

4th Grade Language Arts Teacher's Material

Pioneers - ILA Teacher Materials Link

Web links

[The Oregon Trail](#)

This is a kid-friendly, informative exploration of the Oregon Trail created by the makers of the PBS documentary, *The Oregon Trail*.

[The Gold Rush](#)

Interesting facts, information, and classroom resources are included in this PBS site about the Gold Rush.

[Lewis and Clark](#)

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[Pioneers](#)

Find commonly asked questions below a set of colorful drawings depicting the lifestyle of pioneers. Click a question about pioneers and read an in-depth answer. Various other links include "pioneer music" and "pioneer recipes."

[Sarah Plain and Tall Web Quest](#)

This Web quest is designed to integrate various language arts skills with elements from the novel.

Mystery - ILA Teacher Materials Link

Web links

[David A. Adler](#)

This is the homepage of David A. Adler, author of the Cam Jansen series and many other children's books.

[Millennium Mystery Madness](#)

Students can be given worksheets related to the theme of mystery; for example, a word search puzzle in the "Fun House" section teaches vocabulary related to detective work.

[Kids Mysteries](#)

Students can solve mysteries and read stories; this site is a part of a larger Web site dedicated to the mystery genre.

[Art Detective](#)

Students use inference, comparison, and deduction to solve art-related mysteries. Famous artists and their styles are creatively integrated into mystery fun.

Natural Disasters - ILA Teacher Materials Link

Web links

[FEMA for Kids](#)

This kid-friendly site provides information and activities about the origin and prevention of different types of disasters.

[Natural Disasters via NASA Satellites](#)

Impressive photographs taken by NASA satellites capture current natural hazards around the world. Information about each hazard is included.

[National Weather Service](#)

Multiple maps and satellite images provide up-to-date weather and disaster information and forecasts.

[Hurricane Science](#)

This kid-friendly exploration of hurricane science is developed and run by the Miami Museum of Science.

[Nature's Fury in Video](#)

National Geographic introduces each of the following disasters with video footage: volcano, tornado, hurricane, wildfire, and earthquake. Information about each follows the video introduction.

African American Poetry - ILA Teacher Materials Link

Web links

[The Underground Railroad](#)

Students will be put into the shoes of a slave attempting to flee via the Underground Railroad in this interactive site developed by National Geographic.

[Using Poetry to Increase Fluency](#)

This is a lesson plan developed by NCTE to utilize poetry to support fluency and comprehension.

[Poems by Kids](#)

Different forms of poems written and illustrated by children make this an impressive and educational site for teachers and students.

[Fern's Poetry Club](#)

This page is part of a PBS Web site for children. Fern, a character from the beloved children's book series *Arthur*, drives the poetry page. Students can navigate to discover such topics as, *What's a Poem?*; *Write a Poem*; and *Read More Poems*.

[Poetry Classroom – A Resource for Teachers](#)

This site includes a variety of ideas and references for teachers developed by the Academy of American Poets.

[Poet Hero: Langston Hughes](#)

This site provides a short biography that includes poetry excerpts and a photograph of Langston Hughes. Links connect to other famous African American Poets: Maya Angelou, Paul Laurence Dunbar, and Phyllis Wheatley.

[Kids' Poems About African Elephants](#)

This site offers interesting poems written by several different students about the same topic.

Heroes - ILA Teacher Materials Link

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[A Tour of Brooklyn](#)

Interesting information and real images make up this interactive tour of Brooklyn.

[Jackie Robinson and Baseball](#)

This site is a comprehensive collection of images and information on Jackie Robinson and baseball created and maintained by the Library of Congress.

[White House Dream Team: Jackie Robinson](#)

Learn about Jackie Robinson's childhood, how he broke the color barrier, and his baseball statistics. Questions are listed at the end of the story. Links provide additional stories of other heroic baseball players, athletes, and patriots.

[Stickball Anyone?](#)

Find out everything you ever wanted to know about one of the most popular street games. With links to many sports reporting articles, this could easily serve as a springboard to a sports writing activity.

Inventors/Inventions - ILA Teacher Materials Link

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[American Inventors and Inventions](#)

Choose a photograph of a historical invention that is now in a museum. Magnify it, and read a paragraph about it. Photographs of famous inventors are included too.

[A to Z Inventions Index](#)

From adhesive tape to the zipper, students will discover the inventor and the history behind many popular (and not-so-popular) inventions.

[A Glossary of Inventions and Inventors](#)

This sophisticated A to Z index offers a variety of ways to search and learn about inventors and inventions.

Famous Americans - ILA Teacher Materials Link

Web links

[Meet Amazing Americans](#)

Read descriptions and view photographs of many Famous Americans who represent a variety of occupations, such as government leaders, explorers, scientists, athletes, and entertainers.

[Fireside Chats](#)

Text copies of FDR's radio addresses can be viewed and printed.

[Volunteer Resources](#)

Find many resources for volunteering, including a printable family guide.

[A Presidential Index](#)

This site provides easy access to information and documents related to each of the United States presidents.