

Literacy Tips



Tips for middle school educators on various topics such as grammar, writing, reading, spelling, vocabulary, cooperative learning and more.

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Tip #38: Read • Write • Think

"Read • Write • Think, established in April of 2002, is a partnership between the International Reading Association (IRA), the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), and the MarcoPolo Education Foundation. NCTE and IRA are working together to provide educators and students with access to the highest quality practices and resources in reading and language arts instruction through free, Internet-based content."

<http://readwritethink.org>

So have you been to this web site yet? I have seen it advertised in many places, and it certainly has grown since its inception more than a year ago. You couldn't ask for a more thorough and professional web site for lesson plans, which are all correlated to the national language arts standards. A middle school lesson plan is showcased weekly in the electronic NCTE Inbox newsletter. You can subscribe to that weekly newsletter at:

<http://eservices.ncte.org/public/login.asp>

Lesson Plans

Because I like to think in three's, here are snapshots of three lesson plans that caught my eye. The lessons can be pulled up on the Internet in a printer friendly way. Student examples are always included as PDF files, and we all know how invaluable samples are in raising the bar for our own students' performance. Rubrics are included for assessment, too. It is much more specific than what I have provided, so I hope you will open one of these up to evaluate it for yourself.

Alternative Book Report: Character and Author Business Cards

http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson_view_printer_friendly.asp?id=143

