

Resources for Student and Published Writing Samples

These resources can help teachers search and find the appropriate writing samples to embed within an instructional program. This first list includes various collections of student work. Peruse them carefully to identify worked examples (exemplary) and those that fall short to determine how selected papers can be used for teaching purposes.

- **Achieve the Core’s Student Writing Samples** (<http://achievethecore.org/category/330/student-writing-samples>)
- **Brown’s Student Learning Tools** (www.mesacc.edu/%7Epaoih30491/ArgumentSampleEssays.html)
- **Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects: Appendix C— Samples of Student Writing** (www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_C.pdf)
- **Holt, Rinehart and Winston’s Holt Online Essay Scoring—Writing Prompts** (https://my.hrw.com/support/hos/host_models_list_Fall_2006.html#MSExpository)
- **Literacy Design Collaborative’s Student Work Samples** (for scientific research papers) (<https://coretools ldc.org/mods/b8b888e2-e0f7-484d-a5b7-6bb6a27de747>)
- **New York Times’s The Learning Network Editorial Contest Winners** (<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/08/26/announcing-our-2015-16-student-contest-calendar> and <http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/tag/editorial-winner>)
- **Oregon Department of Education’s Writing Scored Student Work and Writing Work Samples**
 - Grades 3–8 (www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Pages/Writing-Scored-Student-Work.aspx)
 - High School (www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/essentialskills/Pages/Writing-Work-Sample-Tasks.aspx)
- **Roane State Community College Sample Essays for Narrative and Descriptive Writing** (www.roanestate.edu/owl/Describe.html)
- **Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP): Student Writing** (<http://pfalconer.staging.readingandwritingproject.com/resources/student-work>)
- **Teen Ink** (www.teenink.com/Contests/Winners1516)
- **Thoughtful Learning** (<https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/resources/studentmodels>)
- Teachers can also use published writing as work samples for students to critique and examine based on a particular purpose for learning. Review any of the following resources to find the right text—or even a passage within a longer work.

- **Ebooks:** Access these websites to find free ebooks to download.
 - **Project Gutenberg** (www.gutenberg.org)
 - **East of the Web** (www.eastoftheweb.com/short-stories/indexframe.html)
 - **The Literature Network** (www.online-literature.com)
 - **Fullreads** (<http://fullreads.com/literature>)
 - **Gleeditions** (www.gleeditions.com/collections-titles.html)
- **Hippocampus Magazine** (www.hippocampusmagazine.com)
- **The Moth** (<https://themoth.org/stories>)
- **The New York Times Magazine's "Lives" section** (<http://goo.gl/vM9R3P>)
- **ProCon.org** (www.procon.org)
- **The Sun** (<http://thesunmagazine.org>)