

NY Times Online - <http://www.nytimes.com>

Read 20 articles of the *NY Times Online* each month before being asked to subscribe. Reach an article through a search engine or social network and read that for free, as well.

Time for Kids - <http://www.timeforkids.com>

While there is a subscription fee, a selection of informational text is available for free online. Articles run no longer than about 500 words in the categories of *The Nation*, *Around The World*, *Science*, *Entertainment*, *Health*, *Sports*, and *Special*. A randomly chosen article was found to have a 1110 Lexile measure.

Examples of student writing (Kid Reporters) may be useful as examples and kid reporter profiles may help students identify themselves as developing writers.

There are regular opportunities for students to write and submit for publication.

Additional features are available with subscriptions.

Scholastic has 12 classroom magazines for grades PreK-12 which focus in the areas of math, science, social studies, language arts, and news. Some publish limited online versions. Two examples below.

Scholastic News Online -

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/scholasticnews/index.html>

Scholastic News Online includes “high-interest” current event articles and highlights from the print magazine. Articles include *Features*, *News*, *Science*, *Social Studies*, articles from other scholastic publications, like *Storyworks*, which features students, and “news for and by kids” – *Scholastic Kids Press Corps* and *Blog*.

The New York Times Upfront - <http://upfront.scholastic.com>

The online edition of *The New York Times Upfront* publishes a selection of articles from the print and complete digital edition (which also comes with interactive resources.) Types of articles include *News And Trends*, *Features*, *Times Past*, *The Ethicist*, *Debate* (pro and con perspectives on issues), and *Teen Voices*. Word counts are approximately 1500 for articles in the times past section, and a randomly chosen article was found to have a 1230 Lexile measure. Recommends itself for grades 7-12.

Google Scholar - <http://scholar.google.com>

This search engine, with advanced search function, indexes abstracts and full text of articles from scholarly journals (peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed), as well as previews of scholarly books. Citations to other publications are included, as are links to related articles.

National Geographic - <http://www.nationalgeographic.com>

Articles from the magazine, news articles related to geography, science, animals, and the environment (as well as maps, photos, videos and games).

The following databases are not free. However, your county or city library, state department of education, regional or county educational service district, or school district may be paying the fee for educators and students to use one or more of these databases.

EBSCO Host - <http://www.ebscohost.com>

EBSCO is an information services and online reference giant which serves K-12 schools and public libraries (in addition to colleges, medical institutions, government institutions and corporations) EBSCO publishes 350 full-text and secondary research databases and has an amazing search system.

Gale Cengage Learning - <http://www.gale.cengage.com>

Not EBSCO, but also amazing. See the selection: http://www.gale.cengage.com/product_sites/index.htm Especially useful for students, the *In Context* sites include: web-like interface; multi-media content; text-to-speech technology; and document translator (French, Spanish, Japanese, German, Italian, Portuguese, simplified Chinese, and Korean). Among the *In Context* sites are Science, US History, World History, Global Issues, Student Resources, and Opposing Viewpoints (with the related Critical Thinking Resource Center).

Opposing Viewpoints in Context helps students explore issues from all perspectives and includes the following (list copied from website)

- More than 14,000 pro/con viewpoint essays
- 5,000+ topic overviews
- More than 300 primary source documents
- 300 biographies of social activists and reformers
- More than 775 court-case overviews
- 5 million periodical articles
- Nearly 6,000 statistical tables, charts and graphs
- Nearly 70,000 images and a link to Google Image Search
- Thousands of podcasts, including weekly presidential addresses and premier NPR programs
- A national and state curriculum standards search, correlated to the content that allows educators to quickly identify material by grade and discipline