

## Common Core and ELA Resources

### General Websites and Resources

Achieve the Core

[achievethecore.org](http://achievethecore.org)

- This is by far the best resource I've found. The site contains everything from exercises to sample students essays to complete units. One of the best features on this site are the textbook-aligned resources. Plan to spend some time exploring the site, though, because there is so much to look through.

NC Department of Public Instruction - Compare Standards

[Comparison of Standards by Grade Level](#)

- This interactive chart shows the progression of the standards across grades K-12 for all standards.

Louisiana Believes

[Teacher Resources](#)

- This Louisiana website has great literature resources (including those for *Flowers for Algernon* and *The Giver*). The list of all works with support materials as at [ELA List of Set Texts](#). There are also lesson sets and plans for a variety of settings (whole class, small-group reading, independent reading, and small-group writing).

CPALMS - The State of Florida and Florida State University

[cpalms.org](http://cpalms.org)

- The CPALMS tagline says "Where Educators Go for Bright Ideas." There are pages with standards information and resources as well general resources. All of the sections are divided first by subject, then by grade, and then by audience (educators and students).

ScotPad

[ScotPad: Where Learning gets Personalized & Accelerated!](#)

- ScotPad is an online "adaptive platform" of individualized K-8 Common Core curriculum resources. You can integrate ScotPad directly into the Edmodo and Schoology systems, or you can use it as a standalone program directly from the ScotPad site. Basic teacher and student accounts are free. Scootutorials are instructional lessons, and there are assignment and homework options as well.

Curriculet

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- A "curriculet" is, according to the website, "a digital layer of questions, quizzes and rich media, placed on top of any text." Teachers can select texts that are in the public domain, or teachers can pay for more recently published texts. Then, "as students

read a text, questions, quizzes and annotations (i.e. material that would normally be placed in worksheets) pop out of the text, so students are instructed and assessed as they read... at just the right moment.” The end result looks like it has the potential to be very powerful for students as they become active learners.

- Curriculet also has a promising collection of blog articles.

EngageNY - New York State Education Department

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- This website includes Common Core aligned resources and professional development resources. Most impressive are the extensive collections of learning modules around which one could design an entire year’s worth of lessons or just pick and choose depending on the curriculum.

## Learning Management Systems (LMS)

Edmodo

[Edmodo: Connect With Students and Parents](#)

- Edmodo may be worth using (if you don’t already) simply for its “Snapshots.” Snapshots are Common Core aligned mini-assessments. There are not Snapshots for every Standard (if nothing else, how can a mini-assessment determine a student’s ability to write an argumentative paper), but this is such a helpful tool given that we don’t have much available to use for assessments. Basic accounts are free.

Schoology

[Schoology](#)

- Schoology presents a platform in which teachers can post information, assignments, quizzes, and tests using multimedia resources. It can also be very helpful when learning the Standards because teachers can attached the Montana Content Standards to their lessons and assessments.

## Informational Text Resources

New York Times Learning Network

[The Learning Network](#)

- The Learning Network uses *New York Times* articles and photos in content area lessons. The lesson plans include links to materials, ideas, and assessments that one could easily incorporate into larger units.

NewsELA

[Newsela | Nonfiction Literacy and Current Events](#)

- NewsELA is one of those sites where teachers can take an informational text and adjust the SRI level to meet the needs of individual students. A basic account is free, and teachers can also

ReadWorks

[ReadWorks.org](https://www.readworks.org)

- Sign up for a free account at ReadWorks to get research-based units and lessons as well as leveled nonfiction texts. One of the very best things about ReadWorks is that the site provides fairly extensive question sites for each selection.

Scholastic

[Differentiated and Audio Articles](#)

- This site offers similar SRI-leveled resources; however, I think you may have to have a paid subscription to Scholastic to take full advantage of them.