

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.