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Teacher Resources**Internet Resources****Teacher Blogs**

<http://specialeducators.edublogs.org/> (WV blog for special educators)

<http://successfulteaching.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.teachercreated.com/blog/>

<http://teacherlingo.com/>

http://erica_jacobs.typepad.com/teachertalk/

<http://teachandlearn.teacherlingo.com/>

http://the_poor_teacher1.teacherlingo.com/

<http://cecblog.typepad.com/rti/> (this blog deals with the RTI process)

<http://rtiww.edublogs.org/> (this blog deals with the RTI process)

<http://speedchange.blogspot.com/>

<http://bettyb.teacherlingo.com/default.aspx>

<http://cecblog.typepad.com/cec/> CEC Blog

<http://samccoy-n2teaching.blogspot.com/>

<http://samccoy-n2teaching.blogspot.com/>

<http://specialeducationlawblog.blogspot.com/>

<http://khokanson.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.coreknowledge.org/blog/>

<http://teacheffectively.com/>

Websites

[Wordle in the Classroom](#) – Clif Mims shares a presentation about 38 interesting ways to use wordle in the classroom.

[Literature Learning Ladders](#) – "...make the connection between theory and practice by exploring some online resources related to literacy, themes, literature circles, technology, and learning."

[David Rumsey Map Collection](#) – "has over 20,000 maps and images online. The collection focuses on rare 18th and 19th century [North American](#) and [South American](#) maps and other cartographic materials. Historic maps of the [World](#), [Europe](#), [Asia](#), and [Africa](#) are also represented. Collection categories include [antique atlas](#), [globe](#), [school geography](#), [maritime chart](#), [state](#), [county](#), [city](#), [pocket](#), [wall](#), [childrens](#), and [manuscript maps](#)."

[Gauging Your Distraction](#) - "new studies show that drivers overestimate their ability to multitask behind the wheel. This game measures how your reaction time is affected by external distractions."

[Education Blogs by Discipline](#) – great collection of blogs!

[It's My Life](#) – "deals with (you guessed it!) life and the stuff we deal with every day. Whatever problem you're dealing with, believe it or not, other kids and teens have gone through the same thing. Here at It's My Life, you can read informative articles, share your stories, play games and activities, take quizzes and polls, watch video clips of other kids talking about their feelings and experiences, get advice from older kids and experts, and contribute your own comments and questions. It's My Life also features interviews with celebrities about stuff they had to go through when they were kids."

[Shape Collage](#) – (download required); "Make picture collages in less than a minute with just a few mouse clicks"

[Science Books Online](#) – "lists free science e-books, textbooks, lecture notes, monographs, and other science related documents. All texts are available for free reading online, or for downloading in various formats."

[Joey Green's Mad Scientist Experiments](#) – a variety of experiments using every day items

Mad Libs – a fun word game to play with students

Edible/Inedible Experiments Archive – Some experiments may be eaten before, during or after the experiment, and some should not be eaten at all! Each file lists an expected age-level to carry out the experiment, as well as safety precautions

Think About History Game – fun trivia game about history, including video clips for clues

Stop Disasters – A disaster simulation game from the UN/ISDR (high school level)

Interactives: US History Map – The United States History Map is an interactive Web site where students can learn about the geographic features of the United States, the regions and areas of the United States, and the development of the geography of the United States over the course of history.

The States – hosted by US History Channel including maps, timelines, games

Pollen Park - A learning discovery into the fascinating world of flowering plants and their reproductive lifecycle.

Questionaut – Journey through strange worlds and test your knowledge of English, Maths and Science on this magical mission to recover your friend's hat.

I Love Schools – The I Love Schools, Inc. mission is to help America's school teachers find sorely needed school equipment, materials and supplies.

ProCon.org – "We are an independent, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity. We provide pros and cons on diverse controversial topics with facts and quotations from thousands of experts. Our sites are 100% free and contain no advertising. Our mission: "Promoting critical thinking, education, and informed citizenship by presenting controversial issues in a straightforward, nonpartisan primarily pro-con format.""

US Dept. of State for Youth – great information with some fun activities about the US State Department.

Mad Scientist Party – Plan a party with a mad scientist theme. It gives ideas for invitations, costumes, decorations, cakes, food, drinks, activities, and favors.

Stykx - Stykz is the first multi-platform stick figure animation program in the world and it is COMPLETELY FREE!

Pete's Powerpoint Station - FREE Presentations in PowerPoint format & Free Interactive Activities for Kids

<http://www.Storylineonline.net> is a great site, it has actors read the books.

<http://www.thepicnic-basket.com/> a great site about books!

Papervision 3D – You feel like you are inside an giant aquarium.

Weboword – visual vocabulary search

Planets – great visuals to better understand the planets

Essay Map - a mapping tool to help students write an informational essay

My Ebook – myebook aims to revolutionise the way we create, publish and share ebook content online

World of Teaching – a collection of PowerPoints on all different subjects already made that you can use in the classroom.

50 Online Reference Sites for Teachers - great assortment of reference sites

Ideas to Inspire – is a collection of Google Docs presentations, which offer a large number of ideas for engaging lesson activities in a range of curriculum areas

Pixton – create your own comics

Dear Daddy: the farm letters – In her 80s, Martha Linsley bought a small typewriter from Montgomery Ward, taught herself to type, and began to transcribe the hundreds of letters she, her children, and her husband James wrote to one another from June, 1932 to August, 1934. Their correspondence may very well comprise the most extensive written insight into the day-to-day lives of a family dealing with the challenges of the Great Depression.

<http://readplease.com/> - convert text to words with this software, it's free!!

SlideMap - Explore the world through Flickr geotagged images

Tenement Museum – this site lets the students simulate immigrating to America, they fill out information for a passport and go through the different stages of immigrating

American Experience Films – Features over 200 films. Watch full films online, download teacher's guides, go behind the scenes, and learn more about your favorite films.

Jeopardy Labs – Allows you to create a customized jeopardy template without PowerPoint. The games you make can be played online from anywhere in the world.

The Elements – You can click on any element and get more information about it, as well as examples of how each element is used.

Timesavers for Teachers – TIMESAVERS for TEACHERS specializes in printable, often-used classroom forms, report card comments, spelling activities, practical teacher tools, worksheets and downloadable teaching materials designed to save teachers valuable time.

Ology – this is a really cool web site for kids created by the American Museum of Natural History.

[The Elements Song](#) – song about the elements in the periodic table

[The Biochemists Songbook mp3 files](#) - songs about different science processes

[The Tale of Despereaux](#) – a story where you (or someone you know) is part of the story

[National Body Challenge](#) – Educators Toolkit

[Teacher Training Videos](#) – Videos created for teachers to help them to incorporate technology into their teaching. Just click and a video will open and take you through how to use that technology.

<http://idea.ed.gov/>

This site deals with IDEA and the law

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/idea/>

This site gives information about the statute and regulations, commentary to the regulations, What You Need to Know about IDEA 2004 articles, and other publications.

<http://fapepage.blogspot.com/>

This is Sanford Hausler's blog on special education law.

<http://specialedlaw.blogspot.com/home/>

A special education legal resource discussing case law, news, practical advocacy advice, and developments in state and federal laws, statutes and regulations. Postings include insight and sometimes humor from Charles P. Fox, a Chicago, Illinois attorney who is also a parent of child with special needs, and other guest authors.

http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/lesson_plans/lincoln/index.html

Lessons through the Smithsonian.

[Teach 21](#)

This site was designed by teachers to assist colleagues in planning and delivering effective 21st century instruction in West Virginia Classrooms. It enables educators to quickly access 21st Century Content Standards, Learning Skills and Technology Tools for WV Schools, as well as other resources that exemplify rigorous and relevant instructional design and delivery.

[Thinkfinity](#)

Thinkfinity offers FREE, top-quality online educator resources to strengthen problem-solving creativity and critical thinking skills for success in the 21st Century.

[Think.com](#)

Students are motivated to publish their ideas and interact with peers from all over the world. Schools in different countries meet online, and students learn first-hand about different places and cultures.

[Odyssey](#)

CompassLearning Odyssey solutions allows educators to create individual learning paths for students that address each child's unique challenges.

[Photo Story 3](#)

Bring your digital photos to life with Photo Story 3 for Windows.

[LD Online](#)

LD OnLine.org is the world's leading web site on learning disabilities and ADHD, serving more than 200,000 parents, teachers, and other professionals each month.

[Intervention Central](#)

Intervention Central offers free tools and resources to help school staff and parents to promote positive classroom behaviors and foster effective learning for all children and youth.

[Vaughn Gross Center for Reading and Language Arts](#)

The Center is committed to providing leadership to state, national, and international educators in effective reading and mathematics instruction through its diversified research, technical assistance, and professional development projects. From translating research into practice to providing online professional development, the Center emphasizes scientifically based research and instruction and is dedicated to improving reading and mathematics instruction for all students, especially struggling readers, English language learners, and special education students.

[Jay McTighe on Understanding by Design](#)

Information on backward design for curriculum planning.

[Carol Ann Tomlinson's Differentiated Instruction](#)

This site has plenty of resources from the expert on differentiation.

[Intel Education Tools and Resources](#)

Free tools and resources for educators support collaborative student-centered learning. Online thinking tools are active learning places where students engage in robust discussions, pursue investigations, analyze complex information, and solve problems.

[eSchool News](#)

The editors of eSchool News have assembled a variety of resource centers on the hottest topics in education technology. The resource centers listed below are a collection of news and resources aimed at helping you sort out the complex challenges facing educators every day.

[Learning for the 21st Century](#)

This publication by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills will furnish you with a more in-depth explanation of the partnership and identify the key elements for 21st Century learning.

[Promoting 21st Century Skills](#)

This site features a video of Ken Kay, president of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, promoting a new vision of what students need to be

successful in a globally competitive economy.

[Secondary Literacy](#)

Professional Reading - Literacy Research

[Focus on Adolescent Literacy: IRA Programs and Resources](#)

IRA offers an extensive list of resources for those who work with adolescent learners — whether they struggle with reading or are achieving at grade level.

[Reading Online](#)

This website, provided by the International Reading Association, offers hundreds of articles on a range of topics in reading education.

[bubbl.us](#)

Bubbl.us is a simple and free web application that lets you brainstorm online.

[Free Tools for Teachers](#)

There are probably close to a million different free tools out there for computer use. The goal is finding ones that work for you that work in your classroom and those that work.

[Podcasting in the Classroom](#)

Students get their voice heard, report school news, and promote learning using technology?

Video Resources



The Connected Classroom

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=1zWtJOQZO2o>

A View of 21st Century Learners

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=3NzQqPH3JRw>

Three steps for 21st Century Learning

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=2yCB4i7GJuM>

A Vision of K-12 Students Today

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=A-ZVCifWf8>

Think Different

http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=38651560dd175e53e498

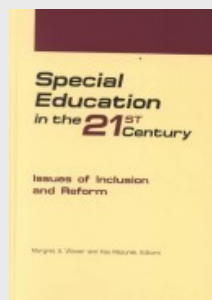
Pay Attention

http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=40c570a322f1b0b65909

Book Resources



[Teaching for Tomorrow: Teaching Content and Problem-Solving Skills](#)



[Special Education in the 21st Century: Issues of Inclusion and Reform by Margret A. Winzer, Kas Mazurek](#)

In the late twentieth century, a tidal wave of calls for reform and inclusion of special needs students swept over public special education. The current debates over implementing these themes today are authoritatively addressed by nineteen distinguished scholars in this thorough volume. Organized into three cohesive sections, it begins with the issues of educational reform and the emerging discourses of disability and integration in the inclusion movement. Respective chapters appraise specific arguments for inclusion and the federal legislation and litigation surrounding and supporting special education. The second part features the thorny issue of assessment, the technological revolution in special education, and the disposition of teacher training. The third section scrutinizes the inclusion of various populations of students with exceptional needs, particularly how teachers can make an easy transition from ideology to educational practice. Special Education in the 21st Century sets the

standard for extrapolating future directions by wisely weighing classroom practices for different groups. It thoroughly assesses the technical problems of resources, management, social groupings, instructional design, and the supposition that teachers will automatically change to accommodate an even greater diversity of learners.