**Online Resources for Informative Explanatory Text**

**Effective, Engaging Methods for Writing in Science**

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At our last session, participants were asking for good online resources for text material for their students to interact with. During this part of the day, we would like to give you time to do some searching for resources to use in your classroom. As you find helpful sites, please add them to the list below so we can all share what we have found.

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| **Content Area** | **Name & Link** | **Comments** |
| General | Google Scholar / [scholar.google.com/](http://scholar.google.com/) | Google Scholar is a freely accessible [web search engine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_search_engine) that indexes the full text of [scholarly literature](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scholarly_literature) across an array of publishing formats and disciplines. Released in [beta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beta_release) in November 2004, the Google Scholar index includes most [peer-reviewed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peer_review) online [journals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academic_journal) of Europe and America's largest scholarly publications, plus scholarly books and other non-peer reviewed journals. While [Google](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google) does not publish the size of Google Scholar's database, third-party researchers estimated it to contain roughly 160 million documents as of May 2014. |
| General | PBS Learning Media / <http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/> | Resource types include video, interactive, image, document, lesson plans, audio, media gallery and self-paced lessons |
| General / Science | NEWSELA / <https://newsela.com/> | Nonfiction literacy and current events. |
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