**Review of Resources**

**Locating Texts to Support Your EQ**

**Directions:** Complete the chart below while reviewing the resources provided in the Practice Activity. You may record your information as bullet points in each column.

***Note:*** *I am always interested in expanding my knowledge of free resources for teachers / students. Please feel free to add a row to this chart (optional) if you know of additional resources that could be helpful to your colleagues as we gather texts for our tutees. Additional resources will be shared with the class.*

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| **Resource Name** | **Brief Overview of the Site** | **Two Things You Really Like About the Site** | **Would you consider using this site to gather materials for your tutee?** |
| Commonlit | * This website has a ton of materials for students 3rd-12th grade * You can explore by grade, theme, genre, literary devices and by books * If you choose to browse by books, it will take you to articles that center around books/share ideas from the books * In connection with the previous bullet point, it even tells you when and how you should correlate the text from the website to the actual text/book * There are sample text sets for essential questions * Very user friendly and detailed with how to use the resources * Tackles some more controversial subjects * Centered around themes that impact human life and relationships (respect, identity, etc.) * Resources in Spanish | * I really enjoy how user friendly this site is and how it suggests when and how to supplement material to popular books that students might actually be reading/interested in. * I love how this site has sample essential questions to browse through and how there is texts and the like to support them. For example, in 5th grade, there is an author study on Gary Soto, and the EQ is “how does love affect us?” and it has a guide and suggested assignments to take you through the unit. | * Yes, as a fifth grader, I feel that this would be a good resource to get material for her that would interest and challenge her. |
| Newsela | * Has a ton of articles on current and past events * Great source of information in age appropriate language * You can change the level to fit the needs of your students * Tackles some more controversial subjects * Resources in Spanish * Can chose resources from different subject areas | * I love how you can change the lexile level so that it adapts to the students’ needs and uses age-appropriate language * I love how the current events are tailored to the audience by interests and safety | * Yes, I have loved this resource for a while now! My tutee, a fifth grader, I feel that this would be a good resource to get material for her that would interest and challenge her. * I would have loved this in 4th grade when I had to do a current event assignment every week! |
| Readworks | * Not as user friendly as the above two resources, but still pretty easy to navigate * I like how they give you suggestions on what to focus on during every month-based on events and holidays that take place in the month * Can explore different subject areas and topics * Can explore different aspects of human life (school, peer pressure, etc.) * Articles are kid friendly and easy to use * Vocabulary words are hyperlinked to a definition * Tells you what level it is on * Leads you to a more organized website where you can select popular books with accompanying lessons | * I like how kid friendly the articles are by using simple language and how it has definitions embedded in the text * I like the website that this source leads me to with sample lessons for some popular books in each grade and how you would implement these lessons | * I would potentially use this resource. I do not like this as much as I do the top 2, but I will keep this resource in mind. I feel as if the top 2 have more information. |
| Epic! | * Very easy to use * Tons of books varying on the levels * Books are popular books that would interest students (Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Captain Underpants) * Can browse books by subject (including SEL!) * There is an option to have the book be read to them if they are struggling (some books) * The books are leveled * VERY user friendly for teachers and students | * I use this in my own classroom (K) and I love this because I have students who can read and students who cannot, so I love that there is a feature that reads to them * I love the variety of books and how it has some popular books that students would actually be interested in. | * I feel that this would be a good resource to use for my tutee as a way to get books for her that she would enjoy reading. However, I feel that books from this website would be tailored more for independent reading and maybe not so much for my EQ, but potentially. |
| Reading  A to Z | * VERY user friendly * There are TONS of books at each level that I could pull from * There are even apps that the students can play along with (Headsprout and RAZkids) that they can read books and play games and level up * Decodable texts * Can search for texts based off of word study features * They now have texts sets that might interest students, but struggle. Ex) Interest: 5-6th, level 2-4th * Resources for intervention based on area of support | * I use this resource weekly for my guided reading books because they are appropriate for my students. I also used this resource for my tutee last semester! I love how the books at each level are appropriately challenging * I love how easy it is to find books that (might) line up with word study instruction * I like how there are games and give students the opportunities to level up and encourage them to keep reading | * Yes, I do feel that this would be a useful tool to find resources for my tutee, especially for a quick lesson. * On the other hand, I am not so sure that the books would relate back to my EQ, but they would be great to work on fluency and/or word study. |