

Grades 7 and 8 Curricular Resources and Supports

Link	Description
Children's Authors Reading Aloud	Scroll to the middle of the page to find favorite middle school authors offering online read-alouds and activities.
PBS Literature	Study text structure, making inferences while reading complex text. Integrate literature and social studies with “The Amazing Adventures of Equiano” interactive. Study figurative language, imagery, and symbolism with an interactive lesson on “Caged Bird” by Maya Angelou.
PBS Informational Text	These standards aligned resources explore the strategies and techniques used to read, write, and teach how text can be used to transfer knowledge to the reader.
PBS Reading in History & Social Studies	Investigate fiction and nonfiction texts pertaining to history, geography, economics, and political science. Analyze primary source documents. Examine how journalism is distinct from other types of storytelling. Text structure, point of view, and reasoning are also topics covered.
PBS Reading in Science & Technical Subjects	Investigate topics such as animal rehabilitation, energy transfer, and careers in nanotechnology. Improve note-taking strategies.
PBS Writing	Explore argumentative, personal, and explanatory narrative writing, research, and publishing technology. Middle school teachers can learn a variety of best practices for teaching multigenre and poetry.
PBS Technical Writing	Technical writing looks at analyzing sources, the multiple steps of research, and argumentative, informative and explanatory writing. Planning, editing and revising, publishing technology, and arguing are also explored.
PBS Listening and Speaking	Find lesson plans that encourage analyzing and comparing perspectives as well as writing a rap with story elements. In Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas, students can explore how to map their ideas and find suggestions on how to communicate in a professional environment. Digital media, rhetoric, and conversations are additional topics covered.
Listenwise	Discover high quality podcasts from NPR paired with learning tools and listening comprehension quizzes.
PBS Language	Examine the standard rules of English grammar, the conventions of the English language, and vocabulary acquisition. Explore grammar topics such as collective nouns, dangling modifiers, and the agreement of nouns and verbs. Figurative language, punctuation, and academic and domain words are additional topics covered.
CommonLit	Find over 2,000 high-quality free reading passages complemented by interim assessments.
ReadWorks	Driven by cognitive science research, ReadWorks offers hundreds of reading passages, question sets, vocabulary activities, and eBooks. Audio support is available for many selections.

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Achieve the Core Fluency Packet	Access forty one passages to help students build fluency.
Scholastic Learn at Home	Day-by-day projects are offered to keep students reading and thinking.