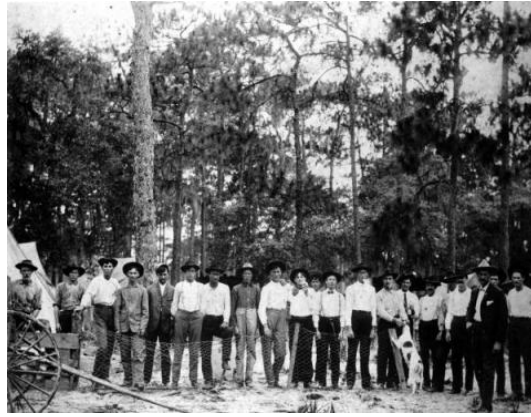


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Announcing the Digital Research & Writing Competition *Open to All Polk County Public Schools Educators!*

This initiative is designed to:

Support teachers in transforming instruction to include online research and reading, critical thinking and choosing of resources, writing, citing and multimedia publishing using the AwesomeStories archive and MakerSpace applications.

Encourage students to research and learn about their own environment, to learn how to cite resources, create original writing integrating research using the StoryMaker app and to edit and revise their work viewing their WriteFolio.

Share knowledge via stories and primary source resources of Polk County history, geography, geology, climate, economy, businesses, myths, folklore, plants, animals, achievements, events, foods, crops, activities, politics and visions for the future through the AwesomeStories website and via links on Polk County websites.

To begin:

Teachers, login to their AwesomeStories accounts at www.AwesomeStories.org, using their school email address as their id (click forgot password to reset if necessary.)

District Administration School Administration **Teacher** My Info

Dashboard Bookmarks Classrooms Grading/Reports AssignmentMaker StoryMaker CurriculumMaker WriteFolio

Welcome to Your MakerSpace for The Humanities

Collaboration & Support
Email membership@awesomestories.org for individualized support.

Participate in our ongoing weekly webinar session: **Every Tuesday @7pm EST**

Implementation
Like Single Sign On Use our LTI to integrate AS with your LMS.
[Implementation Guide](#) A sample guide for school-wide AS use.
[District Brief PDF](#) Empower your school or entire district with AS tools and resources.
[School Payer PDF](#) Support start and continuation of your school membership.

How to Videos and QuickGuides
[MakerSpace Video & QuickGuide PDF](#)
[7 Ways to Search Video & QuickGuide PDF](#)
[Classroom Set Up QuickGuide PDF](#) (Video coming soon!)
[AssignmentMaker Video & QuickGuide PDF](#)
[StoryMaker for Members/Teachers Video & QuickGuide PDF](#)
[CurriculumMaker Video & QuickGuide PDF](#)
[Reporting Video & QuickGuide PDF](#) coming soon!

Rubrics, Content Rights and Standards
[Rubric Guide PDF](#) with Links to Rubrics
[21st Century Guide to Research and Content Rights Chapter](#)
[21st Century Guide to Technology Integration](#)

Research- Why this Story-Driven, Primary Source-Based Approach Works
[Research Best Practices Video Tutorials](#)
[Research: The Impact of Primary Sources](#)
[Research: Informational Text in Learning](#)
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From the Teacher Dashboard, click "AssignmentMaker" to choose your prompt. You will find videos and QuickGuides on your Dashboard to assist you in setting up your Classrooms, using AssignmentMaker,

StoryMaker and WriteFolio. Assign your prompt to your classroom(s), adding any directions you wish.

- [3rd-5th grade Polk County Exploration Assignment Prompt](#)
- [6th-8th grade Polk County Exploration Assignment Prompt](#)
- [9-10th grade Polk County Exploration Assignment Prompt](#)
- [11-12th grade Polk County Exploration Assignment Prompt](#)

Your students will receive your assignment on their Student Dashboards and can begin research and writing. On the student dashboard, students will find "QuickGuides" to StoryMaker and to WriteFolio. When they see their assignment, your chosen rubric will be a click away for them. It is important for them to know what you expect of them, and your directions and the rubric will establish expectations.

You may wish to show the AwesomeStories archive search methods to your students, projecting it on a classroom whiteboard, or directing them on computers as they work. This will help the students to understand how to search the AwesomeStories archive and the other 100+ archives linked from StoryMaker.

You may wish to engage your students in sharing their work with each other, using peer responses to guide their stories. Or you may wish to meet with students on their work in person, or encourage them to submit their work and provide your feedback through the grading and revision process online. About their work, and go to your dashboard and to your "Grading" interface to grade student work against the Florida writing rubrics in the assignments.

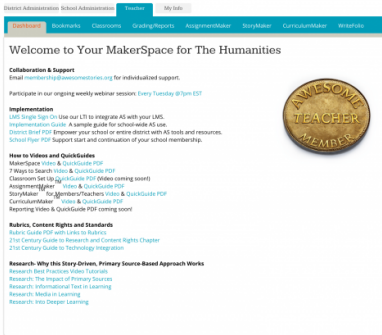
When students have submitted work, go to your dashboard review and evaluate their work in the "Grading" interface. You can grade the work as it is, or you can send it back to the student for revision. Once you have graded the work, you should submit the student story for publishing on the website.

We hope you, your students and their families enjoy this project, that student skills are developed, and that the archive and MakerSpace for the Humanities support your instruction going forward.

See [Alignments to State and Common Core standards for this story online at:](#)
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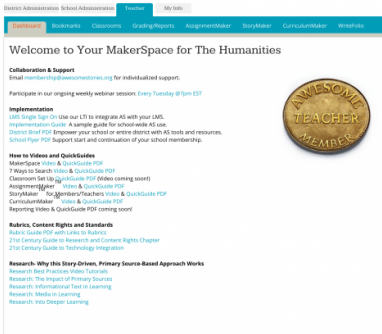
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Polk County Phosphate Prospectors

Florida Memory, State Archives of Florida

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StoryMaker for Students Video

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