

The Violence 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 teachers as they deal with the concept of violence.

<http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/index.asp?area=main>

This really cool site serves two audiences, students and teachers. Maintained by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Resources, this site shares valuable information about bullying and strategies that students can use to respond to bullying. Webisodes that can be downloaded to ipods and links ring tones utilizing music from the site play to students' tech side.

<http://www.stopcyberbullying.org/index2.html>

Information on cyberbullying is available in several formats aimed at several different student age groups as well as adults.

http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson_view.asp?id=390

This lesson from ReadWriteThink uses the young adult novel, *The Bully* by Paul Langan to explore bullying and violence.

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/specials/schoolviolence/>

Student Violence in America's Schools is the focus of several clustered resources and lessons taken from the pages of the *New York Times*.

<http://www.esrnational.org/otc/>

This searchable site maintained by Educators for Social Responsibility hosts resource articles (i.e. "Talking with Children about War and Violence in the World") and lesson plans. Registration is required for access, but free.

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

Talking with Kids about Tough Issues includes resources on violence - as well as topics that could well lead to violence.

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.