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Grammar

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- vocabulary;
- prepositions;
- gerunds; and
- a weekly lesson.

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Children's Literature for K-12

The following are sites that contain books that are good for K-8. Many might be useful in the higher grades, but a large number of the books on each site are picture/children's books. One reminder if you're looking for current children's books. . .newer books are often placed on YouTube and read by teachers. You can find many of them read at YouTube.

The Baldwin Online Children's Literature Project. The Baldwin Project seeks to make available online a comprehensive collection of resources for parents and teachers of children. Our focus, initially, is on literature for children that is in the public domain in the United States. This includes all works first published before 1923. The period from 1880 or so until 1922 offers a wealth of material in all categories, including: Nursery Rhymes, Fables, Folk Tales, Myths, Legends and Hero Stories, Literary Fairy Tales, Bible Stories, Nature Stories, Biography, History, Fiction, Poetry, Storytelling, Games, and Craft Activities. <http://www.mainlesson.com>

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Primary Sources

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University of Oklahoma School of Law Historic Documents Site. This site provides documents from the pre-colonial era to present. <http://www.law.ou.edu/hist/>

American Memory. This site is a gateway to primary source materials relating to the history and culture of the United States. The site offers more than 7 million digital items from more than 100 historical collections. <http://memory.loc.gov/>

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The Gilder Lehrman Collection, on deposit at the New-York Historical Society, contains more than 80,000 documents detailing the political and social history of the United States. <http://www.gilderlehrman.org/>

Teaching American History.Org. The site includes a list of letters, speeches, documents, web sites, books, and articles on significant people and events in American political thought and history. <http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org/library/>

EuroDocs: Primary Historical Documents from Western Europe. This site contains documents from Europe's past and present. Many are offered with translations. http://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page

Making of America. This is a digital library of primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction. The collection is strong in the subject areas of education, psychology, American history, sociology, religion, and science and technology. <http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagrp/>

