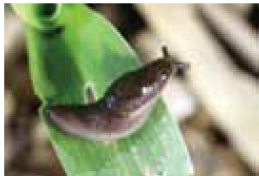


Enter the world of the story, examine the evidence, discern a true and deeper meaning.
Put the stories of life "on trial."

Featured Stories



Animals as Defendants

Today, if an animal kills a human being, it is often "put to sleep." In medieval times, killer animals — and insects — were put on trial for similar "crimes."



Normandy Invasion

Learn the details of the extraordinary build-up of men and artillery for the invasion of Normandy — all dependent on a full moon and perfect-tide levels.



Lionel Logue - At the End of His Life

Read the words of King George VI, writing to his good friend and speech therapist Lionel Logue, just two months before the King's death.

Meet the Challenge: Join Awesome Stories

Story-Based Learning: "Examine the Evidence"

In this time, when opinion is advanced as fact; when facts fly fast and hard, information is everywhere, but is it true? Is it relevant?

Digital Learning: "Energize Education"

Turn powerful stories, primary sources, and media into effective 21st-century learning..

Authentic Sources: "Get Real"

Provide a model of meticulously researched context, extensions and primary sources...

Deep Learning: "Make Sense"

Common Core standards challenge teachers and learners to build research, critical thinking and collaboration skills...

Awesome Stories is a free website presenting compelling stories with related primary source evidence in the form of videos, audio clips, documents and images, so that students can engage, research, think critically, reflect and communicate to succeed as 21st century learners.



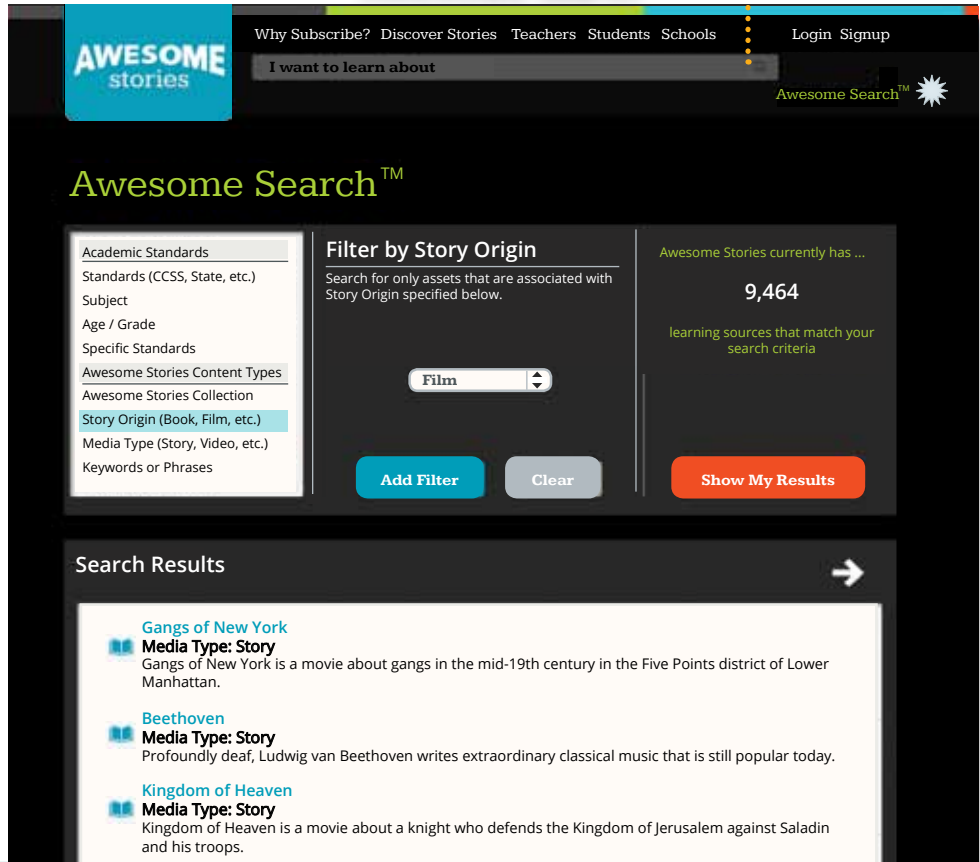
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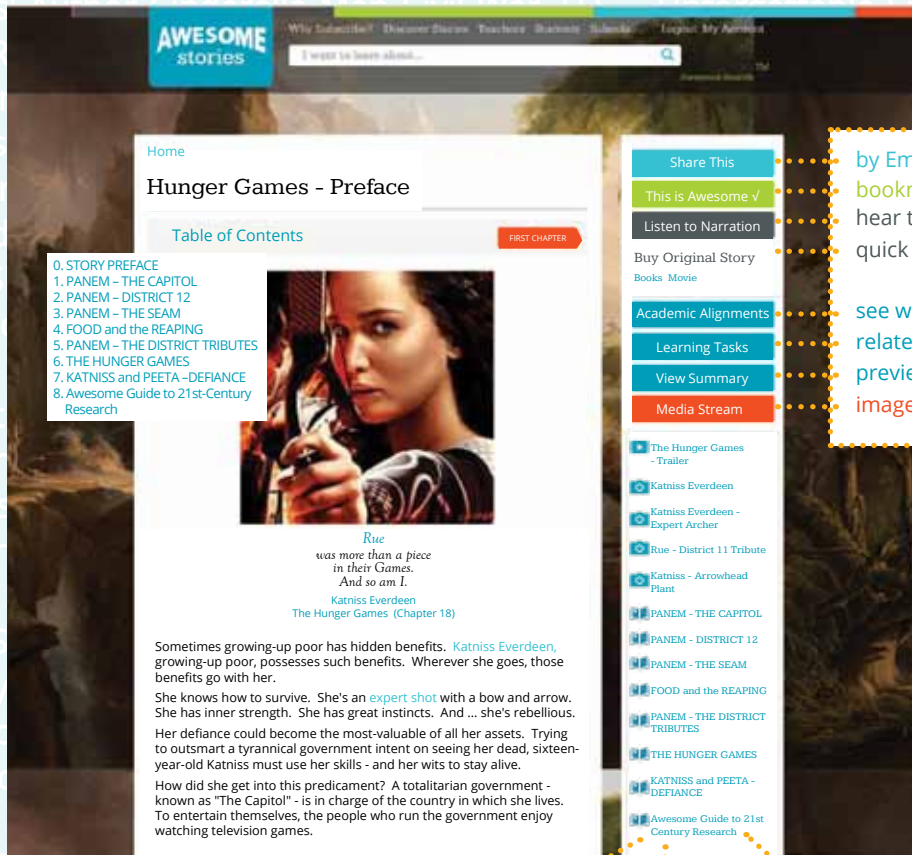


AWESOME Search



Anatomy of an Awesome Story

Enter the world of the story, guided by the contextual narrative and explore the primary source media evidence. Stories are 5-15 chapters; Story Briefs are one page. Story pages, like the example below, are structured to give teachers and learners access to a wide array of reliable sources in order to dispel myths, separate fact from fiction, "put the story on trial" constructing understandings from the evidence. The primary sources are linked from the text and also flow from the **Media Stream**.



- Share This
- This is Awesome ✓
- Listen to Narration
- Buy Original Story
- Academic Alignments
- Learning Tasks
- View Summary
- Media Stream

• by Email, Facebook, Edmodo, Twitter or more

• bookmark to return later

• hear the text of the story as you explore

• quick link to purchase the underlying book or video

• see what standards are covered by this story

• related standards-based learning tasks

• preview or review what this story is about

• images, videos, audios, documents deepen the story

50 Collections
250 Stories
2500 Chapters
500 Story Briefs
25,000 Primary Sources

15 years ago, trial attorney Carole Bos took her winning research and trial methods to explore the stories of civilization that build an education.

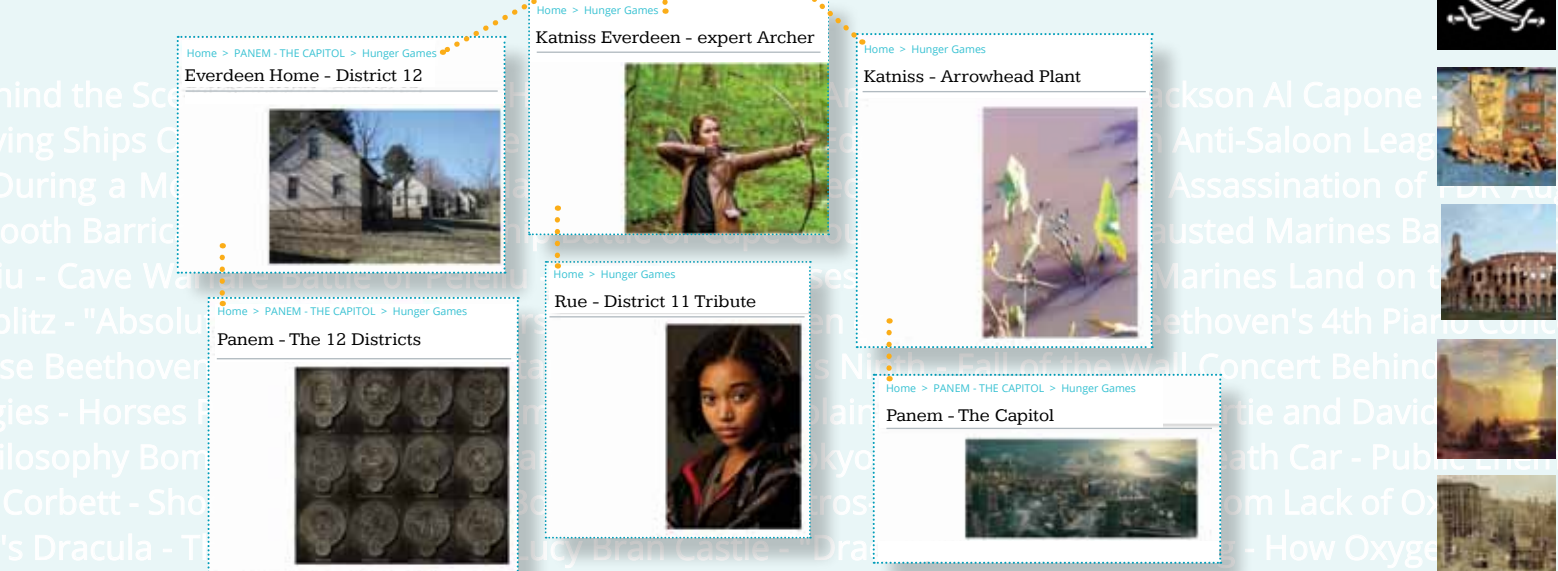
Today the stories that intrigue us from film, legends, current events, history, books and events come to life at www.awesomestories.com

Over 2500 Chapters in 250 Stories, 500 Story Briefs and 25,000

Primary Sources create the context and offer the evidence for teachers and learners to explore, examine, analyze, and evaluate the credibility, importance and relevance of these stories.

Stories guiding research include original radio interviews, film clips, documents, and images from the time and place of the story and have been aligned to standards, linked to standards-based learning tasks and made available in free and premium form.

Through the lens of these Stories, teachers and learners of any age can advance their education, meeting Common Core standards, and becoming expert 21st-Century learners.



“Reading becomes investigation when I let my students loose in Awesome Stories’ vast archive of primary sources and artifacts. My class pulls apart stories with zeal, transforming from readers into investigators. Awesome Stories chapter guides, setting the context for the story, primary sources, in-depth questioning and analysis give students a learning experience that sticks.” ~Lindsay Merritt, Teacher, NC

What Teachers, Librarians, Media Specialists and Learners say about Awesome Stories:

I am so impressed by the website that is envisioning what teaching and learning will look like in the future. The site is at the forefront of educational practices and continues to grow to make all students and teachers digital readers.

Annalee Taylor, Curriculum Specialist, Cornelius Elementary, NC

I believe that Awesome Stories offers something that isn’t found in any other educational Web site. Not only are there lessons with links to all supportive information, but the approach of each lesson is novel and multidisciplinary. It really models the types of lessons that should be offered daily in every school across the nation.

Rachel Bhattacharyya, El Paso ISD, El Paso, TX

Awesome Stories create an opportunity for students to understand: “History is the compilation of mankind’s life story from generation to generation. This process of discovery helps the students think about how their life stories will affect history for the next generation.”

Betty Williams, Teacher/counselor, Nettleton School District, MS

I work for the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources program. Awesome Stories is a great resource to show teachers and students how to effectively use primary sources. The use of primary sources in “Awesome Stories” gives students a powerful sense of history and helps them develop their critical thinking skills.

Judy Bee, Assoc Dir, TPR/Library of Congress, IL State University

21st-century learning requires “Awesome Stories” to immerse students into a visual, auditory, and kinesthetic environment of new learning objectives...

Julie Mack, Southside Middle School, Florence, SC

In the new era of Common Core Standards, when schools are expecting students and teachers to dig deeper into content and inquiry learning, Awesome Stories is a perfect curriculum resource - engaging, well researched, and just flat out fun to read.

John Norton, Librarian, Creator/editor middle grades website, NC

Teaching in an international school, where the majority of our students come to literacy in English as a second or third language is quite challenging. Awesome Stories provides our children (and their parents!) an engaging and stimulating way to improve their reading comprehension and fluency, as well as helping them to build a larger vocabulary base. I strongly encourage all teachers and schools to consider purchasing this wonderful program. It is already making a positive difference for our students, and it would definitely be of benefit for yours!

Terry McCarthy, Xiamen International School, Fujian, China

Weaving primary source material into my student’s learning is my secret weapon. Everyone loves a good story and when I can incorporate it into my teaching- it is the ‘hook’ that keeps them wanting to go further and investigate more. When did a student ever finish a chapter in their textbook and ask, “Can I have more, please”?

Mary Ann Riendeau, Eagle Hill School, Hardwick, MA

The research behind Awesome Stories is superior. The breadth and depth of the information is truly awesome. Bringing all of the resources together in one place streamlines research and encourages creativity.

Linda Homa, Reference Librarian, Public Library Lewisburg, PA

No where on the web can I find a better integration of primary sources with accurate, interesting storytelling.

Laura Loftus, Georgetown Middle School, Washington, D.C.

Awesome Stories is an amazing resource that helps teach students to think deeper and more critically by tying in topics they’re already interested in and giving them the background stories on these topics.

Jolene Gutierrez, Denver Academy, Denver, CO

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5,000 Stories

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100,000+ Primary Sources

Reach Your Verdict.

