

# Awesome *stories*



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SURVEY COMMENTS

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**In the late Spring of 2012**, Awesome Stories conducted a survey of its subscribers. More than 1,400 people responded. In addition to answering survey questions, hundreds of people - many of them educators - provided additional comments about Awesome Stories. This booklet contains those user comments.

Please contact us if you would like the names and geographic locations of the quoted respondents.



# What real educators have to say about Awesome Stories...

Can you believe there's a site where both teacher AND student find exciting learning tools?! This is it!

Walker Middle School  
Oregon

History comes alive with real primary links, both visual and audio, to help students "be in the moment of history." I love sharing this site with my students and showing them all the cool things they can explore on their own and how to use the site to enhance what we are learning in the classroom.

Awesomestories.com is a Godsend for our classes.

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

## Awesome Stories uses pop culture to help students learn.

This is one website where you can learn the truth about movies based on real-life events. And this website gives a lot more than that. If you have a minimum interest in history (and if it's well-told, EVERYONE would have a minimum interest), this is a website to visit.

Awesome Stories is a resource that I can't do without!

Macon County Middle School  
Macon, GA

The stories on "Awesome Stories" can reach students who were previously unreachable. The links within the stories really make the stories come alive for the student.

Texarkana Independent  
School District  
Texarkana, TX



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.

Curriculum Specialist,  
Cornelius Elementary  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools  
North Carolina

## Great site. My students love it!!!

Lake Gibson Middle School  
Polk County Public Schools  
Florida

Awesome Stories allows you to bring the printed page to life.



**Fabulous resource with connections.**

Very engaging for the students.

**An amazing resource for timely topics.**

Awesome, nothing more to say.

"Awesome Stories" always has interesting content presented in a fun format! I feel like I learn quite a bit in an enjoyable manner just searching through the information contained in your site. Thank you, "Awesome Stories"! I'm so glad I discovered you!

Just Wonderful! I am so happy to have this resource at my fingertips!

As a teacher of the history of the 21st Century Awesome Stories provided a plethora of ideas and resources for my classes. We do not have a textbook that offers as much pertinent information. I liked being able to adapt the stories and resources to meet the needs of our courses.

Teacher  
Montana

Nowhere on the web can I find a better integration of primary sources with accurate, interesting storytelling.

**AWESOME STORIES IS THE AVENUE TO ADVENTURE AND LEARNING!**

The "Awesome Stories" website is really important and awesome for students and teachers.

Great resource for all types of stories. We are always searching for high quality nonfiction stories that connect to our curriculum and the core- "Awesome Stories" never disappoints.



**Awesome stories provides the best stories online for stimulating thinking and for inspiration. I especially like the way the stories are written and whoever is doing the writing, you are awesome!!! Keep it up!!!**

I have been in a small academy setting this year within a large urban minority majority district. The goal was to get over-aged kids caught up to their high school grade level in one year. That meant really chunking the curriculum but at the same time building background knowledge and critical thinking skills for the rigor of high school. Awesome Stories supported my goals with rich meaningful lessons and research that would have taken hours for me to compile! I don't mind tackling challenges and Awesome Stories was a great partner.

*The past comes to life with the click of a mouse. Listen, watch, read, imagine.*

I absolutely love "Awesome Stories," even recommend the site to others at the IACEA State Conference.

Awesome Stores makes learning fun!

Easy to use and helpful.

**Reliable and verifiable stories of interest and a valuable research tool for my students.**

Awesome stories...is awesome!

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

I love learning through great Storytelling!  
Thanks!

G r e a t t o h a v e  
s u c h d i v e r s e  
s o u r c e s a l l i n  
o n e p l a c e !

Really wonderful service. Thanks to you, very much. Hoping for more memorable articles. Thanks.

Inspiring, great tool to enhance learning, engaging.

This website has allowed me to teach all of my students at their level. The incredibly high interest stories provide the background to my lessons.

**S u p e r r e s o u r c e !**

"Awesome stories" is a great site for learning and brushing up.

My teachers use these to grab the attention of the students and initiate some great discussions.

Awesome Stories is a great resource in my teaching and in my classroom!

*I have been very pleased with the content and quality of the stories!*



AWESOME STORIES - AWESOME LEARNING

**Awesome stories brings lessons to life through the stories it tells.**

Hook...use the visual.

Interesting, informative and entertaining!

Awesome stories I really enjoy reading them. Please give us more stories about Hispanic interesting people, artist, painters, sculptors, writers, poets, etc.

Great variety of sources and idea all linked together in one site.

"Awesome Stories" provides information I didn't even know I really wanted! I sometimes have gone through the information presented for a story, then all the links, and then want to tell everyone who will listen to me about how cool it is (most impressed at translations of Joan of Arc's trial and all the information about Dr. Samuel Mudd - and his trial.

Dallas Independent School District  
Dallas, Texas

It opens the door on a subject and sends kids on a treasure hunt for information and knowledge!

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Makes history come alive for the students.

It is one of the best sites I have found that deals with current topics in a comprehensive manner.

Awesome Stories is a tremendous resource especially for teachers who have limited budgets, as most of us do.

## Making history part of your life!

Awesome Stories has an amazing way of bringing true stories to life. They have a knack for including information that is fascinating for both students and adults. When you are finished with the stories, you think, "Why didn't I know that before?" or "I didn't know THAT part of the story!"

Detailed, timely, relevant, historical, authentic.

An interesting and useful learning resource.

I think the name "Awesome Stories" says it all!

A great place for awesome teaching aids.

Neat way to share stories in a practical and meaningful format.

Excellent source for literature.



Human interest stories are always such great attention grabbers, and how better to start off a new class or section of teaching than with a story! I find stories are generally well received and if you would open any lesson plan with a good story, I feel you would have a better start to any academic topic, especially if they are personal experiences.

Something for everyone. Variety of genres, classics - fiction and nonfiction! The accessibility on the web entices my student and enhances their reading.

"Awesome Stories" is a fun and educational way of learning about different and important events that happened. I believe this site will go far.

So relevant.

**Treasure trove for the creative teacher, wonderful tool for the student.**

Oregon City School District  
Oregon

Very resourceful.

It's a really reliable history tool.

I think it's useful for new English learning, too. Especially the ones for middle ages.

**Awesome Stories are Awesome.**

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Awesome Stories delivers lessons in a student friendly format. Students love stories about others and themselves in every day and fantasy situations. The lessons and resources are a big plus for me as a teacher so I can show my administration, colleagues, and parents the academic relevance of the assignments. Keep up the excellent service!

Texas City ISD  
Texas City, Texas

Great source for educators! Helps build teaching-kit.

**21st century methods to empower students to become awesome readers and writers. Love it.**

Weymouth High School  
Weymouth, MA

Awesome Stories provides information that is useful and timely to supplement the classroom environment.

Stories are fully researched and fully developed.

A treasure trove of knowledge.

Great stories with links to primary sources, a combination that makes great learning.



Nice to learn from.

**I have to applaud your efforts in this endeavor. It is very constructive and it gives many people an opportunity to express themselves.**

## Easy to use.

Ideal for more in-depth thematic story content; very helpful for educators and students.

I like finding credible videos on the Internet. It is nice to find a site that has good audio clips.

Learning should be  
fun. Awesome  
Stories makes it so!

Instructional Specialist / District Administrator  
Carroll Community College  
Westminster, MD

Awesome stories is fantastic! Teachers and students aren't the only ones benefiting from you. As a senior citizen I have gained so much more insight on my favorite topics. The research put into each story is phenomenal. This is my favorite website to do research and exercise my brain. Kudos to you!

Awesome Stories has been a great resource to use in classroom and in my listening center. Thanks!

I have so enjoyed this site.

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

Denver Academy  
Denver, CO

Awesome Stories is a great resource for teachers. It offers great stories with video links and lesson plan ideas.

Good resources for common Core ELA.

Awesome Stories provides varieties of information that can help improve and preserve the history and culture of world.

Wonderful segue for monthly history lessons. My kids love the videos.

I just love the historical research!

Awesome stories is very well organized and a great tool to introduce history into the classroom.



Making relevant, high interest stories -- from history to pop culture -- available & easy to access.

The more information you get the more literate you become!

Very interesting stories about everyday things you didn't know!

Great research tool for getting the facts and interesting items for teaching.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to write about your web site. I enjoyed reading stories and watching movies together. This is like "Movies that Teach." I like to use this kind of medium with older deaf adults who missed out a lot of literacy and reading due to misguided education system for the deaf in the past. I love, love, love Visual Vocabulary Builder. Best tool for my brain and I try to encourage my fellow deaf friends to learn together. Awesome Stories is awesomely invaluable. Thank you and God bless you.

Awesome Stories is an amazing resource for reading and writing instructors. You give them a gift when you introduce A.S. to your students. It's a pleasure to enjoy for your own edification as well.

Butte College  
Oroville, California

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

**Awesome Stories lives up to its name. It's a terrific classroom resource to bring an added dimension to instruction. I use it as a reward and as a supplement throughout the year.**

Caldwell Schools  
Caldwell, OH

The best website for creating mental models for background information in Literacy Learning.

It's great!

I especially like the story behind the stories!

**I finally understand what I read about history and I like it.**

Parent  
Maricopa County, AZ

...where stories come to life.

I've shared the website with my building staff and fellow district librarians and have put a link to the site on my Lib Guides page.

What can I say? It's just AWESOME!

**My 4th and 5th grade student love to see anything and everything about any book they are reading. They can't seem to get enough of all you have to offer re: Hunger Games.**

P.S. 315 K  
New York City, NY



Stories teach best, and this is the best story site on the web!

The story of 9/11 saved me from hours of online research. Images, facts, video and audio resources were already there so that I could show my immigrant students how Americans experienced this tragedy. Even the emotional aftermath was conveyed through the children's drawings and the memorial concert at the end of the story.

Great use of historical stories and events to bolster my 7th grade Social Studies classroom.

I enjoy the stories--some I've been familiar with, but others totally new.

**Love your stories and the comparison and questions made in the lesson plans.**

Awesome Stories is a great learning tool even for a retired person such as myself.

I like the words "awesome stories" and love this site.

"Awesome Stories" is an entertaining resource to use in creatively teaching others about what could otherwise be a "dry" topic. Personally, I could spend quite a bit of time reading about the different people & topics that are presented. It is a great resource to pass along to our library patrons for their use in school work or just browsing for pleasure. Thank you, Awesome Stories! I hope you will be around for some time to come!

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Unique and interesting student engagement.

Practical, profound, and engaging for students and teachers  
The Awesome Stories website is just that, awesome!

Professor  
New Jersey City University  
New Jersey

Top of the top for all to aspire to!

San Ramon Valley Unified  
San Ramon, CA

Awesome Stories is a refreshing way to bridge life stories with education. I particularly enjoyed the C.S. Lewis/Joy Davidman story and found it useful in my current seminary class.

I have always found "Awesome Stories" interesting and an asset to the internet and myself.

When I begin teaching again, "Awesome Stories" will be a great resource. I like your many types of resources.

Awesome Stories is awesome!

A primary source at your fingertips to enhance Core Curriculum studies.

Broad Meadows Middle School  
Quincy, MA



Any business is an idea at work. This is an ethos that I endorse and personally believe in. The idea that stories can be used for teaching is not new. In this ancient civilization that is India, stories have been used for long as a passing down of culture, beliefs and indeed philosophy from father to son, mother to daughter, teacher to student. However, in the modern world of the West, storytelling per se had died down and by the turn of the 20th century, media, cinema / arts / theater and then television ended the culture and relegated storytelling to a mere 'old folks stories'. Important lessons are learnt from storytelling, this much is evident. Youngsters who are reared with stories that are rich in personal lessons of principle, ethics, integrity, hard work, respect for self, respect for parents and elders, grow up with all of these seeds maturing into life changing behaviors. This is seen in the way Indian students study through medicine, engineering or why the best companies in the west hires Indians for jobs that cannot be filled by the west. IT companies are filled with Indians and Chinese Engineers and analysts, not because they come cheap, but because of their work ethics, commitment and dedication, respect for their work place and last but not the least - a certain amount of dependability they bring to the table. These are all intangible merits which are woven into the mental makeup of youngsters with stories that are told to these kids either by their grandparents or by teachers. Having said that, it is my personal opinion that Awesome Stories is a great resource and also a fabulous idea that must be encouraged. The power to change young minds is an act that is needed in many countries. In perhaps ten or fifteen or twenty years from now, in our tomorrows, there will be many who will vouch with personal testimonies of their lives as to how they'd changed, because they read a story from Awesome Stories or someone told them a story that was featured here. Congratulations on a wonderful job.



Captivating! Engaging and reliable. Truly a remarkable resource for promoting learning.

A great resource to introduce a lesson, to "hook" students into a topic or to illustrate and conclude a lesson.

Always surprising with hints of suspense, thrill and the joy of continual learning. "Never too old to keep learning!!"

A great resource that continues to inspire me!

I believe that this is helpful and should be used by teachers to assist students to write and grow!

An awesome resource for story tellers and learners.

I always enjoy your timely stories.

Awesome Stories Rocks! It's the best place to find the best stories!!

W o n d e r f u l .



I look forward to receiving your Awesome Stories newsletter every month. I always enjoy reading about the various topics, and I particularly appreciate the links to additional sources of information and entertainment.

Stories reach the heart, and people listen with their hearts more than their ears.

I love the links you provide to give background information or access to primary sources related to that topic. Particularly LOVED the original recording of "The King's Speech."

A good invention and a great help.

They say that history is written by the victors. Thank you for telling the stories behind the story- stories that need to be told.

## Powerful and thought provoking resource!

Eureka High School  
Eureka, CA

As a librarian, I always recommend resources that support the Common Core and the school curriculum. "Awesome Stories" is a great resource tool at the tip of my fingers for the ELA as well as the ESL teachers who are constantly searching for new materials.

Always sparks interest, always.

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Great background for my ELL's!

## Something to look forward to!

Simply "Awesome."

Great place for videos that tie into lessons!

Easy to navigate, user- friendly Relevant and high-interest stories.

Great way to find primary sources!

A w e s o m e  
S t o r i e s i s a n  
i n v a l u a b l e  
e d u c a t i o n a l  
w e b s i t e .

Elk Grove Unified Schools  
Elk Grove, CA

The word "awesome" is an excellent word to describe "Awesome Stories".

Amazing, wonderful, excellent, stories offer much excitement.

Teaching staff say it's excellent!

Awesome Stories are awesome because the stories are fascinating and are filled with links to primary sources, images, audio, and video.



I use this site as one of my "Top 10" best sites for learning when I have done presentations at workshops in the past. Love it!

Fairview High School  
Cullman County, AL

Great resource  
for teaching  
and technology  
integration!

Professor of Education  
Cambridge College  
Massachusetts

Constant entertainment with learning!

**I really love the diversity of stories offered on the website. It is something I've encouraged my tutors to use for a while. I find it to be very helpful with building comprehension and with helping learners studying for their citizenship.**

I found many stories important for my research.

Informative, up to date, entertaining.

Convenient, Compliments and Complete.

Awesome Stories is a great resource. It's applicable and useful to 21st Century classrooms.

Like homemade cookies from grandma, you never know what she's mixing up, but you're certain it's going to be good.

I would like to recommend to my daughter-in-law who is home schooling.

Awesome Stories is a great resource to use in the classroom by busy teachers!

I can't encourage enough the use of "Awesome Stories" to encourage our children to read and learn about all the great possibilities there are for them. Reading = using their imagination = thinking!

An excellent opportunity in place of reading hard copies of stories.

Interesting,  
informative. A place to  
find things you didn't  
even know to look for.

Cherokee County, Alabama

It is a good resource for building background information.



I love Awesome Stories because it has up-to-the-minute primary resources that my children (students) connect with. Finding out the "real story" behind a popular movie, for instance, helps them connect the dots and makes them more critical thinkers. Awesome Stories is a valuable resource!



## Great resource!

Great resource that is easy to access by teachers and students!

Unique and valuable historic information.

I wish this had been available when I taught. I love to be able to click on words and pictures and resources. It makes reading the awesome stories so awesome!

Innovative!

This is a great teacher resource on the Web.

Entertaining and effective.

Great stories to use as "hooks" to gain student attention and interest!

SPLENDIFEROUS!!!

Awesome!

How will they know, unless we tell them? (Teachers/librarians must share what they are given with their students as mandated by administration.) This does it.

Engaging.

These are real life stories that kids can relate to. They really can get a global view of life around the world and in our own country through the interviews and stories. The characters and artifacts come to life and really click with the social media mentality of our youth. It is relevant fast food for their minds.

Teacher  
Winnett County School District  
Lilburn, GA



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.

Associate Director  
Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources  
Illinois State University  
Normal, IL

If you want to learn you have to go to Awesome Stories.

This is absolutely the best website of its kind. For any subject you are teaching, check here first! You won't be disappointed.

Fresh ideas to use when you or your students need to be stimulated.

Your stories provide in-depth information in very compelling writing. I am very impressed with the stories and find them very helpful.

## Simply Amazing(ly) Awesome!!!!

Student  
Turpin High School  
Forest Hills School District  
Cincinnati, OH

This is an excellent resource that not only provides information, but also provides jumpstarts to new, fresh ideas. It helps to keep my instruction fresh.

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Awesome is the true word for the stories that are presented by this website, engaging and timely to use.

I love the variety of topics on this website! It allows me to connect with teachers at some point in all subject areas.

Love the in-depth research that goes into each story presented.

There are so many great stories and clips available on the website for use. I have gone back time and again to use a full article, a piece of an article, or a clip. This is definitely a valuable resource for any content area teacher.

Engaging!

Just keep up the good work! You have a terrific website - If it ain't broke, don't fix it - too much!

Teaching reading to middle school students in the 21st century requires more than print materials. "Awesome Stories" is at your fingertips giving life to the printed page.

Oxford Public Schools  
Oxford, Connecticut



This site is a perfect start as I prepare for a month's worth of lessons. It provides a lot of background and saves time a teacher would otherwise need to spend doing this his/her self. The material provided is of high quality and has been carefully researched. The ideas presented are easy to imagine doing in a classroom with all of the planning done for the teacher. A great resource!

Makes it easier to have deeper conversations about literature with my students. Great thought questions. LOVE the picture links. I would like to have easier access to print versions so that kids could "read along" if we were doing a whole class unit.

Leestown Public Schools  
Fayette, Kentucky

Awesome Stories belong to EVERYONE!

Love it.

Best historical web site on the net.

I really appreciate the variety of material available on this website. From video links to back stories to vocabulary building, Awesome Stories is just ... well, awesome. Thank you for providing such a useful, relevant, and respected source of classroom materials.

Interesting and informative site.

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Very informative and I enjoy the topics!

Great stories. The links enrich the experience.

It's a fav with the students and teachers!

## Inspiring.

Awesome Stories provides classic and timely stories both fiction and non-fiction with engaging activities to keep students eager to learn!

I have created about a dozen web quests using your website and would be willing to post these - I tell other teachers about this great resource.

Great Ideas to Bring Books Alive!

It is quick, efficient and up to date. I like Awesome stories a lot.

A rich resource for my library.

A completely enjoyable learning experience for people of all ages.

Awesome!!!

Helps flesh out the facts.



Awesome Stories is a rich resource for both an engaging introduction and deeper analysis. There are stories for everyone!

Very interesting!

Amazing Help.

Such a great resource for teachers and students alike!

Great resource of engaging and stimulating narratives that provide the basis for many lesson possibilities.

Keeping Current is Awesome!

Teaching with Stories is Awesome!

My favorite Awesome Stories were the ones about Leonard Bernstein and the one about "Peter Rabbit". I actually went out and bought a DVD as a result of the "Peter Rabbit" one. I just wish I had more time to just sit down and enjoy the Awesome Stories each time the newsletter arrives in my inbox.

Thank you for this interesting and thoughtful resource! Keep up the good work.

**Thank you for all the awesome stuff!**

Learning through Awesome Stories is easy and fun for both the student AND the teacher!

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Always engaging and energizing.



As an ESOL teacher, I am always looking for interesting ways to teach my students. I think that your web site is wonderful for advanced students. I would like to have more listening links in order that students could learn the words and their pronunciation. Thank you very much for your help in this subject.

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."

Teacher/Counselor  
Nettleton School District  
Nettleton, MS

Very helpful teaching art history.

I think that your stories are awesome.

Great Stories!!

Awesome stories give my students personal experience with history.



We use stories of personal experience in the classroom as a fundament for reflection. The better the story the better the chances for good reflection. Awesome stories is a highly valuable source for students to understand and discover the secrets of storytelling.

## Interesting stories.

Your stories help my history class come alive.

Awesome!

Great place to keep up on current media.

I love history and I love "Awesome Stories". The documentaries are wonderful. It's an ongoing education for me. Thank you.

**In my 21st Century Literature class I use awesome stories to launch themes, novels, and for research. I find the web site very user friendly regardless of ability level.**

Loudon County Public Schools

I found it helpful for current literature.

Time-saving.

The name says it all.

Great tie in to the curriculum.

Looking forward to using Awesome Stories.

In the words of Paul Harvey, "And now, the REST of the story..."

Awesome Stories is truly awesome! Their stories are organized so simply, so anyone can find the information. The links to videos helps to enhance the learning. Great for enjoying new movie releases and so great in the classroom for the history content. Lends itself easily for web quests! Thanks!

Awesome Stories is a whirlwind of fabulous information on a tornado full of subjects!

Beaufort County Schools  
Beaufort, SC

Informative and interesting website for learning.

I love how your staff has popular events/ issues advertised in the newsletters. It shows that they are on top of things and doing their homework.

Awesome stories...enough said. Very engaging.

Always very interesting!

It is amazing, an excellent and fun way to learn.

Thanks - wonderful.

Enjoy seeing the various topics and stories that you find. It is a fun site.



Although I've only been registered for a short time, the resources and vocabulary are incredibly helpful.

Leestown Public Schools  
Fayette, Kentucky

Awesome Stories provides students with engaging books and literacy activities.

A solid, interesting resource for learning about history, culture, current and past events--one of the few reliable sites to teach primary sources.

A very enriched experience for the hungry mind.

Great website!

Seldom does one read an "Awesome Story" that you are unable to use it in a number of situations. Even if the story is not useful for an immediate lesson plan or any lesson plan, it is great to have students read and enjoy. There are very few that do not bring about great discussions.

I think it is good education.

Progressive Teaching!

G r e a t j o b .

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Interesting stories.

Awesome Stories has been my go-to resource whenever I am teaching a unit and need to reinforce an event or an idea. For instance, I was teaching about the Civil Rights movement and MLK and I found the video clip from "Ghandi" about civil disobedience. The fact that Awesome stories includes short clips and includes information about each clip, helps the teacher use the resources available in a user-friendly way. I only wish there were more clips and videos to choose from!

Great resource!

Awesome Stories has been a welcomed addition to my curriculum planning. I am always looking for new and interesting material for my students.

Great place to find fantastic stories.

interesting spellbinding.

"Awesome Stories" is a hook to get my students reading. Motivation is the key and the stories get my students thinking.

Stories within a story.

Awesome, timely, rich media, multi-literacies in action.



Unbelievable resource for teachers, both LA and content-area. If you want to build background knowledge and have total engagement, put **AWESOME STORIES** in the lesson plans!

Phoenix Academy  
Sarasota County Schools  
Florida

Educational.

My words aren't special but I just love this website!

I feel like I am **THERE**, not just a bystander or spectator. Your stories make it real.

Albert Hill Middle School  
Richmond, VA

This is such a rich and wonderful site to use with students in your classroom! Everything is well organized and easy to use. Love it!!

Full of information and a variety of resources.

New to this, and anxious to try it further!

For links to those unexpected gems behind the story, this site is superb!

The name says it all: lots of awesome stories to read and teach with.

Gems to behold.

I have found "Awesome Stories" to be a purely awesome site that I consult before diving into any of my research assignments, regardless of whether the subject be History, Religion, Science or English. "Awesome Stories" is an easy to use website that, in my opinion, makes researching so much more fun whilst still providing reliable and reputable information!

Student  
Saint Anthonys Catholic College  
Townsville, Queensland  
Australia

Great stories and photos to use with my classroom curriculum.

Awesome Stories is just that, "AWESOME"! The stories are amazing and have helped me to provide a wealth of information to others.

It is good to have so many classic stories available.

I look forward to reading Awesome Stories and sharing them with my students.

Interesting, monthly relevance, and educational.



I started reading "Awesome Stories" when I first heard Ms. Bos on my local radio station in Indianapolis talking with Denny Smith. I was surprised and amazed to learn all of the details about President McKinley's attack and eventual death. Hearing about Mrs. McKinley led me to do more research about her, and to find the First Ladies' library at the McKinley's home in Canton, Ohio! I'm putting that on my to do list! Awesome Stories provides a wonderful service to the armchair history buff like myself. More importantly, your stories are easy to read, informative, and helpful with my children's education and homework projects. I hope that you continue this project indefinitely. I can't even begin to tell you how much information I have gathered about so many interesting subjects. My favorite story was following all of the links from The Hunger Games - that was incredible. Thank you so much!

Finally! A website that offers information in a format that my students will actually read and ENJOY!

Washington Junior High School  
Washington, OH

I've used Awesome Stories for both immediate and long range lesson plans. My students love them. They're engaged and are eager to discover more. A great resource for all inquisitive learners.

I enjoy the ease of searching and the archival material.

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

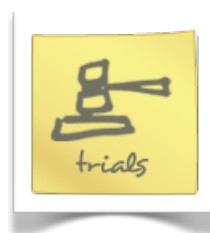
It has been a great opportunity to use excellent material in my classes and to create really enjoyable lessons!

One of the best online history story lines sites. I enjoy the stories and the history behind them. This is very applicable and a rich resource for students and teachers in their field. For me a personal learning experience only.

## Awesome Stories is the best place to be in the world wide web!

Coordinator and Assistant Principal  
Wroclaw International School  
An IB World School  
Wroclaw, Poland

Awesome Stories is a great site for most aspects of American life. Also, as a Canadian I would love to see content from our country as well. Perhaps spreading the information to a more global content perspective would give an even larger knowledge base for students.



So useful, thank you!

The Place to be Awesome.



I look forward to learning interesting stories that help me explain our culture to my ESL students. I enjoy the history lessons. So do my students.

A most useful and pertinent way to bring young people to different times and places.

I learn quite a lot from the Awesome stories. A great way for me to get the background information and an easy way to teach my students. Perfect, current, pertinent stories!

There still is at least 30% of the US population that do not have or do not wish to have access to the internet. I love to share these Awesome Stories with them and expand their horizons. Some are Seniors and others are still afraid of technology. This helps them grow and understand.

## Awesome Stories - of high interest to teach the common core standards.

District Administrator  
GCCISD, Junior School  
Texas

Awesome stories motivates its users to learn and provides the means to do so in an up-to-date manner.

Awesome Stories are a delight for teachers and students alike.

Awesome Stories provides a great service to educators by collecting so many great resources in one place.

This website puts all good things in order and connects the history, trivia and information about stories in one place. Priceless!

Teacher  
Winnett County School District  
Lilburn, GA

A clear, extensive timely source for that topic I want to present but....have no time to research.

Great selection of topics often neglected in books.

Would you do a presentation on the Great Serum Race of 1925? Thank you for sharing so much!

Your site provided our students with such excellent and relevant resources as they researched the sinking of the Titanic on the 100th anniversary of that event. It was a pleasure to help them locate and explore all the search results.

It has a tremendous array of interesting resources. My students enjoy the video clips the most. I would like to see quizzes for each story/article/video clip to guide the students like other sites such as Brain Pop and United Streaming / Discovery Education.



An excellent resource especially for our ESL and Special Education students. Every thing is high interest.

**One of the greatest things about awesome stories is that I can educate my kids on events from the past with incredible historical media. On a personal note, I look very forward to each month's newsletter edition. It's the ultimate free information source.**

Lafayette High School  
Rockwood District  
Missouri

Awesome Stories is a great resource for stories and ties in tightly with education. We all know storytelling is an important part of learning and Awesome Stories helps me bring more to schools than I could on my own. Simon Brooks, award-winning storyteller.

The stories are timely and well written and researched.

I love this site! Not only does it have great resources for my classes, it has given me a number of great ideas for activities that I hadn't thought of before!

Storytelling is as old as the beginning of time and "Awesome Stories" is continuing that tradition of creative learning through the telling of stories.

Very useful and interesting.

Awesome Stories is a great site for finding information and lesson plans on very current and popular books and issues.

Attention Holders.

Very well written and organized very educational for all ages.

Awesomeness at your fingertips!

Love the connections you draw between popular films and their connection to history.

Amazing! Thanks!!!

As I begin to use this site more, I'm appreciative of the effort to continue to improve this site and its resources.

Have used your stories on Beethoven, Olaudah Equino, Amazing Grace and Jazz Singer for elementary K - 5 music classes!

## Virtually the best stories on the web!

Librarian  
Ridgeview CUSD No. 19  
Illinois

I always recommend Awesome Stories to my faculty. I especially enjoy the monthly newsletter that allows them to connect the stories to their curriculum.



Awesome Stories supports any curriculum lesson plan.

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"?

Awesome.

Awesome Stories is a great resource for classrooms. The content is current and relevant and helps to bring home the lessons that we are trying to teach.

Excellent important historical events from our past.

Great website, love the videos, constantly using them in the classroom, my students love them as well.

Liberty Middle School  
Hanover County Public Schools  
Virginia

Love this site and so do teachers!

Just an interesting place to read.

This website helps my 3rd - 6th grade Korean students have a real "link" to the USA; my, they love it, and makes their US History class exciting!

Awesome stories provides good information in an interesting format.

In helping my students complete research projects for authentic learning experiences such as History Fair Awesome Stories has always been the site with the most primary sources.

Awesome Stories make a good supplement to my own lessons.

Many teacher friends from all over the country talk about how much they enjoy this website!

Southeastern High School  
Blount County Schools, AL

Awesome only begins to describe this!

An important supplement to literacy in all areas!

It is a great program. We really like it at our school.

The title Awesome Stories speaks for itself. We all learn best, most deeply, in the context of story, whether through the Bible, an epic, a popular novel or film. Through story we can and must make real-world connections to the most important idea(s) in our lives.



A reliable site for connecting reading to the course of study.

A site used over and over again in my classroom.

It is certainly well-named since it is a totally awesome site with up-to-date relevant information for today's classroom.

### **It's a great resource.**

Awesome - Says so right in the name!

I smile every time I get a notice that there is a new Awesome Stories available. I can't wait to see who is covered this month in the newsletter. I love the primary resources. The way the information is broken down is perfect for reluctant readers. Like with Roald Dahl and J.K. Rowlings you want to keep reading to find out what happens next.

Fun and interesting!

I am very interested in old photographs and well organized, thoroughly detailed depictions of historical events. I have just recently found your site and am very impressed. People, young and old, need to hear or read about what came to pass before them.

## **Stories with real world connections.**

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Ever since I discovered this site, I have learned more than what I did in school about some topics. I'm the kind of person that doesn't like to study history (my least favorite subject) but loves to read about things that have happened. There's always more to the story!

I love the variety of stories. There is so much to learn each month. Love this site!!

I enjoy knowing my children can read a story about an event and if something in the story piques their interest they can change course and follow a new path of interest while still learning about the original story.

Awesome Stories engages students with real life relevance!

The interdisciplinary approach is impressive. The sheer amount of information and the applicability across genres and subjects is "awesome"!

Texarkana Arkansas School District  
Texarkana, TX

I have loved Awesome Stories since the first day I discovered it. The stories and presentation are captivating and easy to use. I love the links within the paragraphs that add reliable resources/explanations/ references to what I am reading.



Tech story teller.

Great resources and to many stories.



As an educator at a history museum, I routinely use the power of teaching through storytelling. Your website provides stories that are timely, quirky, thought provoking -- and ALWAYS interesting. Thanks for your wonderful service!

Awesome stories has a lot of cool education stuff.

Well organized and useful source of information.

I love how user-friendly and source-driven Awesome stories has been. I think there is much potential to use this more frequently in class - especially with Common Core literacy strand implementation this year. I also see so much potential using this site for cross-curricular planning. Love Awesome Stories!!!

Awesome story is the best website.

Thank you- wonderful resource- very useful to support learning of students and engage them in the process.

I like how easy it is to find stories by topic. Stories are written in very easy to understand language. This is a great tool for pre-teaching background or history of events or activities, providing a framework for students who may not have previously encountered a given subject or topic.

Great resources for teachers and students. Can be used to extend learning for differentiation.

I think it's an awesome site, from start to finish.

Truly awesome! In fact, it reminds us that life is indeed beautiful & awesome too.

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.

I stumbled upon Awesome Stories and was so impressed with the timely selection of resources that I've made it a ritual to review every newsletters for development of curricula and learning activities for students.

Awesome Stories uses current stories relevant to student's interests to teach numerous content areas.



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.

El Paso ISD  
El Paso, TX

Awesome Stories is a great resource for enhancing our homeschool studies. The videos and slide shows tremendously help my visual learners to retain what they are learning.

This is a very creative and useful program to add to any curriculum program.

Awesome Stories provides learners with "you are there" access and insight into the important stories of our history.

"Awesome Stories rock."

Flow of the river of knowledge is never ending. On who finds to conquer it may always fall short for there is no beginning or end. That's Awesome Stories.

I love the time line. So many stories have happened each month!

I appreciate the timeliness of the stories.

Awesome Stories is a wonderful teacher resource. I have taught world history for 15 years and Awesome Stories is a tremendous asset to my lesson planning.

Awesome Stories provides up-to-date, meaningful, true and factual accounts of famous and not-so-famous people throughout human history! A great resource for anyone wishing to expand their knowledge.

Lots of great stories and information.

An amazing, easy-to-use resource!

Awesome stories is a great addition to any classroom. The great visuals supplement lessons and foster learning. Thank you!



Detailed information.

Awesome Stories provides the resources that make stories come alive all in one place. For the student who does not have the background or experience to understand a story, it is all there for exploration.

Sometimes just reading these stories helps me get through the day. I have challenging students and often need the encouragement!



"Awesome Stories" lead to community participation and great discussions.

A wonderful resource to augment the course curriculum.

I would like some shorter stories. Stories that can be read aloud in 30 minutes would be perfect.

Something for everyone.

Very interactive, very timely and appropriate, very unique in finding information that is not over done!

**Awesome stories brings history alive to my students. It is one of the best online tools to teach students how to incorporate primary sources into research projects.**

Eagle Hill School  
Hardwick, MA

People are drawn to storytelling. This is a great way to engage students in learning.

This is a source for a variety of useful materials.

Awesome Stories is the best site for learning all those details about History you won't find in a common book.

This site, Awesome Stories, is the place to turn to for a better understanding of yesterdays news that makes it relevant to today. The old saying that those who don't follow history are doomed to repeat it is as true today as it was when written. This site makes History come alive as though you were a contemporary of the events as they happened.

**Very user friendly. Will help bridge students from Standard Course of Study into the rigor of Common Core.**

Randleman Middle School  
Randolph County, NC

I never know what I will discover when I get into "Awesome Stories". It's always interesting and fun! I've shared several of your stories with my son and referred some library patrons to your site, too. Your site is a great resource.

Awesome stories deliver excellent content and knowledge to encourage students to think and dream through reading.

I enjoy having a resource at my fingertips that anticipates the need for topical information historically tied to each month.

Awesome Stories is one of the best places to read about important events and get ideas for print and non-print displays. It's really wonderful to get a monthly reminder, too!

Awesome stories brings history to life instead of repeating the dead facts.



Awesome Stories is awesome. All students can use it. Welcome as a resource for teachers.

Excellent at grabbing student's attention. School wide implementation. On the cutting edge. Makes teaching easier. Earns high marks with all students and teachers!

School District of Beloit  
Beloit, WI

I loved the St. Patrick's Day clip through the eyes of a child.

Where the best educational stories are offered.

This is an amazing site! I would like to see a bit more Canadian and international content, but there is no better place that links historical events with current movies, books, and interests in a readable format for students and adults alike.

Thank you for such a wonderful resource which is a blessing to all!

It brings history to life and personalizes the events we are all familiar with. It connects us to them.

Awesome stories provides and interesting insight to the stories and events that are currently relevant.

High interest stories using 21st century literacy tools to motivate readers to ...want....more.

Grantham Village School  
Grantham, NH

Interesting ideas to use with my student on a large variety of topics.

History is story-telling. What better place to find "stories" than on Awesome Stories.

Awesome Stories is much more than merely awesome. It is unique, relevant, and timely. Teachers cannot continue to teach students using outdated methods. This site helps teachers stay in touch with learning styles, patterns, and needs of the modern student. Excellent resource!

Goddard Public Schools  
Goddard, Kansas

Great resource.

It always starts great conversations and questions.

The students at my elementary schools have little reference to the past. The videos and pictures help bridge that gap.

**High interest, content rich "stories" serve as valuable resources for student learning!**



Excellent resource that can be used with a smart board.

I wish you would have an RSS feed on new stories.

Awesome Stories is a fantastic resource for use in the Library and classroom. The monthly "newsletters" are timely and relevant to what is going on in schools and the literary world. I love it!

Impressive depth and breadth to stories - stories reach across multiple genres and the primary sources and additional information allows students to study the topic and/or theme in greater detail.

Teacher

A story is the perfect "hook" with which to catch students' attention as a lesson begins. I use "Awesome Stories" content and ideas as my bait!

"Awesome Stories" is a wonderful resource for bringing life to stories in your classroom. Behind every story is a wealth of knowledge, and "Awesome Stories" really brings those tools together in one great website.

There's always something interesting and generally that ties in to my curriculum too!

In an age of budget cutbacks, the resources allow educators to provide quality materials for a quality education.



I like the fact that many of the stories address current issues or movies.

It's the "rest of the story!"

Reference Librarian  
Public Library for Union County  
Lewisberg, PA

A truly great resource for teachers and students - current, accurate and interesting.

Awesome Stories is a useful tool that I use in the classroom to entice students to read more. With interesting up to date stories on the latest movies, many of my students choose to read the story about the movie (if they haven't had the chance to read the actual book) at Awesome Stories. We are delighted with the site and keep bringing in more stories.

Awesome stories  
shows students the  
story in history.



Enjoyable informative stories.

This is a one-stop site which covers all of my needs for literature in the classroom!

Fremont Middle School  
Fremont Public Schools  
Nebraska

Awesome Stories ...Where there is a Lesson behind Every Story!

The human brain is wired for stories. Finding awesome stories on the web is a beautiful marriage of our past and our future.

It is an AWE way of learning!

"Awesome Stories" is an awesome adventure! Everything you could possibly want to convey in teaching a story is right at your fingertips!

This website is awesome, it brings learning to life.

Very informative and current.

Great website; I look forward to your newsletters every month.

I love having "Awesome Stories" as a resource and being able to forward ideas to the classroom teachers.

Great resource for all levels of students.

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

A link between the real world and the classroom.

Always on time and on track for kids and classes.

Awesome Stories allows my students to be more engaged in learning and researching while becoming better readers.

The stories and topics are "awesome". I have created a folder to save all the newsletter postings to retrieve later. They allow me to make lectures and discussion more engaging for the students and I find them repeating the stories in their writing.

Archival data that connects with the present. Rich and relevant learning.

C r e a t i v e .

Gives the reader more than just the bare facts!

Helping teachers have more time to teach by doing the research already.



I like Awesome Stories because they are timely and many times I can use something from the stories to share with my class.



Personally, I really enjoy reading about subjects that I teach.

### Wonderful and reliable resource!

Awesome Stories is a great site to supplement and bring to life what our staff are teaching.

So creative! Offers stories that extend current learning / curriculum in an interesting way to kids :)

It's a great resource for digging deeper into a story or to find out just how much of a movie is true. I love having access to so many primary sources.

## F u n t o r e a d .

Timely and relevant...as a start.

Awesome Stories is a wonderful teaching tool with information and pictures to provide a visual representation of the stories bring another dimension to learning.

"Awesome Stories" pretty much says it all . . .

Awesome Stories serves as a springboard for learning activities and extensions in many subjects. I especially like the visual vocabulary builder.

Real world relevance makes the stories engaging.

Amazing, accurate, astute, AWESOME!

3D History.

So very useful for me in my lesson planning.

Our teachers appreciate the convenience of having a variety of resources compiled on one site.

They do the research and bring the stories to you.

### **Great teaching resource for my history classes!**

Stories are integral to the human experience and remembered best by our brains.

### **What a painless way to introduce complex topics to students!**

Teaching kindergarteners stories can be challenging because of the potential language barrier. Awesome Stories helps me to bring the world to my students.

Lee County School District  
Ft. Myers, FL

Awesome stories provides excellent links to information about stories that occurred this month in history.

A great reading resource for ESL classrooms.



Powerful movies, story lines, and history at your fingertips!

Awesome Stories brings us in connection with history - past through modern - in a way

### Fantastic Resource!

that is relevant to today's younger generation. Awesome Stories simplifies my search for information on the web to educate myself and my students.

"Awesome Stories" has provided a way for me to introduce my students to the oral traditions of the past! They love storytelling...who doesn't? When history is combined with stories, it comes to life!

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!

Xiamen International School  
Fujian Province, China

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Awesome Stories is such an interesting website.

Very interesting and enjoyable!

Awesome Stories provides resources on current and important topics. Being able to introduce such materials keeps students engaged.

Love finding an "Awesome Stories" newsletter in my inbox!

Awesome stories comes through for me in the classroom, the students love it and I do too!

Bridges the gap between history and present with awesome stories and videos to keep the students interested!

Great site for personal interest, ESL, extensive reading, history, projects and discussion.

This site bring together the power of the web and its resources with the most human (and engaging) of ways to learn--stories.

Awesome stories are great objective lessons especially with English Language Learners.





Helps to make history come alive. Delivers the past with the relevance of the present.

I love Awesome Stories and the way it launches my students into research and excitement. And...I love learning without paying tuition!

I love the variety of primary resources provided by awesome stories and the engaging way they are presented through stories.

It is a great source for historical and timely information.

Awesome Stories are Awesome!

I was very fortunate to Chair the History Dept. at Vermont Academy for 19 years and faithfully shared and encouraged my colleagues, in and out of the History Dept., to use it. Most of my colleagues found "Awesome Stories" very helpful and interesting! The students loved them as well!

Great classroom resource!

**Everyone has something to learn from a story, whether it be writing it or reading it. Awesome Stories connects you to both.**

AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

"Awesome Stories" is a wonderful resource that shows there is always more to a story!

Awesome Stories is an awesome resource, plain and simple. It is easy to use, and has a variety of media resources available to teachers. I tell everyone about this great site! It's wonderful for historical events such as St. Patrick's Day...it just sums up the story so succinctly.

Awesome Stories, like a very good teacher, opens the door to enable children to learn and what is more important, that they want to and enjoy learning.

So, so useful.

Great enrichment site that offers more than basic facts - lets students and teachers explore the whys, hows, and spin-off issues for a topic.

As a history teacher I love using Awesome Stories to add depth to my student's learning.

I like the modeling of good fluency for my students.



Resourceful connection to the past and the present.

Outstanding website! I'm new to it and use it for ME and my students!

In teaching "The Diary of Anne Frank", students sense Anne's hope when "D-Day" arrives; however, students don't realize what exactly D-Day meant until I show them actual historic footage of the D-Day invasion. Then top it off with the trailer from "Saving Private Ryan". In the silence following the clip, I pass around a container full of sand I gathered on Omaha Beach when I visited 2 yrs. ago. I encourage the students to feel the sand that was once soaked with the blood of our brave soldiers. High impact learning! Thanks Awesome Stories!"

You guys pick the most awesome stuff for kids to read. Everything a kid would want to know about sports, history, everything! Great way to get important information and I love all the resources. Never saw such a useful and enjoyable site. Thank you!

Your video links and monthly email newsletters are especially helpful.

I have found it to be a very helpful resource for teachers.

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

I enjoy and learn something new with each story.

Imaginative stories to help students learn.

This site is an enriching, informative and teaching source I consult often for my teaching and enjoy myself. Thank you, from Israel.

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.

Librarian, Creator/Editor of a middle grades website  
North Carolina

I'm a spaniard and Awesome Stories is the reference of stories and history in the Internet. Thank you for your teaching.

Well researched, quality photos, well written, covers a wide variety of subjects.

Thank you – this is so great!

More than just the facts, these are the details that historians leave out. I love the old photos that you would not otherwise get to see.



Great educational and historical content for all ages.

**I teach history and to me history is a story well told. Awesome Stories help me do just that.**

Always something interesting and new.

Awesome stories help me enjoy the facts and want to learn more!

**Awesome Stories is one of the very best primary source resources there is. Thank you for all that you do!**

Storytelling is a lifeline that connects us all because everyone has a story to tell. Awesome stories is indicative of that. You bring some of the most obscure facts to life in your stories! I absolutely love it! It is an awesome teaching tool as well as a most entertaining site!

So very awesome. No pun intended.

This site is a "Paul Harvey" -- the rest of the story for the younger generation! It is important to give substance to information because misinformation or partial information can give birth to information manipulation, implied or accidental.

I look forward to having your newsletter sent to me monthly and I read it from beginning to end. (Can't say 'cover to cover' can I?)

I love Awesome Stories! I not only use it with my own children, one of whom is in college, but with all the teens and parents I come in contact with. It is an amazing resource to see behind the glamour and pop culture of movies and shows "based on a true story". My daughter just referenced Awesome Stories in a college paper she wrote about the true story behind the movie "The King's Speech". It is truly one of the most useful, well-developed, and thoughtful websites out there! Thanks!

21st century learning requires "Awesome Stories." You immerse students into a visual, auditory, and kinesthetic environment of new learning objectives.

Southside Middle School  
Florence, SC

Awesome Stories connects technology and literacy in a very user-friendly way! I have a personal concern about the drop in literacy rates across the USA. Awesome Stories is doing its part to combat this. Teachers and students need to take advantage of Awesome Stories.com.

I enjoy your website very much. I do understand that it takes effort to put it together so nicely the way you do.



I have spoken to many Teachers and Students about using your "Awesome Stories" website. The research and links makes history a living, breathing, entity. Lots of people THINK they know a story, but your site tells the accurate tale while linking the story to relevant media (books, movies, etc.)

The best integrated source for teachers to turn to - incorporating primary sources and visual resources. A great springboard to introduce a unit of study or to go further.

I first heard about this website on the Denny Smith show (WIBC radio). I went online to check it out and it was all that I hoped it would be - awesome!

Awesome Stories is a wonderful resource to encourage students to read for pleasure and personal growth.

Awesome Stories is my one stop resource on the web.

It is a place I always go to to get new ideas and information about stories and current events I would like to use for my teaching and for personal enjoyment. Thank you for providing me this opportunity and resource.

This is a great resource that I hope continues to only get better.

Time-permitting, your site is always enriching and a knowledge nourishment! I am grateful for your time and efforts in providing this sort of information to such a broad audience. Thank you and best wishes as you take this to higher levels.

## A resource with a Big Impact.

Librarian  
School District of Cadott Community  
Wisconsin

One of the best and most reliable ways to get to know your world!

I challenge you to read an Awesome Story and not learn something new!

Librarian  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
California

Awesome Stories provides teachers with quick, appropriate, positive stories and plans to use in the classroom. It's a resource that complements and supplements any curriculum, provides great emergency sub plans, and interesting stories for dinner-table conversation!

Fascinating site. History comes to life.

The BEST resource for story-based learning tools that are easy to find and use and makes teachers heroes in the eyes of their students.



Your stories and the links to primary sources provide a quick, easy, and attention-grabbing tool for students who are researching. I would like to see a tie-in between Awesome Stories and the National History Day Project.

Awesome Stories is always an interesting, informative, and valuable research resource!

Again, I think sweet and simple is the way to go. Awesome Stories, simply put, has many, many awesome stories. You're guaranteed to find something engaging whether you're a child or an adult.

Awesome Stories allows us to read and wonder and immediately follow trains of thought with links to resources. What a fun way to learn!

Renton Technical College  
Renton, WA

Awesome Stories provides useful resources for English language learners. Students can select topics of their own interest and read your e-books at their leisure time. After reading, students broaden their cultural horizons and increase their reading speed. A great resource!

Whenever I want exciting and relevant material to integrate with my studies, I always turn to this website. It is wonderful, age appropriate, and full of interesting stories. Keep it up!

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

I was really intrigued with the caliber of presentation of the stories - the creative, in-depth animation presented. My son was enchanted with what we saw together and it was an enjoyable, worthwhile and memorable learning experience - much better than any modern television or movie experience. Thank you for your hard work and evident expertise. And thank you for the reminder of your existence through your monthly newsletter...sometimes I purposely stay away from technology but Awesome Stories is the perfect technological inclusion to my homeschool repertoire and a definite asset to any learning experience. Awesome Stories is the whipped cream with an extra cherry on top to learning! Blessings and thanks!!!

You can't overestimate the power and importance of stories in our learning; in the history of learning...

I am a social Science Administrator and see great value in teaching using your multi-media approach.

NC LEA 300 Davie High School  
Mocksville, NC

Connecting the power of a Story to the World around us.



I have been in love with Awesome Stories for quite a few years, and have found that the students look forward to it as much as I do. I often think, "When is the newsletter arriving?" When I'm finished teaching, I will continue to read it for my own pleasure.

Greatest history website!

At the end of long busy days, I reward myself by going to the "Awesome Stories" website. Thanks for your frequent updating. Your love and care of your website shows.

Very enjoyable!

Historical news presentations brings the history alive. Extremely important web site.

I like it because it is a reliable resource with great links to more information, and a "one stop" site for raising awareness and locating interesting information on what happened each month -- Keep up the good work!

Fun!

This is a great website for teachers that has an abundance of resources. The pictures and videos are extremely helpful to teachers and students alike.

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Awesome Stories provide background information that explains many of the events we remember through public holidays etc. Students often celebrate these with no idea why. The stories behind these events and public holidays often provide a good base for lessons. Students are often amazed about the truth behind events they had previously thought little about. As a History teacher the stories are also useful to bring greater understanding and enthusiasm. Students often engage with a well told story rather than information from a textbook. I like the way Awesome Stories supplies resources that link with what is going on at the time - however, this is sometimes too late to enable the information to be used in class as plans are already in place. Some of the stories are often good lesson/topic starters and many of the links are extremely useful.

I have recommended your site to many people that i come in contact with here at the museum. the content on the columbia and challenger disasters it is very extensive. i often refer to it during my tours.

Awesome stories is the best collection there is to be found on the internet; their stories are highly engaging illustrations covering a broad range of subject matters, that are a must for teaching harder to understand concepts and ideals.

Teacher  
Willamette Valley, OR



You don't need to be a student to enjoy "Awesome Stories." It's just fun.

I appreciate the site and resources. I'm aware of the huge amount of work it's taken to build and the continuing work it's taking to maintain. Thank you for providing this service.

Awesome Stories make history come to life, and their resources add value to learning.

Awesome Stories brings history alive!

Digital Connection between stories and multi-media tools.

A really good source for Teacher/student history lessons. Awesome Stories fill the bill for history at its best!

Wayzata District #284  
Wayzata, MN

I think it is an amazing resource. I learn something new each time I access it.

I l o v e i t .

It is amazing that someone has done this much high quality work, and has generously shared it with the world. It is truly an awesome use of the internet!

"Awesome Stories - Learning for Life!"

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Suzanne Middle School  
Walnut Valley Unified  
California

I love "Awesome Stories", I'm not a teacher I just love the information it provides. I'm one of those people who just loves to soak up information and "Awesome Stories" allows me to do that.

**"Awesome Stories" is exactly what the name says, an awesome place to bring to life the stories you tell in your classroom. They have the best archive I have ever found. Awesome, Awesome, Awesome.**

Marshall County School District  
Mississippi

Just when I thought I knew the whole story, I learn something new on the subject using Awesome Stories.

Great teaching resource for a variety of topics.

The best thing about Awesome Stories are the connections that can be made through the links to primary sources and other resources that relate the "story" to other content - great way to deepen and extend learning.



The description of the stories are first-rate, providing wonderful details and illustrations.

1st person  
recordings  
are priceless.

Teacher/Technology Coordinator  
IHMCS  
Minnetonka, MN

Awesome Stories? Don't get me started...I can never limit myself to just one.

I really love Awesome Stories! Whether I need a quick video clip introduction to an event or a relevant lesson plan, Awesome Stories delivers succinct, factual, and interesting stories to the classroom.

NC LEA 300 Davie High School  
Mocksville, NC

While reading The Help, your links and photographs to Mississippi during the Civil Rights era gave extremely valuable background information for students to grasp the geography, lifestyle, and racial tension of the time.

**A wonderfully rich website for teachers who view stories as an effective path to scaffold learning for students.**

State DOE Technology Integration Specialist  
Virginia

[www.awesomestories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com)

Teaching high school reading can create some interesting challenges. Awesome stories has helped bridge many gaps, and has helped expand the desire for reading and learning.

## Timely Tales for Today.

Very informative!

Fabulous articles and connections to supporting materials!

Great place to find currently relevant stories that will inspire deeper thinking among students.

## Awesome Stories is a powerful source to bring literature to life.

ACUSD #11 Alton High School  
Alton, IL



I use bits and pieces of many of your stories to show the students the inspiration behind some of their favorite stories, or the truth behind an event that they have studied in history. They really enjoy the "real" connection that "Awesome Stories" makes for us, and I don't spend hours putting it all together for them from the Internet. Awesome Stories does that for me!



I love the in-depth coverage of current media, linking it to original sources. It brings history alive for students and makes history geeks (like me) very happy!

Thank you for offering this website. The stories are timely and provide opportunities to bring intriguing stories into any classroom. Educators appreciate this, especially in these times when everything costs more and we have to pay so much out of pocket for everything else in our classrooms.

History is so, well, historic; dry and removed, and likely to elicit the thought: "What does this have to do with me?" Awesome Stories answers that question and makes yesterday more comprehensible as someone else's today: as real, as vivid, as much the only moment they knew, as our moment now seems.

Thank you so much for all you have done. I look forward to the newsletter each month.

I love to learn and the content of Awesome Stories is reliable, factual and comprehensive. Wonderful learning tool.

**I have been an Awesome Stories subscriber and have shared this site with many teachers. I think it brings lessons to life in ways that students find very appealing and in ways that captures their attentions. It is so in tune with the way students are wired in this generation of digital natives!**

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Gwinnet County Public Schools  
Gwinnett County, GA

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\*Minor typos that occur typically with online surveys have been corrected.



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