

GENERAL

[BrainPOP Jr.](#) has free educational movies on many topics for grades K-3.

GENERAL RESEARCH

The Internet Detective -- <http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/detective/index.html>

The Internet Detective provides interactive quizzes and activities to help students evaluate the content of websites. The fun, Film Noir-themed tool also teaches students how to avoid plagiarism in their projects.

HUMANITIES—History, Art, Literature, etc.

Colonial House <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/colonialhouse/history/index.html> Colonial House is an endlessly entertaining interactive history site pertaining to the Colonial Period in American history. Quizzes and activities include "Dress Me Up" (paper dolls), "Would You Have Survived in the Colony?", and more.

Historical Voices -- <http://www.historicalvoices.org> Voices is part of the Digital Library Initiative funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Historical Voices is a multi-media, interactive online digital library that highlights notable events in American history. The Great Depression is one such event. How might we make that long ago time relevant to millennial students? The original Depression era recordings of Presidents Hoover and Roosevelt contained in this collection possess an immediacy and intimacy that no text source can match. Virtual reality tours and streamed media are just some of the modalities used to recreate the American experience for students.

Center for Digital Storytelling -- <http://www.storycenter.org> This excellent website has audio stories recorded by individuals of all ages, from all walks of life, many of whom have come to the U.S. from afar. Thoughtful, emotionally direct stories provide students with food for thought. The interactive site allows students, especially those in composition and writing classes, to reflect on their own stories.

The New Americans -- <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/newamericans/newamericans.html> The interactive site includes a quiz that explodes many myths about immigrants. Captivating stories, recipes, videos, and more make this site equally engaging for native-born students. Best of all, a participatory link allows all visitors to record their families' coming-to-America stories.

Red Studio— <http://www.moma.org/interactives/redstudio>

Student artists will want to visit the interactive and engaging Red Studio created by the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There you will find an app for making computer-generated collages, contests, free art cards, instructions for creating camera-less photos and other art projects, as well as interviews with artists including "Gods, Griffins, and Cowboy Boots", an interview with artist Shahzia Sikander.

Science of Music-- <http://www.exploratorium.edu/music/index.html> What is music? Is birdsong music? How about the tap-tap of a hammer, or the wail of a creaking door? Is playing a garbage can different from playing a drum? Explore the science of music through online exhibits, movies, and

questions. Along the way you can compose, mix, dance, and drum, and experiment.

Lang-8 is a free, social, foreign language learning service. Foreign language learners can submit their writing and native speakers in that country will review and correct submissions. Students can return the favor by reading the work of foreign students. Youngsters can have fun and meet new friends in other countries. <http://www.lang-8.com/>

Quandary is a free, online, award-winning game for players ages 8 to 14 that engages students in ethical decision-making and develops skills that will help them manage challenging ethical issues in their own lives. Quandary presents situations relative to building a new colony on the planet Braxos. <http://qqq.quandarygame.org>

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U.S. Constitution Interactive Quiz -- <http://www.eslpartyland.com/quiz-center/constit.htm> Originally designed for foreigners preparing for the citizenship test, the quiz poses a challenge for many native-born Americans!

SCIENCE/HEALTH

Tox Mystery teaches an entertaining safety lesson on household hazards. Guided by "Toxie" the cat, players begin the interactive game by ringing the doorbell. Players navigate through the house, discovering hazards and dangers. Produced by the National Institutes of Health. Ages 8-up.

Big History takes familiar topics and, by weaving science into the core of history, examines them in new ways that will have you rethinking everything you thought you knew. <http://www.history.com/shows/big-history>

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