts.