

The Writing Half-Dozen

So many websites, so little time! Did you ever get overwhelmed by lists of recommended websites? Do you really remember what you stashed in your Favorites? Here is a little list of quality websites to support authentic assessment in the English Language Arts Classroom.

<http://www.webenglishteacher.com/writing.html>

Web English Teacher is a great resource for English Language Arts teachers. Its Writing resource page is loaded with links to all things writing - from types of writing to support structures for writing instruction,

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

The Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) has always been my favorite. The online lessons and handouts are easy to comprehend and well organized. The new navigation frames provide an effective way to move through the over 200 resources. Also new in the left frame, resources specifically for teachers of students in grades 7-12!

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

Another favorite OWL, the Paradigm Online Writing Assistant is organized by types of writing (see the links along the top border) with drop down menus that take you directly to specific components of that particular writing task.

http://www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/resource_topic/teaching_writing

The National Writing Project website has many professional resources for the teaching of writing. Some are reviews of books while others are full-text articles on writing related topics.

<http://writingfix.com/index.htm>

Developed and maintained by the Northern Nevada Writing Project, Writing Fix is a treasure trove of resources for teaching writing. Great random prompt generators that will inspire daily writing explorations.

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

The National Gallery of Writing is an initiative of the National Council Teachers of English created to celebrate the National Day on Writing, October 20, 2009. Look for the OCTELA Gallery and submit your piece!

Disclaimer: Didn't find your favorite site? Remember, this is a "little" list for you to explore. You can also find this list in a clickable format on the OCTELA website at <http://www.octela.org/newoctela/newresources.html>.

While you're there, explore the other resources for English Language Arts teachers maintained by our grade level liaisons. Do you have a suggestion for a great resource? Email Marge Ford at margeford@gmail.com and the editorial team will evaluate it for inclusion on the resource page.