We have gathered digital resources to support students’ reading and research in informational texts. We have aimed to gather texts on a range of topics and across levels. Many of these text sets attempt to represent not just a topic, but an issue within that topic, and sides of that issue. You will find that some articles may need to be adapted for lower level readers, and some website text you may choose to move into Word and reformat so it is easier to read and has fewer distractors/ads. Be sure to capture the whole URL, without spaces for line breaks, when you seek these online resources. Please keep in mind that websites are temporal and so might no longer be posted.

**As always, we suggest previewing these texts before using them in your classroom in order to ensure that you find materials that are best suited for your particular students.**

Thanks to all the teachers who shared resources. If you have a bibliography you‘d be willing to share with other teachers, please email us at: contact@readingandwritingproject.com.

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# Aliens

NASA confirms aliens exist – as bacterium

<http://www.dogonews.com/2010/12/8/nasa-confirms-aliens-exist-right-on-our-planet>

Collection of unverified but popular NASA photos

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlLN_Jcg1pc&feature=related>

NASA history of the ‘face on Mars’

<http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2001/ast24may_1/>

CNN report on government officials reporting UFOs

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUdf8kRpLWs&feature=related>

Unsolved mystery account of kids claiming they saw UFO

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4uWVn9s4SE>

# Ancient Egypt

Books  
You Wouldn’t Want to Be a Pyramid Builder by Jacqueline Morley

A high-interest book on the negative aspects of being an Egyptian pyramid builder

Ancient Egypt by Miranda Smith (Curious Kids Guides)

A high-interest book on Ancient Egypt

Videos

A video on Ancient Egypt by National Geographic

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdtgX9ORiW4>

A website with many articles written about different aspects of Ancient Egyptian life

<http://egypt.mrdonn.org/>

An article on daily Egyptian life with references to their use of slavery

<http://www.ancient-egypt-online.com/daily-life-in-ancient-egypt.html>

# Ancient Roman Gladiators: Heroes or Victims?

This article is about the downfalls of being a gladiator

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/gladiators.htm>

This article is about who became gladiators, the various types that existed, where they

lived, how they trained, the rules of the fight, and what ancient people thought of them

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/gladiators_01.shtml>

An article from the Women of Action Network on female gladiators and the necessity of

this choice ‐‐note the issue of slant/credibility

<http://www.woa.tv/articles/hi_gladiators.html>

This article presents the history of how gladiator fights came to be and how they are

different from what we see in modern day movies

<http://www.unrv.com/culture/gladiator.php>

This article shares the effects of the Colosseum, both positive and negative.

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/roman_entertainment.htm>

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# Bottled Water

Plastic Bottles & Ocean Pollution—great images of the ocean, sea creatures, and plastic bottle pollution.

Text overlay (captions) and charts/graphs. (Con)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rf5iHqT1Rzc>

International Bottled Water Association: Which is safer? Bottled water or tap water? (Pro).

<http://www.bottledwater.org/health/bottled-water-vs-tap-water>

Bottled water help Haitian relief work (Pro)

<http://www.bottledwater.org/news/bottled-water-industry-provides-assistance-haitian-relief-efforts>

Myths about bottled water (Pro)

<http://www.marieclaire.com/health-fitness/news/bottled-water-myth>

*20/20* article whether bottled or tap water is better (Nuanced)

http://abcnews.go.com/2020/Health/story?id=728070&page=1 - .UCM2j2jNV6J

From *National Geographic News*, banning bottled water

<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2012/02/13/bottled-water-is-silly-but-so-is-banning-it/>

YouTube video from a company that is recycling water bottles

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_YEGewENa6E&feature=youtube_gdata_player>

**Cell Phone Radiation and Brain Research**

(compliments of Joshua Hurley-Bruno, School of the Future)

An article on electromagnetic fields and public health from the World Health Organization

[http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs193/en/#](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs193/en/)

Video and article on the possible link between cell phone radiation and brain damage

http://abcnews.go.com/Health/Wellness/cell-phone-study-cell-ups-brainactivity/

story?id=12971636#.T2iI-MUgewQ

Article on how cell phone radiation works

http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/cell-phone-radiation1.htm

Article on how cell-phone waves excite brain cells

http://www.npr.org/2011/02/22/133968220/cell-phone-radio-waves-excite-brain-cells

Description of a cell phone app that measures radiation

http://news.cnet.com/8301-30686\_3-20017815-266.html#ixzz1Fq7yg7su

# Censorship

An article about attempts to ban *Harry Potter* books in schools

<http://childrensbooks.about.com/cs/censorship/a/banharry.htm>

An article about the freedom to read

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/freedom-read>

An article on finding age-appropriate books for readers:

<http://www.scholastic.com/resources/article/books-for-kids/>

Video of a local school board meeting on the book ban *of Bless Me, Ultima*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5i_lf5zOY6Q>

# Child Labor

<http://www.anti-slaverysociety.addr.com/childlabor01.htm>

This is a webpage for anti-slavery a part of child labor. These pages can be combined and transformed to provide an introduction text for young people to the topical issue of child slavery, pawnage (bonded child labor) and the worst forms of child labor by providing an interactive learning experience.

“Child Labor PSA.” YouTube, 21 May 20008.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuIGXlXBcGQ>

This a public service announcement comparing chores and child labor. It was used in our panel debate.

"Child Labour: A Day in the Life." *YouTube*. YouTube, 15 Apr. 2010. Web. 08 Aug.

2012. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mn8chUKrdsA&feature=player\_embedded#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mn8chUKrdsA&feature=player_embedded)!

ILO provides an overview of a day in the life of a child laborer in various situations. In

addition provided some information on its effects, as well as some reasons why children

become laborers.

Sok, Chivy. "What is child labor?(Cover story)." Faces: People, Places, and Cultures.

Cobblestone Publishing Co. 2006. Retrieved August 08, 2012 from HighBeam Research:

<http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1G1-147745973.html>

The text is retrievable the first time and if access again there is fee.

International Labor Organization. “Child Labour Stories.” Cornell University ILR

School. January 1, 2005. Retrieved August 8, 2012.

<http://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1005&context=child&s>

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[1&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fsa%3Dt%26rct%3Dj%](http://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1005&context=child&s)

[26q%3Dchild%2520labor%2520a%2520narrative%2520story%2520for%2520kids%26s](http://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1005&context=child&s)

[ource%3Dweb%26cd%3D1%26ved%3D0CFMQFjAA%26url%3Dhttp%253A%252F%](http://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1005&context=child&s)

[252Fdigitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu%252Fcgi%252Fviewcontent.cgi%253Farticle%253](http://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1005&context=child&s)

[D1005%2526context%253Dchild%26ei%3DHbYjUOn5N6fr0gHNjoCoCg%26usg%3D](http://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1005&context=child&s)

[AFQjCNGrn0hrm4tyx\_Ct1hq3XKa4e-3ziQ#](http://digitalcommons.ilr.cornell.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1005&context=child&s)

The text is several narratives describing a child’s life in different countries.

“Children Views on Child Labor.” 9 June, 2009.

<http://www.ilo.org/ipec/Events/WCMS_108677/lang--en/index.htm>

This is a pdf document you will need to download of drawings by children on their views of child labor.

"ILO Reports on Child Labour Globally." *YouTube*. YouTube, 07 May 2010. Web. 08

Aug. 2012.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfKJ8Mof6lU&feature=player_embedded>

ILO Reports on Child Labor Globally: The International Labour Office (ILO) warned in

its new Global Report "Accelerating Action Against Child Labour" that efforts to

eliminate the worst forms of child labor are slowing down amid the growing concerns of

economic downturn.

**Child Labor within the Chocolate Industry**

ILRFvideos. "Chocolate and Child Labor PSA." *YouTube*. YouTube, 21 May 2007. Web.

08 Aug. 2012. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzOskNU-GdM>

Chocolate and Child Labor PSA

Qkenr. "Kit Kat: Give the Child Slaves a Break." *YouTube*. YouTube, 23 Mar. 2011.

Web. 08 Aug. 2012.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4iYnH3fQH7c&feature=related>

**Child Labor in the Garment Industry**

Emergemissions video. "Teddy Bears and Child Labor." *YouTube*. YouTube, 8 July 2011.

Web. 08 Aug. 2012. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1zY6Ch0IUU>

Student made video with a lonesome child playing with a teddy, when she is supposed to be sewing on the eyes and nose.

E66knock. "Child Labor Public Service Announcement." *YouTube*. YouTube, 01 Aug.

2008. Web. 08 Aug. 2012. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFuREIHu3KI>

Child Labor Public Announcement where girls on a shopping spree pay for their clothes

in terms of child labor effects.

Zixan. "FREEDOM HERO: IQBAL MASIH." *YouTube*. YouTube, 27 Nov. 2008. Web.

08 Aug. 2012. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0D6K18wq8A>

Iqbal was a child laborer in Pakistan whose courage inspired others around the world.

**Child Labor in Agriculture (Tobacco & Farming)**

Fanning, Karen. “Voices From the Field.” Scholastic.com, Wed. 08. 2012.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/child_labor/mexico/index.asp?articl>

[e=tobacco\_fields](http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/child_labor/mexico/index.asp?articl)

Keen, Judy. "Proposed Federal Rules Would Limit Kids' Work on Farms." *USA Today*.

Gannett, 25 Jan. 2012. Web. 08 Aug. 2012.

<http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/story/2012-01-24/regulations-kids-farmwork/>

[52778304/1](http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/story/2012-01-24/regulations-kids-farmwork/)

“Farm and Ranch Kids Get Opportunity to Work.” 25 July 2012.

<http://beefmagazine.com/blog/farm-and-ranch-kids-get-opportunity-work>

Farish, Terry. "Fisher boys." *Faces: People, Places, and Cultures*. Cobblestone

Publishing Co. 2009. Retrieved August 08, 2012 from HighBeam Research:

<http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1G1-206109465.html>

Blanding, Michael. “The Invisible Harvest.” October 2002.

<http://www.bostonmagazine.com/articles/2006/05/the-invisible-harvest/>

**Child Labor Topics in History**

“Newsies”

<http://clioseye.sfasu.edu/Archives/Student%20Reviews%20Archives/NewsiesChron.htm>

Books

Bader, Bonnie. East Side Story. New York: Silver Moon Press, 1993.

A young girl and her older sister, working in the Triangle Shirtwaist factory, a sweatshop on the

Lower East Side of New York City, join a protest to try to improve the miserable

working conditions.

Goldin, Barbara Diamond. Fire!: The Beginnings of the Labor Movement. New York:

Puffin Books, 1992.

In 1911, Rosie becomes involved in the struggle for better working conditions in factories when fire rips through the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory where her older sister Freyda is employed.

Greenwood, Barbara. Factory Girl. Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2007.

Twelve year-old Emily must hold down her job working twelve-hour days in a garment factory in order to keep from starving. The story includes historical interludes about the working

conditions in factories at the turn of the century.

Hest, Amy. When Jessie Came Across the Sea. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press,

1997.

A rabbi in an Eastern European shtetl gives Jessie a ticket to America.

She arrives in New York, works as a dressmaker, saves money, and purchases a ticket for

her grandmother.

Lieurance, Suzanne. The Locket: Surviving the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire. Berkeley

Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, 2008.

After Galena, an eleven-year-old Russian immigrant survives a terrible fire at the non-Unionized Triangle Shirtwaist Factory while her older sister and many others do not, she begins fighting for improved working conditions in New York City factories. (Russia)

Littlefield, Holly. Fire at the Triangle Factory. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1996.

On March 25, 1911, two fourteen-year-old girls, sewing machine operators at the

Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York, are caught in the famous Triangle fire that

claimed the lives of 146 garment workers. (The fire led to legislation requiring improved

factory safety standards.)

Malany, John. You Wouldn’t Want to be a Victorian Mill Worker. Scholastic. 2008.

A great mentor text for a historical view.

“Child Labor in History.” The Reader's Companion to American History. Eric Foner

and John A. Garraty, Editors. Copyright © 1991 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Publishing Company. All rights reserved. Retrieved from

<http://www.history.com/topics/child-labor>

# Child Soldiers

United Nation’s speaker Ishmael Beah’s memoir, *A Long Way Gone*, about being a child

soldier in Sierra Leone, and his eventual escape to the United States

<http://www.alongwaygone.com/long_way_gone.html>

Ishmael Beah on CBS News with Katie Couric

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozsOLdgp_y0>

Ishmael Beah interview

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K4yhPSQEzo>

Ismael Beah discusses his experiences as a child soldier in Sierra Leone. 28 June 2012.

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=nx37eVo23Zw>

Peace talks in Uganda offer some hope for child soldiers *Time:World* (August 2006)

"Hope for Uganda's Childhood Soldiers?"

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1226297,00.html>

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# Chocolate Milk

Clip from Australian news discussing how Jamie Oliver has convinced LA schools to ban

chocolate milk. Citizens in Australia are interviewed about their feelings.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQ4wGDl56Zg>

Moo TV: a video made by grade 4 students to campaign against chocolate milk. They

were inspired by a video clip their teacher showed them (Jamie Oliver’s show).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsU-E57vea0>

Video clip showing a nurse explaining the benefits of chocolate milk.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mo3qsx05974>

Raise your Hand for Chocolate Milk: video clip showing a dietician who works for a

Dairy organization explaining the benefits of chocolate milk.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t1XGy45F210>

Ad by the National Dairy Council showing benefits of chocolate milk

<http://www.nationaldairycouncil.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/child_nutrition/health_kit/Fi>

[nalFlavoredMilkAdvertorial110909.pdf](http://www.nationaldairycouncil.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/child_nutrition/health_kit/Fi)

An article on the pros and cons of banning chocolate milk in schools

<http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/food/2011-05-09-chocolate-milk-bans_n.htm>

NPR article and sound clip about the nutritional value of chocolate milk. Nov. 11, 2009. Debate

with experts on both sides of the issue

[www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=120305044](http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=120305044)

Chocolate Milk Gives Athletes Leg-up After Exercise, Says University of Texas at Austin Study.

June 22, 2011

<http://www.utexas.edu/news/2011/06/22/milk_studies/>

Chocolate Milk: The New Sports Drink. Feb. 24 2006.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-500368_162-1342839.html>

These resources can help school nutrition personnel work with the rest of the school community,

and parents, to help achieve the goals of Fuel Up to Play 60.

<http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/tools/nutrition-education/school-nutrition.php>

Plain milk is the best beverage choice for children, but chocolate milk can have a place in a

child's diet because it supplies many of the same nutrients.

<http://www.livestrong.com/article/411888-chocolate-milk-health-benefits-in-elementaryschools/>

NPR video about chocolate milk

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2011/11/21/142517141/whats-to-love-and-loathe-aboutchocolate->

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The Great Chocolate Milk Debate.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wPQ55L4hAg>

ABC News video about chocolate milk debate in schools.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/chocolate-milk-debate-rages-schools-calcium-importantcalories/>

[story?id=13359739#.T-zaUytYvek](http://abcnews.go.com/Health/chocolate-milk-debate-rages-schools-calcium-importantcalories/)

# Cochlear Implants: Mandatory or Optional for Young Children

This site gives information on the risks of implants, and how they help.

[http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/help/tech/ci/#help](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/help/tech/ci/%23help)

This is a video of a 23 year old who hears his own voice for the first time.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LsOo3jzkhYA>

A baby’s cochlear implant is turned on.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTzTt1VnHRM>

Website for Through Deaf Eyes, a PBS documentary that explores “200 years of Deaf life in America”

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/throughdeafeyes/>

# Competitive Sports in Schools (Pros and Cons)

A website dedicated to sharing the risks of High School and College sports

http://abcnews.go.com/Health/Healthday/story?id=4508074&page=1

“Pushing too hard too young” by Jacqueline Stenson

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4556235/ns/health-childrens\_health/t/pushing-too-hardtooyoung/

Michael Phelps discusses his experience balancing school and sports.

http://kidshealth.org/teen/food\_fitness/sports/sports\_pressure.html

“Why College Football Should Be Banned” by Buzz Bissinger

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304743704577382292376194220.html

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# Christopher Columbus: Who Really Discovered America?

Fascinating, yet somewhat problematic digital text worth of critical reading skills. (show 0-0:33)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93ZpfOxaG9E&feature=youtube\_gdata\_player

A Christian education website giving a simple background to the life of Christopher Columbus. They are writing from the perspective of Columbus as a hero.

http://www.gardenofpraise.com/ibdcolum.htm

Public service announcement commercial by reconsidercolubus.org that argues against the celebration of Christopher Columbus.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=il5hwpdJMcg&feature=related

Article published by CBS News that considers both sides of the issue and inspired our research question.

http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-201\_162-5377741.html

An article written by Thomas Ivan Dahlheimer, director of Rum River Name Change Organization, Inc. He corresponds with internationally renowned Indigenous activists and writes pieces to support the rights of native people.

<http://www.towahkon.org/Columbus.html>

Online text published by Native American Times that debates the validity of who discovered America.

<http://www.nativetimes.com/archives/22/402-Columbus-great-or-greedy-conqueror>

Online article about Christopher Columbus’ changing reputation, it suggests that Columbus invaded America.

<http://www.hartford-hwp.com/Taino/docs/columbus.html>

Primary sources and additional materials to support research:

Picture/map of Christopher Columbus’ 4 major voyages.

<http://www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/christopher_columbus_voyages.gif>

Timeline of the life of Christopher Columbus, 1451-1506.

<http://www.history-timelines.org.uk/people-timelines/15-christopher-columbus-timeline.htm>

Primary Source: Excerpts from Columbus’ journal recorded on first journey in 1491.

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/columbus1.asp>

A blog giving a very simple description of Columbus's 'discoveries.' It is unclear who the author of this blog is.

<http://littleganeshas.wordpress.com/2007/07/03/how-america-was-discovered>

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# Eco/Carbon Footprint

India suggests US reduce carbon footprint before pressuring others

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=a7WGSJvqXSyU>

Kristie Pelletier claims carbon footprint is a myth

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osyXClOQfRE>

Dense explanation of carbon footprint

<http://www.footprintnetwork.org/en/index.php/GFn/page/carbon_footprint/>

Definition of carbon footprint

<http://timeforchange.org/what-is-a-carbon-footprint-definition>

# Fighting Pollution – Can We Make a Difference?

Preventing illegal dumping by tracking trucks

<http://www.esa.int/esaKIDSen/SEMYP2WPXPF_Earth_0.html>

Famous ‘Keep America Beautiful’ PSA

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7OHG7tHrNM>

Role of satellites in tracking pollution

<http://www.esa.int/esaKIDSen/SEM2WKXJD1E_Earth_0.html>

Kids ecology corps describes various kinds of pollution

<http://www.kidsecologycorps.org/our-environment/natural-cycles/water-pollution>

Quick ideas about fighting air pollution

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/knowzone/students/whatcha-doin/index.htm>

Air quality – history and what to do about improving it

<http://www.clean-air-kids.org.uk/airquality.html>

# Global Warming

Threat of melting ice

<http://www.esa.int/esaKIDSen/SEMFEO7CS5G_Earth_0.html>

Satellite data on rising temperatures

<http://www.esa.int/esaKIDSen/SEMZ3LXJD1E_Earth_0.html>

Children of tomorrow sing about planet change

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwO8w9Ku-g0>

Student’s environmental science project – a cartoon video explaining global warming

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBQ8-zEcE9w>

EPA’s student guide to climate change

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/>

Argues the debate is not over about global warming

<http://abcnews.go.com/2020/Stossel/story?id=3751219&page=1#.T2ibycUgewQ>

Contest to ‘debunk’ global warming, with links to winning kids’ entries

<http://www.wnd.com/2008/04/62598/>

Environmental Defense ad about consequences of global warming

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7OHG7tHrNM>

# Green Energy

The pros and cons of solar energy

<http://www.clean-energy-ideas.com/articles/pros_and_cons_of_solar_energy.html>

An article about President Obama’s promotion of clean energy

<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3756003>

# Indian Schools

Humanities in a Minute- Indian Boarding Schools - a quick look at the history and

negatives of these schools

(easy to digest, negative view of the schools)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTm479tr2jo&feature=youtube_gdata_player>

Speech given by American Indian Etahdleuh Doanmoeon on attending a Indian boarding

school, given in 1881, positive view of the schools

(easily accessible)

<http://home.epix.net/~landis/etadleuh.html>

NPR - American Indian School a Far Cry from the Past

(easily accessible, more nuanced)

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=17645287&ps=rs>

Article about celebrating the holidays at an Indian School - written by Pamela A. Cheney,

U.S. Army Military History Institute

(easily accessible)

<http://www.army.mil/article/49624/Christmas_at_the_Carlisle_Indian_Industrial_School/>

University of Washington collection of information about Assimilation Through Education

(Q/R reading level)

<http://content.lib.washington.edu/aipnw/marr.html>

Website about the Carlisle Indian School

<http://home.epix.net/~landis/>

Books

We Were Americans: Voices of the Immigrant Experience

Short excerpt of a Native American’s account of being Americanized.

Cheyenne Again by Eve Bunting

The Ledgerbook of Thomas Blue Eagle by Jewel Grutman, Thomasson Grant

Images

http://www.google.com/search?q=native+american+boarding+schools&hl=en&safe=off&sa=X&

prmd=imvnsb&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&ei=EQ8hUN36L--

\_0QHMkYGIBg&ved=0CGcQsAQ&biw=1142&bih=638

<http://www.english.illinois.edu/maps/poets/a_f/erdrich/boarding/gallery.htm>

<http://www.kumeyaay.info/history/History_Indian_Boarding_Schools.pdf>

<http://www.californiaindianeducation.org/indian_boarding_schools/>

Bureau for Indian Education

<http://www.bie.edu/>

National Indian Education Association

<http://www.niea.org/>

From the Library of Congress - educational resources aimed at older grades, primary

sources including pictures that could be useful

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/indianschools>

# Japanese Internment Camps

Executive Order 9066

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5154/>

\*\* (Note‐taking example) Editorial‐‐“Their Best Way to Show Loyalty”

<http://www.sfmuseum.org/hist8/editorial1.html>

Political cartoon—All Packed Up and Ready to Go

<http://www.sfmuseum.org/hist8/editorial4.html>

Article‐‐“Insulting the Memory of FDR”

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f‐news/1132301/posts>

PBS

<http://www.pbs.org/childofcamp/resources/TeachersGuide.pdf>

This video is about a woman who was taken in her twenties to Manzanar and was

the camp doctor. Nice videos of Manzanar at the time.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkeXCQkro_c&feature=related>

Teachers Guide from Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/internment/>

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February 18, 2012.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine‐17080392>

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*Times*, Sep 16, 2009

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/text/nn20090916f2.html#.T_TYVlE5vdk>

PBS Children of the Camp‐ Brief History

<http://www.pbs.org/childofcamp/history/index.html>

PBS Children of the Camp‐ Presidential letter of Apology

<http://www.pbs.org/childofcamp/history/clinton.html>

Scholastic Japanese American: War at Home‐Overview

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/wwii/ahf/mineta/background.htm>

Scholastic Japanese American: War at Home‐Before The War

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/wwii/ahf/mineta/before_war.htm>

Scholastic Japanese American: War at Home‐Leaving Home

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/wwii/ahf/mineta/leaving.htm>

Scholastic Japanese American: War at Home‐Heart Mountain

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/wwii/ahf/mineta/heart.htm>

Scholastic Japanese American: War at Home‐Life in the Camp

http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/wwii/ahf/mineta/life.htm

Scholastic Japanese American: War at Home‐Life after War

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/wwii/ahf/mineta/after.htm>

Life in a WWII Japanese American Internment Camp

<http://www.americanhistory.si.edu/ourstory/activities/internment/>

Japanese American National Museum.

<http://www.janm.org/exhibits/breed/title.htm>

The link takes you to the librarian from the San Diego Public Library who received

letters from children at the internment camps. The letters include a great deal of

information on daily life at the camps

School Tube‐Japanese Internment Camps

<http://bit.ly/o8MAPa>

The Effects of Japanese Internment Camps

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mftXcBMY2Ls>

The following Youtube video is a student‐friendly photo overview entitled

MOMENTS IN TIME | Remembering the Santa Fe Japanese Internment Camp | New

Mexico PBS

<http://youtu.be/ewkDuQ7yZlI>

Japanese Internment Camps During WWII

<http://youtu.be/WiOSUN4EgVQ>

Japanese Internment Camps (US Government Propoganda)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OiPldKsM5w>

Books

The Bracelet By Yoshiko Uchida, Illustrated by Joanna Yardley Putnam & Grosset

Group, New York, 1976, 1993, 1996 ISBN Number: 0‐698‐11390‐X

Flowers from Mariko By R. Noguchi & D. Jenks, Illustrated by M. Reiko

Kumata ISBN Number: 1584300329.

Baseball Saved Us By Ken Mochizuki, Illustrated by Dom Lee ISBN Number:

1880000199

Heroes By Ken Mochizuki, Illustrated by Dom Lee ISBN Number: 1880000164

Passage to Freedom ‐ The Sugihara Story By Ken Mochizuki, Illustrated by Dom

Lee ISBN Number: 1‐880000‐49‐0

So Far From the Sea By Eve Bunting, Illustrated by Chris K. Soentpiet ISBN

Number: 0395572095

Farewell to Manzanar: A True Story of Japanese American Experience During and

After the World War II Internment By Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, James D.

Houston ISBN: 0553272586

The Children of Topaz ‐ The Story of a Japanese‐American Internment Camp Based

on a Classroom Diary By Michael O. Tunnell ISBN Number: 0823412393

Blue Jay in the Desert By Marlene Shigekawa; illustrations by Isao Kikuchi ISBN

Number: 1879965046 (Recommendation written by the Asian American

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# Julius Caesar

“Julius Caesar,” Mr. Donn.org.

<http://rome.mrdonn.org/caesar.html>

Simple, straightforward article discussing the accomplishments of Julius Caesar. Compiled by

Mr. Donn who creates websites for educators and kids.

“Julius Caesar,” PBS (2006).

<http://www.pbs.org/empires/romans/empire/julius_caesar.html>

A brief biography that mentions Caesar’s achievements with language that suggests he was a

ruthless, villainous individual—especially under the headings “Dangerous times” and “I predict

a riot.”

“The Life of Julius Caesar,”

<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/juliuscaesar.htm>

This link connects to 7 different articles on the life, politics, and legacy of Julius Caesar. The

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“A Portrait of Julius Caesar” Eyewitness to History (2006).

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/caesar3.htm>

A brief editorial insight into the character and personality of Julius Caesar.

“Roman History,” *Kidipede* (January 26, 2012).

<http://www.historyforkids.org/learn/romans/history/history.htm>

*A brief background on Roman History*

“Death of Julius Caesar (Part 3),” *King Tut One*.

<http://www.kingtutone.com/queens/cleopatra/caesar/>

*This article portrays Caesar’s relationship with Cleopatra and how that contributed, among other things, to his death.*

Read Aloud Book:

Rinaldo, Denise. *A Wicked History: Julius Caesar: Dictator for Life*. Scholastic, 2010.

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“Cleopatra VII'S Childhood & Ptolemy XII,” *King Tut One*.

<http://www.kingtutone.com/queens/cleopatra/child/>

*A biography of Cleopatra’s childhood*

“Cleopatra’s Brilliant Idea (Part 2),” *King Tut One*.

<http://www.kingtutone.com/queens/cleopatra/idea/>

*A biography focusing on Cleopatra’s relationship and alliance with Caesar*

Primary Sources:

“The Commentaries of Caius Julius Caesar,” *Gutenberg* (January 23, 2006).

<http://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/10657/pg10657.html>

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The majority opinion of Justice Holmes in Buck v Bell (Primary source)

<http://www.houseofrussell.com/legalhistory/alh/docs/buckvbell.html>

Video on the two types of sterilization (information)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjgtNHs5MQ4>

Facts about Hysterectomy (con‐ mid)

<http://www.hersfoundation.org/facts.html>

Eugenic Sterilization Laws (Legal background implicit con)

<http://www.eugenicsarchive.org/html/eugenics/essay8text.html>

"In the patient's best interest? Revisiting sexual autonomy and sterilization of the

developmentally disabled" (pro‐high)

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1071584/>

# Nuclear Power

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Peterson, Scott, and Kelly Kissock. "Nuclear Energy: Does It Make Sense for the

Environment?." New York Times Upfront (Vol. 138, No. 3). Oct. 10 2005: 32.

SIRS Discoverer. Web. 05 Jul 2012.

White, David. "Japan Switches Off All Nuclear Plants; Fears Fall as Emissions Rise."

Social Studies for Kids. 05 May 2012: n.p. SIRS Discoverer. Web. 05 Jul 2012.

"Explaining Nuclear Energy for Kids." *Washington Post*. The Washington Post, 17 Mar.

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Living. Jan. 1999: n.p. SIRS Discoverer. Web. 03 Jul 2012.

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<http://www.eia.gov/kids/energy.cfm?page=nuclear_home-basics>

A website created by the U.S. Energy Information Administration that gives an

overview of energy sources.

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# Pesticide Usage

The economics of crop yield outweigh the negative costs of using

pesticides. “Why Do Farmers Use Pesticides on Their Crops?” (Pro/explicit)

<http://www.ehow.com/about_7237282_do-farmers-use-pesticides-crops_.html>

Two scientists from University of California, Berkeley

Campus believe “cancer funds are chasing the red herring of pesticides.” (Pro/Red herring fallacy)

<http://berkeley.edu/news/berkeleyan/1997/1119/pesticides.html>

Examines the role that the EPA plays in restraining the use of dangerous

pesticides like vinclozolin and the importance of advocacy groups like Earthjustice. June

2012, “Better Living Through Chemistry…or Not” (Con/explicit)

<http://earthjustice.org/blog/2012-june/better-living-through-chemistry-or-not>

Pages of images exposing the dangers of pesticides to human and

animal population. (Con/explicit)

<http://images.google.com/search?q=pesticides&tbm=isch&pbx=1&site=images&csll=&a>

[ction=&biw=1398&bih=702&sei=-EX2T\_iHGO620AGuiMTVBg](http://images.google.com/search?q=pesticides&tbm=isch&pbx=1&site=images&csll=&a)

Natural News claims that after Bayer’s neonic products were

banned in France and Germany, bee populations began to rise again. Does not provide

specific stats. (Either/Or fallacy/Con)

<http://www.naturalnews.com/034678_honey_bees_colony_collapse_pesticides.html#ixzz>

[1zng12msm](http://www.naturalnews.com/034678_honey_bees_colony_collapse_pesticides.html#ixzz)

Suggestions on how to use beneficial insects to control harmful pests.

“How to Attract Beneficial Insects to Control Garden Pests” (Con/Explicit)

<http://insects.about.com/od/insectpests/p/attbeneficials.htm>

Promotes the use of natural pesticides from everyday supplies found in

and around the home. Global Healing Center: Natural and Organic Living (Con/explicit)

<http://www.globalhealingcenter.com/effects-of-pesticides/effects-of-pesticides>

A farmer discusses the struggles faced when trying to eliminate

harmful pesticides from crop production. (Nuanced/digital text)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRwg05M83Gk>

Beekeepers share concerns about Colony Collapse Disorder. (Nuanced)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/02/27/business/27bees.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all>

An amateur beekeeper and journalist questions the validity that

pesticides are responsible for the collapse of honeybee colonies. (Pro/nuanced)

<http://starvingofftheland.com/2012/04/colony-collapse-and-me>

# Pets in the Classroom

An article by PETA detailing cases of cruelty and neglect of classroom pets across the

country

<https://secure.peta.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=2411>

An article for the Humane Society of the United States offering suggested alternatives to

the classroom pet.

<http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/classroom_pet.html>

Bulleted list of an outlined list of the pros and cons.

<http://www.kinderart.com/teachers/pets.shtml>

An article by Scholastic where Animals Make Good Teachers

<http://www.scholastic.com/resources/article/animals-make-good-teachers/>

An online slideshow describing the benefits of having a classroom pet

<http://www.slideshare.net/rvanhofwegen/what-are-the-benefits-of-a-classroom-pet>

An organization promoting Kids and pets – it’s just natural – Pets in the Classroom

Grants <http://www.petsintheclassroom.org/>

Classroom Critters: Offering grants to classrooms to help enhance the classroom

experience <http://www.northjersey.com/news/101949438_Classroom_critters.html>

An article by USA Today News showing how Dogs help schools lick bullies

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/wellness/story/2011-09-28/Dogs-help-schoolslick->

[bullies/50592574/1](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/wellness/story/2011-09-28/Dogs-help-schoolslick-)

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# Recycling

(With contributions from Joshua Hurley-Bruno, School of the Future)

A news clip that argues recycling is the “lazy” way of saving our planet

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVS3O5vxpJI&feature=related>

An article that argues recycling is a waste of time, money and energy

<http://mises.org/daily/1911>

Facts on the benefits of recycling

<http://ecocycle.org/files/pdfs/why_recycle_%20brochure.pdf>

Article arguing if recycling is worth the trouble and cost

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=91824&page=1#.T2i24cUgewQ>

The cons of recycling

<http://www.livestrong.com/article/124212-cons-recycling/#ixzz1cMpMKV6r>

Hidden costs of recycling (on a college student’s blog)

<http://policyeconomics.blogspot.com/2007/12/hidden-costs-of-recycling.html>

# Single Gender Education

“Single Sex Education Advantages”

<http://privateschool.about.com/cs/choosingaschool/a/singlesex.htm>

“Statistics Show Benefits of Single‐Sex Education”

<http://www.ncregister.com/site/print_article/11170/>

“Single‐Sex Education is Ineffective”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/23/education/23single.html>

“Girls Schools: Biggest Bullies Breeding Ground” (The New Yorker)

<http://www.tes.co.uk/article.aspx?storycode=6049286>

“Single‐Sex Education is Assailed in Report”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/23/education/23single.html>

“Blue is for Boys, Red Hearts is for Girls”

<http://www.slate.com/blogs/xx_factor/2012/07/09/single_sex_classrooms_idaho_>

[school\_doubles\_down\_on\_gender\_stereotypes.html](http://www.slate.com/blogs/xx_factor/2012/07/09/single_sex_classrooms_idaho_)

Videos

“Single Sex Education”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94SDznZ1b_M>

“Single Sex Education on the Rise”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irwjHMOZgpc>

“Mixed Gender or Same Sex Classrooms”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTLnaXlIK4A>

“Single Gender Classrooms‐Part 1”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIAYE_VG11Q>

“Single Gender Classrooms‐Part 2”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gperomezGz4>

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# Sports Benefits and Dangers

An article about a boy’s recovery from a snowboarding accident

<http://www.timeforkids.com/news/new-beginnings/9676>

A book about extreme sports

*Extreme Sports* by Louise A. Gikow

PBS Frontline documentary and corresponding website: “Football High School”

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/football-high/>

Malcolm Gladwell article in the New York on NFL and brain injury: “Offensive Play”

<http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2009/10/19/091019fa_fact_gladwell>

Articles and reports from First Lady Michelle Obama’s *Let’s Move* Campaign

<http://www.letsmove.gov/>

An article about whether or not athletes are good role models

<http://www.livestrong.com/article/402590-are-athletes-good-role-models-for-kids/>

An article about taking the pressure off of sports competition

<http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/fit/pressure.html>

Impact of football injuries

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/29/sports/football/29cohen.html?pagewanted=prin>

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# Thinning Ozone Layer

European Space Agency satellite photos of holes in the ozone layer

<http://www.esa.int/esaKIDSen/SEMY1LXJD1E_Earth_0.html>

Good ozone and bad ozone

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/eek/earth/air/badozone.htm>

How the damage to the ozone started

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/eek/earth/air/ozonlayr.htm>

What is the ozone hole

<http://www.clean-air-kids.org.uk/ozonehole.html>

Dense fact sheet and video interview with arctic explorer on recovery of ozone layer

<http://www.theozonehole.com/fact.htm>

Science teacher argues that there is no hole in the ozone

<http://www.opposingviews.com/i/there-is-no-hole-in-the-ozone-layer>

# Water Pollution

Effect of bottled water on pollution levels from National Geographic

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/spacescience/water-bottle-pollution/>

Trying to keep water clean

<http://www.chewonki.org/cleanwater/water_pollution.asp>

A forum on water pollution issues

<http://www.water-pollution.org.uk/>

Does it do any good to drink bottled water?

<http://abcnews.go.com/2020/Health/story?id=728070&page=1#.T2ihCcUgewQ>

Summary of dangers of tap water – from a water filter company

<http://www.reverse-osmosis-water-filter-guide.com/dangers-of-tap-water.html>

# Whaling

“The Kids’ Times: The Grey Whale,” *National Marine Fisheries Service.*

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/education/kids_times_whale_gray.pdf>

“Just Another Fish?,” *Greenpeace International* (June 25, 2010).

<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/news/Blogs/makingwaves/just‐anotherfish/>

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<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/news/Blogs/makingwaves/sharedoutrage‐>

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"Blood Money: Tsunami Recovery Funds Go to Japan’s Whaling Industry," *Time*

“Deep Fears Drive Japanese Whaling,” *The Sydney Morning Herald* (January 13, 2012).

<http://www.smh.com.au/environment/whale‐watch/deep‐fears‐drive‐japanesewhaling‐>

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“Whaling‐ Con & Pro,” Klaus Barthelmess.

<http://luna.pos.to/whale/gen_con_pro_whaling.html>

“Japan Kills Whale Sanctuary Plan,” *Big Pond News* (July 3, 2012).

An article weighing the motives and interests of various countries in regards to whaling

and the creation of a sanctuary in the southern Atlantic Ocean.

<http://bigpondnews.com/articles/Environment/2012/07/03/Japan_kills_whale_sanctua>

[ry\_plan\_767588.html](http://bigpondnews.com/articles/Environment/2012/07/03/Japan_kills_whale_sanctua)

“U.S. Leads New Bid to Phase Out Whaling,” *New York Times* (April 14, 2010).

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/15/science/earth/15whale.html?_r=1&ref=whalesa>

[ndwhaling](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/15/science/earth/15whale.html?_r=1&ref=whalesa)

# Wildfires

A Smokey the Bear PSA from the1980s with implicit message about forest fire

destruction

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6xMd0wSbZc>

Another Smokey the Bear PSA with Joanna Cassidy with provocative messaging

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXcrbpMNvTs>

Role of fire control and affect on ecosystem of native American Indians. This articles is

included, adapted by teachers, at the end of this bibliography

<http://www.wildlandfire.com/docs/biblio_indianfire.htm>