Breakthrough Digital Curriculum Solution: MakerSpace for the Humanities

AWESOME stories

Deliver the Archive and Applications to your schools!

Spark student engagement, deep research and critical thinking with stories.

Establish rigor with curated primary source evidence.

Enable teachers to leverage our archive and tools to customize and localize curriculum.

Fuel your technology program with high quality content and flexible tools.

Reduce the cost of curriculum with this highly affordable solution.

Empower teachers to customize and localize curriculum with AwesomeStoryMaker.

Equip students with research skills, archive access and publishing tools to make their own content.

Enjoy the convenience of single sign-on (SSO) to major LMSs using our LTI tools.

Achieve benchmarks for academic knowledge and 21st century research and information skills.
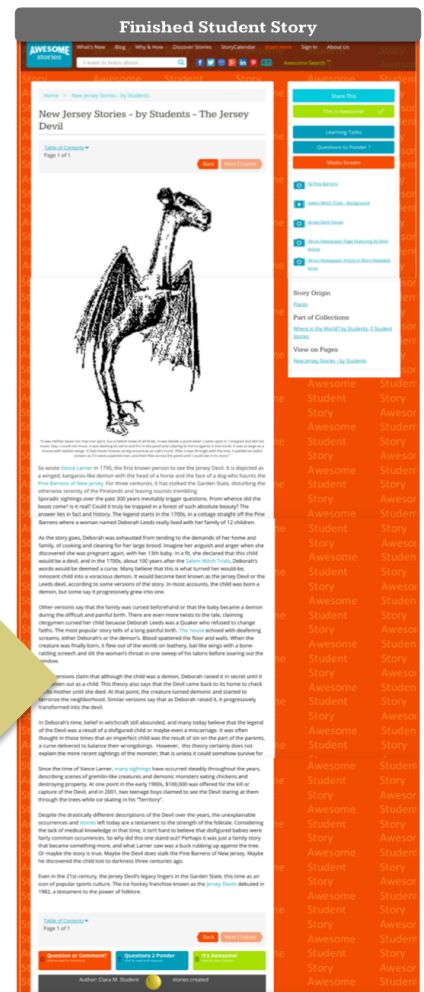
At *AwesomeStories*, the facts and figures, discoveries and challenges of science, current events, history, economics, technology and the arts are compelling stories.

Places are online fieldtrips; authentic documents are alive with scratch-outs and edits.

Online reading and research is guided and fun, videos have meaningful context and images. Points of view are knowable and debatable, primary sources are findable and usable, historical figures are real people.

Educators and students leverage 4000 stories contextualized with over 100,000 primary sources, over 3 million readers visit AwesomeStories annually with over 6 million page views, as they have since 1999, at no cost.
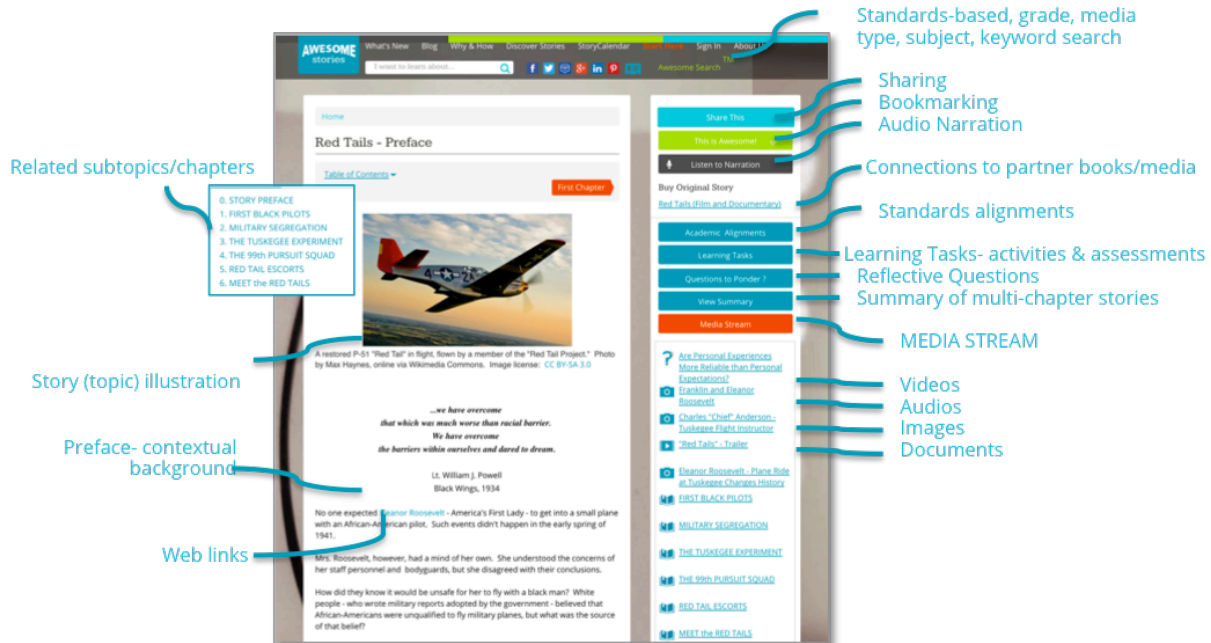
Educators see *AwesomeStories as **a cure for the Common Core*** because it presents information texts, multimedia text sets, and primary source evidence to fuel the close reading and critical thinking required today.

AwesomeStories' premium apps guide and support students and teachers to research and cite sources and to write, build and publish multimedia stories, assignments, curriculum and reports. Schools use *AwesomeStoryMaker* to build their own online curriculum, leveraging *AwesomeStories* archive and linked world-renowned archival content, localizing the content for their school or classroom needs. Teachers use *AssignmentMaker* to choose from standards-based learning tasks, to create new learning tasks and to combine these into compelling assignments. Students see the assignments, complete and submit them online. Teachers grade and comment personally with students using a selection of rubrics or their own rubric.

Students explore direct and guided access to primary sources, build reading and writing skills, convert boring reports into illustrated narratives and create papers and reports with pride using the breakthrough *AwesomeStoryMaker.*

- Within weeks of its development, *AwesomeStories GOLD* was named a Codie Finalist Social Studies solution.
- *AwesomeStories* is an Edmodo publisher and is accessed via single sign-on (SSO) with Moodle, Blackboard, D2L and Canvas.
- "Awesome Teacher Leaders" (ATLs), media specialists, librarians and teachers have co-built the website and tools.
- ATLs and AS leaders have presented at ISTE and at the New Jersey State Library Association, at regional, district and school and Library of Congress "Teaching through Primary Sources" sessions.
- AwesomeStories is mobile, tablet and laptop friendly with iOS and Android apps.

AwesomeStories Benefits

Teachers
- Leverage the AS standards-based archive; differentiate instruction, guide and grade online.
- Build your own curriculum in multimedia story form.
- Reach learning goals with student-centered activities.
- Communicate easily with students in the context of the archive and their work.

Students
- Get ready for the future career world now.
- Enjoy the power to research, write, cite and publish in multimedia.
- Learn and share collaboratively with students at your local school or around the world.
- Master 21st Century Research and learning standards and build critical thinking skills.

Schools and Districts
- Save money creating content.
- Meet State, Common Core and 21st Century benchmarks.
- Support Open-Source, Student-Centered and PBL approaches.
- Transform education to meet global career needs.
- Leverage continuous reporting on teacher and student activity and achievement.

Families
- Share revelations from stories behind the stories.
- Reduce the angst of homework, research and papers.
- Lead your students' homeschool learning.
- Know your children are accessing reliable information.
- Prepare your children to prosper in the information age and its challenges of unreliability and overload.

AS currently offers Gold membership for $39 per teacher per year with up to 30 students. Additional students may be added at $1 a year. Ask about district pricing.   *Please contact Deborah Bond-Upson, 415 902 3396, Deborah@AwesomeStories.org*