

Breakthrough Digital Curriculum Solution for Districts & Schools



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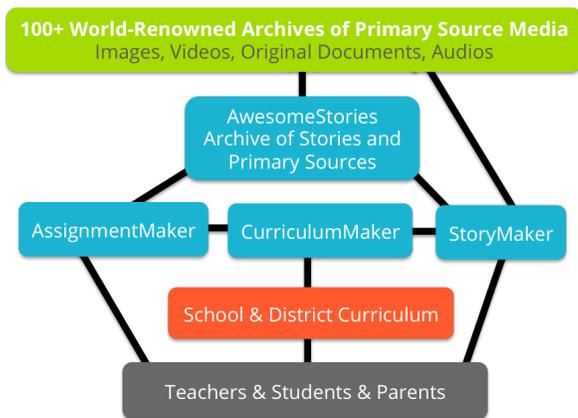
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**Imagine: Your Curriculum on your Teachers' Dashboards
Infused with Catalyzing Stories, Standards-Based Learning Activities and Primary Sources,
Instantly Updated as your Teachers submit and your reviewers approve.**

At *AwesomeStories*, the facts and figures, discoveries and challenges of science, current events, history, economics, technology and the arts are compelling stories.

Places are online fieldtrips; authentic documents are alive with scratch-outs and edits.

Online reading and research is guided and fun, videos have meaningful context and images. Points of view are knowable and debatable, primary sources are findable and usable, historical figures are real people.



AwesomeStories presents information texts, multimedia text sets, and primary source evidence to fuel the close reading and critical thinking required today.

AwesomeStories launches historical, literary and cultural investigations, exploration of math and scientific concepts. In pursuing their interests, researching, writing and publishing their own work, students learn the value of primary sources, dimensions of

intellectual property and how technology can spur intellectual growth and knowledge.

AwesomeStoryMaker

Research Your Story, Report, E-textbook, Article, or Paper

18 Linked Archives with guided citations

AS Archive with automatic citations

Your Sources with guided citations

Optional StoryPlanner

Write Your Story

Optional Guided Footnotes

Optional Questions2Ponder

Finished Story

The *AwesomeStories* archive is free. Educators and students leverage 4300+ stories contextualized with 100,000+ primary sources. 3.5 million readers visit *AwesomeStories* annually with 7 million page views, as they have since 1999.

Premium “MakerSpace for the Humanities” membership delivers breakthrough applications to empower educators to integrate these resources into their own curriculum and enable students to become 21st century researchers, writers and publishers.



How AwesomeStories MakerSpace for the Humanities Works

AwesomeStories' compelling stories, quick primary source "AwesomeSearch" and premium apps guide and support students and teachers to research and cite sources and to write, build, and publish multimedia stories, assignments, curriculum and reports.

Teachers or school/district departments present their own curriculum in *CurriculumMaker*, *AssignmentMaker* and *StoryMaker*, leveraging AwesomeStories archive and localizing the content for their school or classroom needs. Each unit from any subject or grade can be matched to existing stories and assignments or teachers can build new stories and lessons using the apps. Teachers use *AssignmentMaker* to choose from standards-based learning tasks, to create new learning tasks and to combine these into compelling assignments. Students see the assignments, complete and submit them online. Teachers grade and comment personally with students using a selection of rubrics or their own rubric.

Students explore direct and guided access to primary sources, build knowledge, reading and writing skills, convert reports into illustrated narratives and create papers and reports with pride using the breakthrough *StoryMaker*.

- "Awesome Teacher Leaders" (ATLs), media specialists, librarians and teachers have co-built the website and tools.
- ATLs present at districts, schools, conferences and Library of Congress "Teaching through Primary Sources" sessions.
- AwesomeStories is IMS compliant and is accessed via single sign-on (SSO) with Moodle, Blackboard, D2L and Canvas.
- AwesomeStories is mobile, tablet and laptop friendly with iOS and Android apps.
- Within weeks of its development, *AwesomeStories GOLD* was named a Codie Finalist Social Studies solution.

AwesomeStories MakerSpace for the Humanities Benefits

Teachers

- Leverage the AS standards-based archive; differentiate instruction, guide and grade online.
- Build your own curriculum in multimedia story form.
- Reach learning goals with student-centered activities.
- Communicate easily with students in the context of the archive and their work.

Students

- Get ready for the future career world now.
- Enjoy the power to research, write, cite and publish in multimedia.
- Learn and share collaboratively with students at your local school or around the world.
- Master 21st Century Research and learning standards and build critical thinking skills.

Schools and Districts

- Save money creating content.
- Meet State, Common Core and 21st Century benchmarks.
- Support Open-Source, Student-Centered and PBL approaches.
- Transform education to meet global career needs.
- Leverage continuous reporting on teacher and student activity and achievement.

Families

- Share revelations from stories behind the stories.
- Reduce the angst of homework, research and papers.
- Lead your students' homeschool learning.
- Know your children are accessing reliable information.
- Prepare your children to prosper in the information age and its challenges of unreliability and overload.

AS currently offers MakerSpace Teacher/Classroom membership for \$39 per teacher per year with up to 30 students. Additional students may be added at \$1 per student per year.

Please call 800 277 1381 ext. 1 or email membership@awesomestories.org for school or district info