MAGNOLIA
Resource Training for Teachers
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VISION
To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION
To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community
State Board of Education Goals  FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2016-2020

1. All Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas

2. Every Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career

3. Every Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program

4. Every School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders

5. Every Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes

6. Every School and District is Rated “C” or Higher
MAGNOLIA (Mississippi Alliance for Gaining New Opportunities Through Library Information Access) is a statewide consortium funded by the Mississippi Legislature, the Mississippi Department of Education, and libraries across the state of Mississippi.

MAGNOLIA provides online databases for publicly funded K-12 schools, public libraries, community college libraries, and university libraries in Mississippi.

MAGNOLIA represents a unique situation across the nation in that this was the first type of cooperative project/consortium that represented all types of libraries at the time the consortium was established.
Introduction: The Resource Guide

The MAGNOLIA: Guide and Resources for K12 Librarians and Classroom Teachers gives a detailed explanation of the different resources available for students, school librarians, and classroom teachers.

The guide includes curriculum and library skills connection, Lexile information, search tips, and a sample lesson plan.

The guide can be used as a professional development tool to help teachers and librarians understand the importance of using databases included on MAGNOLIA or as a teaching tool when working with students.
Introduction: Lesson Plans

The MAGNOLIA: Lesson Plans and Activities for PK12 Librarians and Classroom Teachers gives detailed lesson plans or library activities across the curriculum and grade levels.

Each lesson plan has 7 elements: Grade Level, Objective, College- and Career-Readiness Standards, Library Learning Standards, Activity, Resources, and Literature Connection.

These lesson plans and activities are original to the MAGNOLIA website, but they have been updated by the School Library MAGNOLIA Workgroup to include the new library and research skills and College- and Career-Readiness Standards.
HIGH (9-12)

GUIDE AND RESOURCES
Academic Search Premier

Features

- Search multiple databases
- Limit results by date, text, source
- Periodicals, academic journals, videos and images
AR Book Finder

Features

- English and Spanish titles
- Search by title and reading level
- Search by interest or topics
Empowering Educators. Inspiring Students.

Real science, real stories, and real data to engage students in exploring the living world.

Features

- Videos and interactive media
- Science news articles
- Biology, Genetics, A & P, Earth Science
- Available in Spanish
In which of the following places are you allowed to park?

- In front of a public or private driveway
- In a public parking lot
- On the roadway side of any vehicle already stopped or parked at the edge of a road
- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection

Driving-Tests.org

Features
- Official state driver’s manual
- Online practice tests for car
- Exam simulator
SEPTMBER 27, 2019

Protective Walrus Mom Sinks Russian Research Boat In The Arctic Ocean

BY MEERA DOLASIA

DOGOnews

Features

- Current events and news
- ELA, Science, and Social Studies
- Vocabulary connections

Through unsettling, the incident was not enough to derail the scientists from continuing their mission of surveying Arctic glaciers and wildlife in the Franz Josef Land. The archipelago, which includes Wilczek Island, comprises 192 islands formed from marine deposits of the Early and Middle Jurassic age. The mostly uninhabited ice-covered landmasses with a total area of 16,134 km² are home to hundreds of wildlife species.

The team also hopes to reconstruct some of the first scientific expeditions to explore the remote region. In particular, they are looking for remains of Russian Arctic explorer Georgy Sedov, who died in 1914 while attempting to reach the North Pole. The scientists also plan to retrace the path taken by the journey of an Austro-Hungarian expedition to the archipelago in 1874, using an eyewitness account written by one of the explorers, Julius Payer. Hopefully, the rest of the journey will be incident—and walrus—free.
EBSCOhost

Explotra

Features

- Lexile-leveled encyclopedia and magazine articles
- Read-aloud option
The Hobbit or There and Back Again

Summary
Note: Summary text provided by external source.
THE GREATEST FANTASY EPIC OF OUR TIME: Bilbo Baggs was a hobbit who wanted to be left alone in quiet comfort. But the wizard Gandalf came along with a band of home-sick daysmen. Soon Bilbo was drawn into their quest, facing evil ones, savage villains, giant spiders, and worse—unknown dangers. Finally, it was Bilbo, alone and unaided, who had to confront the great dragon Smaug, the terror of an entire countryside... This stirring adventure-fantasy begins the tale of the hobbits that was continued by J.R.R. Tolkien in his bestselling epic The Lord of the Rings.

Author: Tolkien, J. R. R.
Language: English | Copyright: 1937 | Age Range: 7 to 10+

Vocabulary Words
The Lexile “Power V” Word Selector identifies up to 10 challenging words in each book that are important for students to know. Read more about the Power V Word Selector.

Lexile Measure

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Vocabulary Words
- dwarves
- glummer
- drearest
- goblins
- harps
- southwards
- marvelling
- hastens
- scroches
- poser

LEXILE Find a Book

Features
- Search by reading or grade level
- Search by interest or topics
- Find books in local public library

Open Access
Have Fun with History

Features
- Free videos
- Links to museums and other high-quality websites
- Interactive activities
3. **Mississippian Burning.**
By: POWELL, ERIC A.; Archaeology, Jan/Feb2014, Vol. 67 Issue 1, p. 14, 1/3p, 2 Color Photographs, Reading Level (Lexile): 1180

4. **Copper Working Technologies, Contexts of Use, and Social Complexity in the Eastern Woodlands of Native North America.**

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**History Reference Center**

**Features**
- Reference books, encyclopedias, and periodicals
- Maps, videos, and photographs
- Lexile-levels and read-aloud option
iCivics Features

- Interactive games
- Lesson plans, webquests, and writing prompts

Open Access
Library of Congress

Features

- Primary sources
- Classroom materials
- Search by CCRS - English and Social Studies
William Faulkner

Faulkner, William, 1897–1962. American novelist, b. New Albany, Miss., one of the great American writers of the 20th cent. Born into an old Southern family named Falkner, he changed the spelling of his last name to Faulkner when he published his first book, a collection of poems entitled The Marble Faun, in 1924. Faulkner trained in Canada as a cadet pilot in the Royal Air Force in 1918, attended the Univ. of Mississippi in 1919–20, and lived in Paris briefly in 1925. In 1931 he bought a pre–Civil War mansion, "Rowan Oak," in Oxford, Miss., where he lived, a virtual recluse, for the rest of his life. As a writer Faulkner's primary concern was to probe his own region, the deep South. Most of his novels are set in Yoknapatawpha county, an imaginary area in Mississippi with a colorful history and a richly varied population. The county is a microcosm of the South as a whole, and Faulkner's novels examine the effects of the dissolution of traditional values and authority on all levels of Southern society. One of his primary themes is the abuse of blacks by the Southern whites. Because Faulkner's novels treat the decay and anguish of the South since the Civil War, they abound in violent and sordid events. But they are grounded in a profound and compassionate humanism that celebrates the tragedy, energy, and humor of ordinary human life. The master of a rhetorical, highly symbolic style, Faulkner was also a brilliant literary technician, making frequent use of convoluted time sequences and of the stream of consciousness technique. He was awarded the 1949 Nobel Prize in Literature. His best-known novels are The Sound and the Fury (1929), As I Lay Dying (1930), Sanctuary (1931), Light in August (1932), Absalom, Absalom! (1936), The Unvanquished (1938), The Hamlet (1940), Intruder in the Dust (1948), Requiem for a Nun (1951), A Fable (1954; Pulitzer Prize), The Town (1957), The Mansion (1959), and The Reivers (1962; Pulitzer Prize). In addition to novels Faulkner published several volumes of short stories including These 13 (1931), Go Down, Moses (1942), Knight's Gambit (1949), and Big Woods (1955); and collections of essays and poems.

Bibliography
2. THE BOSSES’ CONSTITUTION.


Subjects: UNITED States. Constitution. 1st Amendment -- Lawsuits & claims; CONSERVATIVES; ATTITUDES of U.S. Supren; -- Lawsuits & claims; CORPORATIONS -- Political activity -- United States; LABOR unions -- United States; U.S. states; ACTI


HTML Full Text

MAS Ultra School Edition

Features

- Lexile-level articles
- Full text high school magazines
- Primary source documents
- Reference books, images, and maps
Mississippi Digital Library

Features

- Cooperative digital library program
- Primary sources
- MS images and oral histories
First Monday Trade Day in Ripley

Every month since 1893 Ripley has held its First Monday Sale and Trade Day. The town’s merchants originally designated the first Monday of every month a “Grand Bargain Day” in hopes of attracting rural trade to town by allowing cash-poor farmers to gather on the courthouse square to trade produce, livestock, tools, and labor among themselves. The Tippah County government helped promote the event by holding sheriff’s office auctions of stray livestock and other unclaimed property from the courthouse steps on the same day. First Monday quickly became very popular, with rural people from throughout the area traveling to Ripley every month. Early twentieth-century photographs show the town’s courthouse square packed full of people, mules, and horse-drawn wagons.

Because of congestion on the courthouse square, First Monday moved to another part of Ripley’s business district in the 1910s. In the early 1940s it moved again, this time because of sanitation and

Larry Sinclair selling corn at First Monday in Ripley (Photograph by David Wharton)
myShakespeare

Features
- Full-text, interactive plays
- Modern English translation
- Audio recordings
Open Access

National Archives

Features

- Primary sources
- Sample lesson plans
- Civic education
Strengthening civil society through First Amendment & Media Literacy Education

Explore our programs and resources with the topics below or by using our EDTOOLS.

Open Access

Newseum

Features

- Lesson plans, artifacts, and videos
- Media ethics lessons for students
- Maps, polls, and quizzes
Lesson of the Day: ‘Forever 21 Bankruptcy Signals a Shift in Consumer Tastes’

In this lesson, students will look at the trends that led to this move and propose changes the brand could make to better appeal to young shoppers.

Questions for Writing and Discussion

Read the article, then answer the following questions:

1. The reporter writes that Forever 21 “prided itself on embodying the American dream.” In what ways did the company “embody the American dream”?

2. How did Forever 21's aggressive expansion contribute to its eventual need to file for bankruptcy?

3. How did Forever 21 use its stores as a marketing vehicle? Why is that strategy not as effective as it once was?
NovelList

Features

- Book recommendations
- Book studies or lessons
- Curriculum guides
Summary: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi formally announced the beginning of a formal impeachment inquiry on Tuesday, Sept 24th, after a whistleblower alleged that the president tried to influence a foreign leader to aid his reelection. Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks join Judy Woodruff to discuss the impeachment probe including the details of the phone call between President Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and the inquiry’s potential effects on the 2020 election.

1) Essential question: What does the impeachment inquiry say about the political process in the U.S.?

PBS Newshour Extra

Features

- Lesson plans
- Classroom resources
- Articles and videos
Interactive Simulations for Science and Math

Features
- Videos and tutorials
- Teaching resources and activities
- Physics, chemistry, math, earth science, and biology

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Basic Book Format

The author’s name or a book with a single author’s name appears in last name, first name format. The basic form for a book citation is:

Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. City of Publication, Publisher, Publication Date.

*Note: the City of Publication should only be used if the book was published before 1900, if the publisher has offices in more than one country, or if the publisher is unknown in North America.

Open Access

Online Writing Lab

Features

- MLA guide
- Subject-specific writing help
- Video tutorials
Breeding has given different dogs distinct brain shapes

Brain regions involved in smelling and tasting show some of the biggest differences

Power Words
(more about Power Words)

behavior  The way something, often a person or other organism, acts towards others, or conducts itself.

breed  (noun) Animals within the same species that are so genetically similar that they produce reliable and characteristic traits. German shepherds and dachshunds, for instance, are examples of dog breeds. (verb) To produce offspring through reproduction.

canine  Members of the biological family of canids. These are carnivores and omnivores. The family includes dogs, wolves, foxes, jackals and coyotes.

colleague  Someone who works with another; a co-worker or team member.

evolution  (v. to evolve) A process by which species undergo changes over time, usually through genetic variation and natural selection. These changes usually result in a new type of organism better suited for its environment than the earlier type. The newer type is not necessarily more “advanced,” just better adapted to the particular conditions in which it developed.
A new Monopoly celebrates women. But what about the game’s own overlooked inventor?

By Brigit Katz, Smithsonian Magazine | September 20, 2019

Assigned 12 times

CRITICAL THINKING QUESTION
Why do you think Lizzie Magie doesn't get as much credit for the idea behind Monopoly?
Write your answers in the comments section below

Smithsonian TeenTribune

Features
- Daily AP news articles
- Lexile-leveled resources
- Lesson plans
3. Should Schools Have Dress Codes?

*Junior Scholastic*, 1/30/2017, Vol. 119 Issue 8, p22, 2p, Reading Level (Lexile): 1090

**Subjects:** NATIONAL Center for Education Statistics; DRESS codes in schools

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5. No More PROM-A!

By: VIGGIANI, HEATHER; *Seventeen*, Apr 2016, Vol. 75 Issue 4, p75, 3p, 4 Color Photographs, Reading Level (Lexile): 930

**Subjects:** PROMS; DATING (Social customs); PARENT attitudes; DRESSMAKING; DRESS codes; BULLYING

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**TopicSearch**

**Features**

- Full-text more than 100,000 articles
- Popular topics
- Controversial opinions and viewpoints
3. Understanding Moral Distress: How to Decrease Turnover Rates of New Graduate Pediatric Nurses.


Subjects: UNITED States; WORK environment -- Psychological aspects; ETHICS; HEALTH care reform; INTERNSHIP programs; INTERPROFESSIONAL relations; LABOR turnover; NURSE practitioners; NURSING ethics; NURSING specialties; PEDIATRIC nursing; SELF-efficacy; STRESS (Psychology); HOSPICE nurses; GRADUATES; CONTINUING education units; WORK-life balance; UNITED States. Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act; MINDFULNESS; JOB involvement; ECONOMICS; LAW; LEGISLATION; PSYCHOLOGICAL factors

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8. Data Breaches Are Not Just Information Technology Wories!


Subjects: DATA security failures -- Law & legislation; INFORMATION technology; MEDICAL ethics; MANAGEMENT of medical records; NURSING laws; PEDIATRIC nursing; PRIVACY; HEALTH Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (U.S.); DATA security; SOCIAL media; DATA security failures; ELECTRONIC health records

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EBSCOhost

Vocational and Career Collection

**Features**
- Full text articles from more than 350 trade and industry-related periodicals
- Images
- Citations
LEXILE LEVELS

GUIDE AND RESOURCES
Some EBSCO databases include Lexiles, or reading levels, in citation information.

The Lexile rankings assigned to a result provides educators with an estimate of the reading difficulty of the result, and the approximate grade level reading ability required for comprehension.
Lexile Levels: *EBSCO databases*

- Book Collection: Nonfiction
- Explora
- History Reference Center
- MAS Ultra-School Edition
- Newspaper Source
- Novelist
- TOPICSearch
- Vocational & Career Collection
Lexile Levels: Limiting Search

To limit searches by Lexile Reading Level:

1. Click the **ADVANCED SEARCH** link to access all available limiters
2. Select a reading level from the **LEXILE READING LEVEL** limiter

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Additionally, you can search by Lexile using the LX search tag. For example, in a database such as *Explora*, you could enter *hurricanes AND LX 500 - 750* to find articles about hurricanes within that range.
• EBSCO provides both bibliographic records (abstracts) and full text periodicals and journals for librarians, administrators, teachers, and other school community members to use to promote professional development.

• *Professional Development Collection* provides a high-quality collection of educational journals and periodicals on everything from children’s health and development to pedagogical theory and practice.

• *Educational Administration Abstracts* and *Teacher Reference Center* provide only indexing and abstracts of educational journals and periodicals. These databases do not provide full text articles.
Journal Alerts save valuable research time, and can be set up to provide automatic email notification whenever a new issue of a particular journal becomes available in the EBSCO interface you are using.

Directions can be found on page 31 of the MAGNOLIA Resources Guide.
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