



Web-based Resources for Performance Tasks and Projects (PBL)

I have compiled the following collection of websites to support the design of authentic performance tasks and projects (Project-based Learning). The tasks and projects can serve as rich and engaging learning activities and/or assessments of students’ abilities to apply their learning in realistic situations. Please notify me if any of the websites have changed or gone offline. Also, send me links to other great resources that I can add to this list at: jay@mctighe-associates.com

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NOTE: In addition to these existing online resources, Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools such as *ChatGPT, Gemini, Grok, Claude, Perplexity, School AI, and Magic School* can create performance-based tasks and projects with associated rubrics. AI can also provide ideas for differentiating the assessments.

Searchable Databases of Performance Tasks and Rubrics

The Performance Assessment Resource Bank (SCALE) developed at Stanford University, this site offers a searchable database of curated performance assessments and associated resources that support their use by educators, schools, and districts and is designed as a platform to build an expanding collection of curated resources.

<https://www.performanceassessmentresourcebank.org/source/stanford-center-assessment-learning-and-equity-scale?page=1>

This 1-hour webinar describes how to access the vast collection of SCALE resources.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk-plWRTN80&feature=youtu.be>

The New York Performance Standards Consortium offers a collection performance assessment tasks and rubrics.

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

Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) – Funded by the Gates Foundation, the LDC has developed a set of task templates, mini tasks and instructional modules linked to the Common Core E/LA Standards. The templates support the integration of the E/LA Standards with content from Science, Social Studies and Technical subjects. Click on “sample curricula” to view samples of templates and modules. You will need to register (no cost) to access these resources. Click on “LDC Core Tools log in” to view sample templates, tasks and modules.

<http://ldc.org>

LDC Template Collection 3.0 for secondary levels.

https://ldc-production-secure.s3.amazonaws.com/resource_files/files/000/000/441/original/MASTER_LD_C_Task_Template_Collection3.0.pdf

The Alberta Assessment Consortium (CN) offers a collection of quality performance tasks for various grades and subject areas. While the full collection of their tasks is available only to members, you can still use the search feature and view many of their publicly accessible tasks.

<https://aac.ab.ca/materials/>

Websites for PROJECTS (PBL)

PBL Works (formerly The Buck Institute) is a premier source of resources for project- based learning (PBL), including project examples, archived and live webinars, blogs and videos. Search under “projects” and “resources.”

<https://my.pblworks.org/projects>

Edutopia (The George Lucas Educational Foundation) has a dedicated section for Project-Based Learning with articles, classroom examples, instructional strategies, videos, and community discussions for K-12 educators.

<https://www.edutopia.org/project-based-learning>

<https://www.edutopia.org/project-based-learning-guide-resources>

Expeditionary Learning offers a library of interdisciplinary projects.

<http://modelsofexcellence.education.org/projects>

We Teach NYC helps educators understand PBL and develop meaningful classroom projects by offering planning resources and examples of projects.

<https://www.weteachnyc.org/resources/collection/project-based-learning/>

The Center for High Quality Student Work offers a searchable database of interdisciplinary projects.

<http://modelsofexcellence.education.org/projects>

GlobalSchool.Net – offers an array of PBL-related examples. Click on “Collaborate Now” then “Featured Projects” for project examples.

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

High Tech High School offers a collection of authentic projects with rubrics and samples of student products.

<http://www.hightechhigh.org/projects/>

Defined Learning has developed 100+ performance tasks/projects and associated rubrics based on various career areas. The tasks use the GRASPS format from UbD to establish an authentic scenario. A unique feature is the inclusion of a motivating video that shows “real world” applications of knowledge to set up the projects. A collection of articles provides information on project-based learning.

Note: This is a paid subscription site, offering site licenses for schools and districts.

<http://www.definedlearning.com>

Opening Paths – PBL Libraries for Ideas – This group offer meta-directory of multiple PBL unit libraries and teacher-shared projects.

<https://openingpaths.org/pbllibraries/>

Senior Exhibitions / Capstone Project ideas

Lumiere Education – Capstone Ideas for High School – Concrete lists of multi-week capstone ideas across STEM, social sciences, and humanities; helpful for generating senior project prompts.

<https://www.lumiere-education.com/post/easy-capstone-project-ideas-for-high-school-students>

<https://www.lumiere-education.com/post/capstone-project-ideas-for-high-school-seniors>

Holyoke High – Senior Capstone Projects (video) – Example of a school-wide senior capstone structure with exhibition requirements and public presentations to community panels.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlKbtJ6Z4Kk>

SUBJECT AREA Websites of Performance Tasks and Rubrics

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

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<http://ldc.org>

<https://coretools.ldc.org/curriculumLibrary>

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[secure.s3.amazonaws.com/resource_files/files/000/000/441/original/MASTER_LD](https://ldc-production-secure.s3.amazonaws.com/resource_files/files/000/000/441/original/MASTER_LD)

[C Task Template Collection3.0.pdf](https://ldc-production-secure.s3.amazonaws.com/resource_files/files/000/000/441/original/MASTER_LD)

Template Collection 3.0 – Spanish language version

[https://ldc-production-](https://ldc-production-secure.s3.amazonaws.com/resource_files/files/000/000/442/original/MASTER_Spa)

[secure.s3.amazonaws.com/resource_files/files/000/000/442/original/MASTER_Spa](https://ldc-production-secure.s3.amazonaws.com/resource_files/files/000/000/442/original/MASTER_Spa)

[nish LDC Task Template Collection3.0.pdf](https://ldc-production-secure.s3.amazonaws.com/resource_files/files/000/000/442/original/MASTER_Spa)

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

The Michigan Performance Assessment Cadre offers a collection of performance tasks for all levels in a searchable database. A free registration is required to access these resources.

<https://mipac.net/ela>

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium offers sample performance tasks for E/LA. To view these tasks, go directly to the Sample Items website for the SBAC. click on “browse items” and then enter your grade range, etc. under “item type” click on “performance tasks.

<http://sampleitems.smarterbalanced.org/>

<https://www.caaspp-elpac.org/resources/preparation/practice-and-training-tests/practice-and-training-resources>

Teachers College Writing Project offers writing performance tasks.

<https://advancingliteracy.tc.columbia.edu/resources/virtual-writing-performance-assessments>

Read, Write, Think offers a collection of free literacy lessons and resources for assessment, writing, poetry, and media literacy.

<https://www.readwritethink.org/>

The New Standards Project provides a set of performance tasks and projects in English/Language Arts and other subjects for elementary, middle and high school levels. You can download a free pdf file of tasks for each of the three levels.

<https://ncee.org/new-standards/>

Edutopia offers free “authentic assessment” tools and rubrics. Resources include guides for developing High School Humanities Projects and Skills Spirals for reading and writing.

<https://www.edutopia.org/stw-assessment-resources-downloads>

Write the World offers a library of prompts to provide students with opportunities to expand their writing skills and writing styles.

<https://writetheworld.com/>

PBL Works (formerly The Buck Institute) is a premier source of resources for project-based learning (PBL), featuring project examples, archived and live webinars, blogs and videos. They offer a library of standards-aligned project units, searchable by subject and grade. Includes project examples like "Migration Stories" and "Identity Unfolded", along with associated rubrics and strategy guides.

<https://my.pblworks.org/>

Project Examples:

https://my.pblworks.org/projects?f%5B0%5D=grade_level%3A580

American Rhetoric offers a comprehensive database of great speeches from national leaders, politicians, movies, etc. A great resource for developing listening and speaking skills.

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/>

Story Corps is a nonprofit oral history project collects thousands of one-on-one, intergenerational interviews. Schoolchildren using a Story Corps smartphone app have uploaded thousands of recordings to a publicly accessible, Library of Congress archive. More information available at:

www.storycorps.org

HEALTH and PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Washington DOE offers a collection of assessment tasks. <https://ospi.k12.wa.us/student-success/resources-subject-area/health-and-physical-education/health-and-physical-education-assessments>

Shape America offers a collection of performance assessments and rubrics. <https://www.shapeamerica.org>

Dynamic PE ASAP offers 100+ PE assessments aligned to standards. <https://dynamicpeasap.com>

MATHEMATICS

3-Act Math Tasks A collection of real-world problems shown in videos and photos that are presented in three acts: 1. Introduce the problem/video, 2. Students ask questions and estimate, 3. Reveal the answer/data. Highly engaging tasks that foster mathematical reasoning. https://www.whenmathhappens.com/3-act-math?utm_source=chatgpt.com

The Mathematics Assessment Project (MAP) provides high-quality, performance tasks for middle and high school levels that promote reasoning and problem-solving and communications. <https://www.map.mathshell.org/tasks.php>

Illustrative Mathematics offers comprehensive library of high-quality, standards-aligned tasks and problem-based curriculum designed to develop conceptual understanding and problem-solving skills. Excellent for finding challenging, rich tasks. <http://www.illustrativemathematics.org/>

Ed Gems (CCSS) offers a collection of mathematics tasks for grades 2-12. <https://www.ccssmathactivities.com/performance-tasks/>

Inside Mathematics offers a collection of performance tasks developed by the Shell Centre for Mathematical Education, University of Nottingham, England and the Silicon Valley Mathematics Initiative's Mathematics Assessment Collaborative (MAC). Grades 2-10. <http://www.insidemathematics.org/performance-assessment-tasks>

The Michigan Performance Assessment Cadre offers a collection of performance tasks for grades 3-HS in a searchable database. A free registration is required to access these resources. <https://mipac.net/mathematics>

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics has established a library of mathematical "reasoning task" ideas for the high school level.

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<https://www.nctm.org/rsmtasks/>

You Cubed – Stanford University offers a collection of performance tasks in Mathematics, searchable by grade level, math concepts and/or math practices.

<http://youcubed.stanford.edu/tasks/>

Math for Love provides a searchable database of rich math problems that resist easy solutions.

<https://mathforlove.com/lessons/rich-tasks/>

California Education Partners presents a collection of mathematics tasks from grades 2-12. Tasks for High School level:

<https://www.ccssmathactivities.com/performance-tasks-grades-9-12/>

Open Middle offers a k-12 collection of math problems worth solving.

<https://mathforlove.com/lessons/rich-tasks/>

Rich Mathematical Tasks The Virginia Department of Education rich mathematical tasks engage students in higher levels of thinking, reasoning, and problem solving.

<https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/k-12-standards-instruction/mathematics/instructional-resources/rich-mathematical-task>

NRICH – University of Cambridge (UK) provides sets of mathematics problems and associated teaching resources to develop and assess problem solving and reasoning.

<http://nrich.maths.org/10334>

Maneuvering the Middle Offers three free math tasks for the middle school level.

<https://www.maneuveringthemiddle.com/free-math-performance-tasks-for-middle-school/>

Real World Math This site contains free math activities and authentic tasks based on using Google Earth.

<http://www.realworldmath.org/project-based-learning.html>

The American Mathematical Society offers sets of 8.5" x 11" pdf cards with ideas for real-world math tasks and projects.

<http://www.ams.org/samplings/mathmoments/browsemoments?cat=all>

Stella's Stunners offers a collection of 700 non-routine mathematics problems for middle and high school students. While not necessarily “authentic,” most of these problems are challenging and can encourage mathematical reasoning and the use of problem-solving heuristics.

<http://www.mathstunners.org>

The Performance Assessment Resource Bank (SCALE) developed at Stanford University, this site offers a database of curated performance assessments and associated resources. Search by subject, grade level, course, and math standards. A free registration may be required.

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

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The New York Performance Standards Consortium offers a collection performance assessment tasks and rubrics for mathematics.

<https://www.performanceassessment.org/math-resources-22>

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<https://my.pblworks.org/> See projects secondary mathematics here:

https://my.pblworks.org/projects?keywords=&f%5B0%5D=grade_level%3A580&f%5B1%5D=grade_level%3A581&f%5B2%5D=subject_projects%3A77

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<https://aac.ab.ca/materials/> See tasks for mathematics at various grade levels here:

https://aac.ab.ca/materials/?wpv_view_count=31015&wpv_post_search=&wpv-subject-area%5B%5D=mathematics&wpv_filter_submit=Submit

The Harvard Graduate School of Education Balanced Assessment Project

contains a library of over 300 mathematics assessment tasks and scoring guides for K-12. Although most are not framed as “authentic” problems, the website provides many useful and challenging assessment items.

<http://balancedassessment.concord.org/>

The WPI Industrial Mathematics Project for High School Students has developed over 20 industrial mathematics projects drawn from a variety of real-world situations. These engaging projects are available for every level of high school mathematics, from Algebra to Calculus and Statistics. Each project contains enough material for a major, semester-long endeavor, but its component parts can be used in a shorter project.

<https://labs.wpi.edu/imphss/research/>

Phillips Exeter Academy The Mathematics Department at this highly acclaimed independent school no longer uses textbooks. Instead, they have developed their entire mathematics curriculum around rich problem sets. View them here:

<https://exeter.edu/mathproblems/>

The Centre for Innovation in Mathematics (United Kingdom) has developed real world performance tasks and teaching ideas in mathematics.

<https://www.cimt.org.uk/resources/res1/index.htm>

<https://www.cimt.org.uk/resources/topics/index.htm>

The New York Times offers ideas for “real world” tasks in Algebra.

<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/09/26/n-ways-to-apply-algebra-with-the-new-york-times/>

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NRICH – University of Cambridge (UK) provides sets of mathematics problems and associated teaching resources to develop and assess problem solving and reasoning.

<https://nrich.maths.org/curriculum-linked-problems-secondary-teachers>

PHET Interactive Simulations offer a collection of free, research-based, interactive simulations for math and science. Excellent tools for NSTA's *Developing and Using Models* and *Analyzing Data*.

<https://phet.colorado.edu/>

The American Mathematical Society offers ideas for real-world math tasks and projects.

<http://www.ams.org/samplings/mathmoments/browsemoments?cat=all>

Tuva Labs offers a variety of data-related projects and analysis tools for math and science, as well as to develop argumentation and reasoning skills, applicable to E/LA, as well.

<https://tuvalabs.com/>

Teach Engineering offers a free collection of engineering performance tasks and other curriculum resources for elementary through high school levels.

<https://www.teachengineering.org>

Commercial Resources for Performance Tasks in Mathematics

Exemplars This subscription site features a collection of “authentic” performance assessment tasks in mathematics. Each task includes annotated examples of student responses illustrating different performance levels. Sample tasks and rubrics are available online.

<http://www.exemplars.com/>

<http://www.exemplars.com/resources/rubrics/assessment-rubrics>

Building Thinking Classrooms

Peter Liljedahl has compiled a set of math challenges based on his best-selling book,

<https://www.buildingthinkingclassrooms.com/btc-tasks>

Mathematics Tasks for the Thinking Classroom, Grades K-5 [https://www.corwin.com/books/btc-math-tasks-k-5-](https://www.corwin.com/books/btc-math-tasks-k-5-285210?_gl=1*ypayiw*_up*MQ..*_ga*MTU1MDAxODU4MC4xNzZwMzkyNTly*_ga_71Z4YS11XC*czE3NzAzOTI1MjEkbzEkZzAkdDE3NzAzOTI1MjEkaJYwJGwwJGgyMDY3OTQ3MzM1)

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Mathematics Tasks for the Thinking Classroom, Grades 6-12

[https://www.corwin.com/books/btc-math-tasks-6-12-](https://www.corwin.com/books/btc-math-tasks-6-12-281402?_gl=1*18cbop2*_up*MQ..*_ga*MTU1MDAxODU4MC4xNzZwMzkyNTly*_ga_71Z4YS11XC*czE3NzAzOTI1MjEkbzEkZzAkdDE3NzAzOTI1MjEkaJYwJGwwJGgyMDY3OTQ3MzM1)

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SCIENCE

The Wonder of Science offers a collection of performance assessments created by Paul Andersen and a team of science teachers based on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

<https://thewonderofscience.com/draft-assessment>

The Next Generation Science Standards offers a suite of assessment tasks for upper elementary, middle, and high school levels built around their three-dimensional science standards.

<https://www.nextgenscience.org/task-annotation-project-science>

The Tennessee District Science Network (TDSciN) A group of six districts in Tennessee working collaboratively to create high-quality performance task scenarios that focus on phenomena or problems and integrate the three dimensions of NGSS. View their task library of tasks for elementary, middle, and high school levels here:

<https://ngs.wested.org/tennessee-district-science-network/>

The Task Annotation Project has developed a set of performance tasks for high school science courses based on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The tasks emphasize reasoning, discourse, and evidence use.

<https://www.nextgenscience.org/task-annotation-project-science-high-school-9-12>

Open Sci Ed offers a number of free science units based on the NGSS. These units contain embedded performance tasks designed to help students deepen their understanding and transfer their learning.

<https://opensci.ed.org/curriculum/>

Performance Assessment Resource Bank (SCALE) developed at Stanford University this site offers a database of curated performance assessments and associated resources. Search by subject, grade level, course, and science standards. A free registration may be required.

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

The New Standards Project provides a set of performance tasks and projects in science and other subjects for elementary, middle and high school levels. You can download a free pdf file for each of the three levels.

<https://ncee.org/new-standards/>

Short Performance Assessments (SPAs) were developed as part of the NGSS Assessment Project at Stanford university. These short formative assessment tasks for middle and high school levels are designed to be taken individually at the end of a lesson sequence that addresses the NGSS Performance Expectation (PE).

<https://scienceeducation.stanford.edu/assessments/short-performance-assessments>

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See tasks for science in grades K-8 here:

https://aac.ab.ca/materials/?wpv_view_count=31015&wpv_filter_submit=Submit&wpv_post_search=&wpv-subject-area%5B%5D=science&wpv-subject-area%5B%5D=sciences

The Literacy Design Collaborative has developed curriculum units constructed around performance tasks in E/LA, Social Studies/History, **Science**, Mathematics and CTE. The tasks are built around Explanatory and Argumentation templates. View their searchable database of resources at:

<https://coretools ldc.org/curriculumLibrary>

Sample curricula from various LDC partners can be found at:

<http://ldc.org/sample-curricula>

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Note: This site requires a paid site license for access within a school or district.

<https://definedlearning.com/computer-science-and-stem>

Teach Engineering offers a free collection of engineering performance tasks and other curriculum resources for elementary through high school levels.

<https://www.teachengineering.org>

NASA Stem Engagement created a library of high-interest STEM activities and projects, and tasks that tie directly to real-world NASA missions and engineering challenges. The tasks are searchable by grade level.

<https://www.nasa.gov/learning-resources/search/>

Exemplars offers a collection of performance tasks in science (k-8) including associated rubrics and annotated examples of student work. Sample tasks can be viewed at:

<https://exemplars.com/sample-performance-tasks>

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Note: Exemplars requires a paid site license for access to its full task library.

The Virginia Department of Education has developed sample performance assessments and associated rubrics.

<https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/k-12-standards-instruction/science/assessment-resources>

The Michigan Department of Education has developed a set of sample performance assessment tasks based on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for elementary, middle and high school levels.

<https://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=2029607>

The New York Performance Standards Consortium offers a set of resources and rubrics for science.

<https://www.performanceassessment.org/>

The Texas Performance Standards Project has created a collection of inquiry-base tasks and projects (k-12) for gifted learners. View the task library here:

<https://www.texaspsp.org/>

SOCIAL STUDIES

The Washington State Dept. of Education offer sets of Performance Tasks for Upper Elementary, Middle and High School in History, Geography, Civics and Economics.

<https://ospi.k12.wa.us/student-success/resources-subject-area/social-studies/ospi-developed-social-studies-assessments>

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The NCSS Social Studies Performance-Based Assessment Clearinghouse has been created to provide examples of social studies performance-based assessment measures conducted at local and state levels. Search on available tasks by grade and subject area.

<http://www.socialstudies.org/resources/assessment>

Literacy Design Collaborative has developed sample curricula built around performance tasks for E/LA, **Social Studies/History**, Science, and Reading. <https://coretools ldc.org/curriculumLibrary>
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The Stanford History Education Group offers assessment tasks that go beyond the multiple-choice format to assess historical thinking and reasoning.

<https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-assessments>

<https://sheg.stanford.edu/civic-online-reasoning>

<https://sheg.stanford.edu/about/updates/2019/new-school-year-new-materials-2019>

Geography Tasks from the SCALE Assessment Resource Bank.

<https://www.performanceassessmentresourcebank.org/tags/geography>

This group has published 100+ short, document-based tasks. Sort by topic and historical skill or browse a complete list organized by time period.

<https://sheg.stanford.edu/history-assessments>

Reading like a Historian offers a collection of lessons and assessments on various historical topics.

<https://sheg.stanford.edu/about/updates/2019/new-school-year-new-materials-2019>

The Document Based Questions Project is committed to helping teachers implement rigorous writing and thinking activities with students of all skill levels. The Project has materials in American and World History. All of the DBQs are written at two ability levels, thus making the sophisticated Document-Based Question exercise available to a wide range of grade levels.

<http://www.dbqproject.com/> Here is a holistic rubric for Document-Based Questions:

<http://www.historyteacher.net/rubric.htm>

Related Resources for Social Studies

C-SPAN Classroom offers free, video-based materials for social studies teachers.

<https://www.c-span.org/classroom/>

The Public Broadcasting System (PBS) offers an excellent collection of resources for teachers, including many video clips from PBS programs. Search by subject, topic, and grade level. A free registration is required to access the resources.

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

The U.S. Library of Congress offers many resources for teachers and their students.

<https://www.loc.gov/?loclr=twloc>

Digital Public Library – A vast, free collection of primary source materials.

<http://dp.la>

Newsela provides a resource for helping students comprehend informational text. The free service offers daily news articles written at five levels of difficulty, suitable for students from upper elementary to high school. Newsela adapts to each student's reading ability to offer the right content while allowing re-leveling of articles with a single click.

<http://newsela.com/>

<http://www.pinterest.com/newsela>

American Rhetoric offers a comprehensive database of great speeches from national leaders, politicians, movies, etc. A great resource for developing listening and speaking skills.

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Story Corps is a nonprofit oral history project collects thousands of one-on-one, intergenerational interviews. Schoolchildren using a Story Corps smartphone app have uploaded thousands of recordings to a publicly accessible, Library of Congress archive. More information available at:

www.storycorps.org

The Teaching Channel offers a searchable database containing wide range of free videos providing lesson ideas and demonstrations of teaching practices for a variety of subjects and grades. Videos vary in length from 5 to 30 minutes. <https://www.teachingchannel.org/>

National Endowment for the Humanities offers lesson plan libraries for Art, History and Social Studies, Language and Literature, and World Languages.

<http://edsitement.neh.gov>

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<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/>

The Constitution Center - On this site, constitutional experts interact with each other to explore the Constitution's history and what it means today. For each provision of the Constitution, scholars of different perspectives discuss what they agree and disagree about.

<http://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution>

Animated Videos on Ethical Dilemmas - Harvard professor, [Michael Sandel](#), has posted a series of short animated videos for use in presenting and discussing ethical dilemmas.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLltdM60MtzxMDin_gM6ftURc8wqMGMUM4

Timeline Creation Tools – A variety of free virtual tools for creating timelines.

<https://elearningindustry.com/top-10-free-timeline-creation-tools-for-teachers>

T.C.I. – K-12 Curriculum Materials

Social Studies Alive — <https://www.teachtci.com/social-studies/elementary-school/>

History Alive — <https://www.teachtci.com/social-studies/middle-school-social-studies/>

and <https://www.teachtci.com/social-studies/high-school-social-studies/>

Facing History and Ourselves — <https://www.facinghistory.org>

Social Studies Curriculum Resources — <https://www.socialstudies.com>

The Stanford History Education Group offers a set of curriculum units and related projects to engage students in historical inquiry. Lessons revolve around a central historical question and features sets of primary documents to involve students in “reading like a historian.”

<http://sheg.stanford.edu/?q=node/45>

ENGAGENY has produced a Social Studies Toolkit containing sample curriculum and instructional resources for social studies. The website includes inquiry units and videos.

<https://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-k-12-social-studies-resource-toolkit>

The National Council for the Social Studies offers curriculum resources in their searchable library, including materials associated with their C3 Standards, including the C3 Inquiry Design Model.

<https://www.socialstudies.org/teacherslibrary>

C3 Teachers offers a set of curriculum maps for social studies inquiry topics. Each topic includes an Essential Question and ideas for formative tasks.

<http://www.c3teachers.org/ny-inquiry-charts/>

The Inquiry Design Model (IDM) is a distinctive approach to creating curriculum and instructional materials that support the Inquiry Arc of the C3 Social Studies Standards. IDM offers a wide array of questions, tasks, and sources associated with authentic inquiry. <http://www.c3teachers.org/>

VISUAL and PERFORMING ARTS

The Michigan Assessment Consortium (MAC) offers a database of 360 performance tasks to assess K-12 fine arts performance in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts.

<https://maeia-artsednetwork.org/authentically-assess-your-arts-students/>

The Washington State Dept. of Education offers a collection of performance tasks for Dance, Music, Theater and Visual Arts developed.

<https://ospi.k12.wa.us/student-success/resources-subject-area/arts/ospi-developed-performance-assessments-arts>

The National Core Arts Standards include Understandings and Essential Questions linked to artistic processes, along with sample Cornerstone Performance Tasks for Music, Visual Arts, Theater, Dance and Media Arts.

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

The Performance Assessment Resource Bank (PARB) – Developed at Stanford University, this site offers a searchable database of curated performance assessments and associated resources that support their use by educators, schools, and districts and is designed as a platform to build an expanding collection of curated resources. The database is searchable by subject areas, grade level/courses, and Standards. <https://performanceassessment.stanford.edu/>

This 1-hour webinar describes the extensive collection of resources available through the PARB and how to access them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk-plWRTN80&feature=youtu.be>

Brigham Young University (BYU) – The Theater Education Program at BYU offers a database of unit plans containing assessment ideas. A free registration is required to access the full set of resources on this website. <https://tedb.byu.edu/units>

WORLD LANGUAGES

The Consortium for Assessing Performance Standards in New Jersey developed a collection of thematically organized Performance Tasks and associated Rubrics for World Languages.

<http://flenj.org/toas/>

The Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition (CARLA) at the University of Minnesota offers a collection of Performance Tasks and associated Rubrics.

<http://www.carla.umn.edu/assessment/VAC/> ...and units using proficiency-based assessments

http://carla.umn.edu/assessment/vac/CreateUnit/unit_examples.html

The **Ohio DOE** offers a collection of assessment tools, including performance tasks and rubrics.

<http://oflaslo.weebly.com/integrated-performance-assessment-ipa-center.html>

Technology-based assessment tasks (LiveBinders collection)

<http://www.livebinders.com/play/play/1504217>

Integrated Performance Assessments for Language Learning

<http://oflaslo.weebly.com/integrated-performance-assessment-ipa-center.html#.WxitKC1Eo5f>

The Literacy Design Collaborative – Template Collection 3.0 – Spanish language version

[https://ldc-production-](https://ldc-production-secure.s3.amazonaws.com/resource_files/files/000/000/442/original/MASTER_Spanish_LDC_Task_Template_Collection3.0.pdf)

[secure.s3.amazonaws.com/resource_files/files/000/000/442/original/MASTER_Spa](https://ldc-production-secure.s3.amazonaws.com/resource_files/files/000/000/442/original/MASTER_Spanish_LDC_Task_Template_Collection3.0.pdf)

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World Language Rubrics – Originally developed in Fairfax County Public Schools, VA, this website contains a sets analytic and holistic rubrics for writing and speaking for beginner through advanced levels. Includes a Conversion Chart for translating rubric scores into % letter grades.

<https://www.pwcs.edu/cms/One.aspx?portalId=340225&pageId=5835963>

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) provides “can do” statements based on ACTFL Proficiency Continua for listening, speaking, reading, and writing, for use in assessing proficiency levels in language learning.

<https://www.actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/ncssfl-actfl-can-do-statements>

Ohio Department of Education – World Language scoring guides and rubrics

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Foreign-Language/World-Languages-Model-Curriculum/World-Languages-Model-Curriculum-Framework/Instructional-Strategies/Scoring-Guidelines-for-World-Languages>

WIDA writing rubrics for English Language Learners (ELL).

http://www.njtesol-njbe.org/handouts15/WIDA_Writing_Rubric.pdf

LinguaFolio® is a proficiency-based, student self-assessment tool that empowers learners to manage their own language learning and to collect evidence showing their growth.

<https://linguafolio.uoregon.edu/>