“What educators are saying about Awesome Stories”

High interest stories using 21st century literacy tools to motivate readers to ...want....more.
Linda Bohrer, Grantham Village School, Grantham, NH

21st century learning requires "Awesome Stories" to immerse students into a visual, auditory, and kinesthetic environment of new learning objectives...
Julie Mack, Southside Middle School, Florence, SC

Teaching kindergarteners stories can be challenging because of the potential language barrier. Awesome Stories helps me to bring the world to my students.
Susan Wagener, Lee County School District, Ft Myers, FL

In the new era of Common Core Standards, when schools are expecting students and teachers to dig deeper into content and inquiry learning, Awesome Stories is a perfect curriculum resource - engaging, well researched, and just flat out fun to read.
John Norton, Librarian, Creator/editor of a middle grades website, North Carolina

A resource with a Big Impact.
Donna Albarado, Librarian, School District of Cadott Community, Wisconsin

Impressive depth and breadth to stories - stories reach across multiple genres and the primary sources and additional information allows students to study the topic and/or theme in greater detail.
Emily Trono, Teacher

Very user friendly. Will help bridge students from Standard Course of Study into the rigor of Common Core.
Morgan Cranford, Randleman Middle School, Randolph County, North Carolina

In my 21st Century Liturature I use awesome stories to launch themes, novels, and for research. I find the web site very user friendly regardless of ability level.
Patricia Barnes, Loudoun County Public Schools

Awesome Stories - of high interest to teach the Common Core standards.
Sherry Otahal, District Administrator, GCCISD, Junior School, Texas

The interdisciplinary approach is impressive. The shear amount of information and the applicability across genres and subjects is "awesome"!
Jay Kirgis, Texarkana Arkansas School District, Texarkana, TX

"Awesome Stories" provides information I didn't even know I really wanted! I sometimes have gone through the information presented for a story, then all the links, and then want to tell everyone who will listen to me about how cool it is...
Nancy Miller, Dallas Independent School District, Dallas, Texas

Awesome Stories delivers lessons in a student friendly format. Students love stories about others and themselves in every day and fantasy situations. The lessons and resources are a big plus for me as a teacher so I can show my administration, colleagues, and parents the academic relevance of the assignments. Keep up the excellent service!
Bonnie Patterson, Texas City ISD, Texas City, Texas

Awesome stories is the best collection there is to be found on the internet; their stories are highly engaging illustrations covering a broad range of subject matters, that are a must for teaching harder to understand concepts and ideals.

James Crawford, Teacher, Willamette Valley, Oregon

"Awesome Stories" is exactly what the name says, an awesome place to bring to life the stories you tell in your classroom. They have the best archive I have ever found. Awesome. Awesome. Awesome.

Shelly Clayton, Marshall County School District, Mississippi

1st person recordings are priceless

M. White, Teacher/Technology Coordinator, IHMCS , Minnetonka, MN

As a teacher of the history of the 21st Century Awesome Stories provided a plethora of ideas and resources for my classes. We do not have a textbook that offers as much pertinent information. I liked being able to adapt the stories and resources to meet the needs of our courses.

Cindy Aznoe, Montana

Teaching reading to middle school students in the 21st century requires more than print materials. "Awesome Stories" is at your finger tips giving life to the printed page.

Deb Lynch, Oxford Public Schools, Oxford, Connecticut

Unbelievable resource for teachers, both LA and content-area. If you want to build background knowledge and have total engagement, put AWESOME STORIES in the lesson plans!

Edna Sherrell, Phoenix Academy, Sarasota County Schools, Florida

Virtually the best stories on the web!

Jason McCoy, Librarian, Ridgeview CUSD No. 19, Illinois

Many teacher friends from all over the country talk about how much they enjoy this website!

Kimberly Smith, Southeastern High School , Blount County Schools, AL

No where on the web can I find a better integration of primary sources with accurate, interesting storytelling.

Laura Loftus, Georgetown Middle School, Washington, D.C.

Awesome Stories is a resource that I can't do without!

Julie Greene, Macon County Middle School, Macon, GA

Makes it easier to have deeper conversations about literature with my students. Great thought questions. LOVE the picture links.

Jennifer Caravello, Fayette, Leestown Public Schools, Kentucky

Treasure trove for the creative teacher, wonderful tool for the student

Diedre McNamara, Oregon City School District, Oregon

I finally understand what I read about history and I like it.

Artemisa Ayala, Parent, Maricopa County, AZ

Awesome Stories lives up to its name. It's a terrific classroom resource to bring an added dimension to instruction.

Judy Brown, Caldwell Schools, Caldwell, OH

My 4th and 5th grade student love to see anything and everything about any book they are reading. They can't seem to get enough of all you have to offer re: Hunger Games.

Bailey-Hollon, P.S. 315 K, New York City, NY

Great site. My students love it!!!

Frank Howell, Lake Gibson Middle School, Polk County Public Schools, Florida

Simply Amazing(ly) Awesome!!!!!

Ryan Hemsteger, student, Turpin High School, Forest Hills School District, Cincinnati, OH

Awesome Stories is a whirlwind of fabulous information on a tornado full of subjects!

Janis Sparks, Beaufort County Schools, Beaufort, SC

"Awesome Stories is the best place to be in the world wide web!"

Nina Franco, Coordinator and Assistant Principal, Wroclaw International School, An IB World School, Wroclaw, Poland

Awesome stories create an opportunity for students to understand: "History is the compilation of mankind's life story from generation to generation. This process of discovery helps the students think about how their life stories will affect history for the next generation."

Betty Williams, Teacher/counselor, Nettleton School District , Nettleton, MS

Awesome Stories is an invaluable educational website.

Susan Escobar, Elk Grove Unified Schools, Elk Grove, CA

Practical, profound, and engaging for students and teachers

Hugh Snow, Professor, New Jersey City University, New Jersey

Top of the top for all to aspire to!

Kim Vaiana, San Ramon Valley Unified, San Ramon, CA

A primary source at your fingertips to enhance Core Curriculum studies

Mary Flaherty, Broad Meadows Middle School, Quincy, MA

Powerful and thought provking resource!

David Mervinsky, Eureka High School, Eureka, CA

This is a one-stop site, which covers all of my needs for literature in the classroom!

Shelly Whitman, Fremont Middle School, Fremont Public Schools, NE

Great resource for teaching and technology integration!

Lyda Peters, Professor of Education, Cambridge College, Massachusetts

I work for the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources program. Awesome Stories is a great resource to show teachers and students how to effectively use primary sources The use of primary sources in "Awesome Stories" gives students a powerful sense of history and helps them develop their critical thinking skills.

Judy Bee, Associate Director, Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources , Illinois State University, Normal, IL

Interesting, informative. A place to find things you didn't even know to look for.

Rhonda Blanchard, Cherokee County Alabama

Great website, love the videos, constantly using them in the classroom, my students love them as well.

Matthew Bobbitt, Liberty Middle School, Hanover County Public Schools, Virginia

Awesome Stories is truly awesome! Their stories are organized so simply, so anyone can find the information. The links to videos helps to enhance the learning. Great for enjoy on new movie releases and great in the classroom for the history content. Lends itself easily for webquests! Thanks!

Laura Davis, Teacher, West Milford, NJ

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Julie Greene, Macon County Middle School, Macon, GA

I have found "Awesome Stories" to be a purely awesome site that I consult before diving into any of my research assignments, regardless of whether the subject be History, Religion, Science or English. "Awesome Sotries" is an easy to use website that, in my opinion, makes researching so much more fun whilst still providing reliable and reputable information!

Hannah van Alphen, Student, Saint Anthonys Catholic College, Townsville, Queensland, Australia

I challenge you to read an Awesome Story and not learn something new!

Angela Vimuttinan, Librarian, Los Angeles Unified School District, California

Awesome Stories allows us to read and wonder and immediately follow trains of thought with links to resources. What a fun way to learn!

Marcia Arthur, Renton Technical College , Renton, WA

Awesome Stories fill the bill for history at it's best!

Bootsie Anderson, Wayzata District #284, Wayzata, MN

Teachable moments of high interest to middle school students.

Al Haskvitz, Suzanne Middle School, Walnut Valley Unified, California

I am so impressed by the website that is envisioning what teaching and learning will look like in the future. The site is at the forefront of educational practices and continues to grow to make all students and teachers digital readers.

Annalee Taylor, Curriculum Specialist, Cornelius Elementary, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, NC

Can you believe there's a site where both teacher AND student find exciting learning tools?! This is it!

Karen Jared, Walker Middle School, OR

Finally! A website that offers information in a format that my students will actually read and ENJOY!

Danielle Brown, Washington Junior High School, Washington, OH

I have been an Awesome Stories subscriber and have shared this site with many teachers. I think it brings lessons to life in ways that students find very appealing and in ways that capture their attention. It is so in tune with the way students are wired in this generation of digital natives!

Pat Bailey, Department Chair of World Languages, Gwinnett County Public Schools, Gwinnett County, GA

This website puts all good things in order and connect the history, trivia and information about stories in one place. Priceless!

Kathy Thayer, West Shore HS, Brevard County, FL

These are real life stories that kids can relate to. They really can get a global view of life around the world and in our own country through the interviews and stories. The characters and artifacts come to life and really click with the social media mentality of our youth. It is relevant fast food for their minds.

Barrie Price-Kerr, Teacher, Winnett County School District, Lilburn, GA

I believe that Awesome stories offers something that isn't found in any other educational Web site. Not only are there lessons with links to all supportive information, but the approach of each lesson is novel and multidisciplinary. It really models the types of lessons that should be offered daily in every school across the nation.

Rachel Bhattacharyya, El Paso ISD, El Paso, TX

Weaving primary source material into my student's learning is my secret weapon. Everyone loves a good story and when I can incorporate it into my teaching- it is the 'hook' that keeps them wanting to go further and investigate more. When did a student ever finish a chapter in their textbook and ask, "Can I have more, please"?

Mary Ann Riendeau, Eagle Hill School, Hardwick, MA

Excellent at grabbing student's attention. School wide implementation. On the cutting edge. Makes teaching easier. Earns high marks with all students and teachers!

Britta Gagner, School District of Beloit, Beloit, WI

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Linda Homa, Reference Librarian, Public Library for Union County, Lewisburg, PA

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A wonderfully rich website for teachers who view stories as an effective path to scaffold learning for students.

Jean Weller, State DOE technology integration specialist, Virginia

Awesome Stories is a powerful source to bring literature to life.

Annice Brave, ACUSD #11 Alton High School, Alton, IL

The stories on "Awesome Stories" can reach students who were previously unreachable. The links within the stories really make the stories come alive for the student.

Vicki Angel, Texarkana Independent School District, Texarkana, TX

Awesome Sories is much more than merely awesome. It is unique, relevant, and timely. Teachers cannot continue to teach students using outdated methods. This site helps teachers stay in touch with learning styles, patterns, and needs of the modern student. Excellent resource!

Deborah Macias, Goddard Public Schools, Goddard, Kansas

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21st century methods to empower students to become awesome readers and writers. Love it.

John Pappas, Weymouth High School, Weymouth, MA

Awesome Stories is an amazing resource that helps teach students to think deeper and more critically by tying in to topics they're already interested in and giving them the background stories on these topics.

Jolene Gutierrez, Denver Academy, Denver, CO

One of the greatest things about awesome stories is that I can educate my kids on events from the past with incredible historical media.

Dave Cugier, Lafayette High School, Rockwood District, Missouri

Learning should be fun. Awesome Stories makes it so!

Cynthia Roe,Instructional Specialist; District Administrator, Carroll Community College, Westminster, MD

I use this site as one of my "Top 10" best sites for learning when I have done presentations at workshops in the past. Love it!

June Chandler, Fairview High School, Cullman County, AL

I feel like I am THERE, not just a bystander or spectator. Your stories make it real.

P. Childs, Albert Hill Middle School, Richmond, VA

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