

Ideas for Using Iowa AEA Online Resources to Support ELs

To access these resources, a username and password from the AEA is needed. Ask your media specialist for your district specific access codes. Teach your students how to use these sites so they can access from home and use with their families to increase literacy and learning in their homes.

Resource	Description	Uses with English Learners
BookFLIX PreK – 3	Online literacy resource pairing fictional video storybooks with related nonfiction books. Read Aloud feature (highlights words as they are read); some Spanish titles (geared for pre-k – grade 3).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build background on upcoming concepts and topics • Build vocabulary • Supported reading (visuals & read aloud) • Extension activities • Access at home to use with family to increase literacy availability in English and Spanish
Britannica School PreK – 12	A collection of resources for K-12 including an encyclopedia, dictionary, atlas, articles and more. There is a linked-in Spanish translator. Users can also copy/paste the articles for translation via Google Translator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access native language text (using translation tools) • Access content text at different grade band levels • Nonfiction text related to content area for instruction and practice with text features and reading strategies • Access visuals and tools related to content topic
CultureGrams K-12	A resource for detailed information about countries and their citizens. Users could copy and paste articles into Google Translator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access native language text (using translation tools) • Access content text at different grade band/reading levels • Nonfiction text related to content area for instruction and practice with text features and reading strategies • Access visuals and tools related to content topic
GALE PreK - 12	A collection of various articles. There is a built-in translation feature; the site can be changed into various languages. Summaries can be translated within the site, but translation of article requires copy/paste into Google Translator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access native language text (using translation tools) • Access content text at different grade band levels • Nonfiction text related to content area for instruction and practice with text features and reading strategies
iCLIPART PreK - 12	A collection of photos, clipart, fonts, animations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to visuals to support vocabulary development • Word wall/notebook, picture schedule, etc.

Learn360 PreK - 12	<p>Collection of video clips, images, audio files, newsreels, and speeches.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build background and vocabulary on upcoming concepts and topics • Visual and auditory cues • Could use videos for specific listening skills practice
AEA Digital Library PreK - 12	<p>Searchable collection of digital media resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build background and vocabulary on upcoming concepts and topics • Visual and auditory cues • Videos could be used for specific listening skills practice
Sirs Issues Researcher 9-12	<p>This site hosts multiple resources for doing research on many issues. There are videos and articles. There is no embedded translator.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access native language text (using translation tools) • Nonfiction text related to content area for instruction and practice with text features and reading strategies • Build background and vocabulary on content area concepts and topics • Visual and auditory cues • Videos could be used to provide targeted listening skills practice
Teen Health & Wellness 7-12	<p>This site has multiple resources. Google translator is embedded in the articles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access native language text (using translation tools) • Nonfiction text related to content area for instruction and practice with text features and reading strategies • Build background and vocabulary on content area concepts and topics
TrueFLIX 3-6	<p>This site has books and short video clips about subject area (social studies and science) topics. The books are written in English. Additional instructional resources available.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build background on upcoming concepts and topics • Build vocabulary • Supported reading (visuals & read aloud) • Extension activities • Repeated viewing; pause
MackinVIA K-12	<p>Collection of e-books.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource for additional texts • Fiction and nonfiction text related to content area/theme for instruction and practice reading strategies

American History in Video K-12	Collection of newsreels, documentaries, reenactments, and analyses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build background on upcoming concepts and topics • Build vocabulary • Visual and auditory input • Repeated viewing; pause • Transcript (text and audio)
FreedomFLIX 4-12	This site has books and short video clips about social studies topics. The books are written in English. Additional instructional resources available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build background on upcoming concepts and topics • Build vocabulary • Supported reading (visuals & read aloud) • Extension activities • Repeated viewing; pause
ScienceFLIX 4-12	This site has books and short video clips about science topics. The books are written in English. Additional instructional resources available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build background on upcoming concepts and topics • Build vocabulary • Supported reading (visuals & read aloud) • Extension activities, experiments, projects • Repeated viewing; pause
Soundzabound K-12	Royalty free music for use in schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music files for projects, presentations
TeachingBooks.net K-12	Digital resources for a variety of instructional areas (Art, CTE, Drama, EC, ELL, Music, PE, World Languages, STEAM, Health, ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies). Instructional resources available: activities, literacy tools, tech integration, book guides, lesson plans, book trailers, Meet-the-Author movies, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build background on upcoming concepts and topics • Build vocabulary • Supported reading (visuals & read aloud) • Extension activities • Repeated viewing; pause • Closed captioning available in videos