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Menu Item	Type	Description
<b>EDUCATORS</b>		A variety of resources for teaching and professional development
Lessons	Instructional	Searchable by grade band, primary art subject (Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Arts), other subject areas, and by keyword to locate related lesson plans and projects.
How-To's	Prof Dev	Articles on a variety of assessment, teaching, and coaching tools with practical tips and advice for integrating the arts into the classroom
Standards	National Correlations	Presents the National Standards for Arts Education
<b>FAMILIES</b>		Articles, research and advocacy issues
At School	Articles	Articles focused on acquiring knowledge and know-how to advocate for the role of arts in education
At Home	Articles	Suggestions for engaging family members in arts related activities at home
Out & About	Articles	Discovering the arts throughout the community
<b>STUDENTS</b>		
KC	Resources	Learn about the educational programs offered by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Access guides to prepare students for attendance at Kennedy Center performances and events, which may also be helpful for in-class units of study
Features	Resources	Special features focused on high-interest topics in the arts
Just for You	Resources	Guided activities designed for specific age groups
<b>THEMES</b>		
Themes Finder	Resources	Thematically linked media pieces
<b>MULTIMEDIA</b>		
Arts Days	Resources	A calendar of notable people and events in the arts
Arts Quotes	Resources	A searchable database of quotes pertaining to the arts, printable in poster format
Everyday Challenge	Activities	Self-guided challenges for family members to try as they travel through the world of the arts
Student Polls and Surveys	Interactive	Participate in polls and surveys related to current events and issues that concern the visual and performing arts

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<b>Educator</b>		Path of entry for educators to access economics related resources, lesson plans and interactive tools
<b>LESSONS</b>		Lesson and Unit Plans, grouped by current issues
EconomicsMinute	Lesson Types	Single class period lessons focused on real-world issues
MillionaireMinute	Lesson Types	Single class period lessons with emphasis on finance and financial planning
NetNewsLine	Lesson Types	Comprehensive, multi-class period lesson sets with emphasis on current issues such as the economics of professional sports
Focus on Economic Data	Lesson Types	Lessons that feature economic data related to key economic concepts
<b>INTERACTIVE TOOLS</b>		Interactive tools that can be used in a variety of instructional activities; many are embedded within EconEdLink's lessons
<b>CURRENT EVENTS</b>		Latest economics news and information, updated weekly
Economic News	Resource	Links to media sources related to the latest economics news and information from around the world. (Reuters, Business Week, Bloomberg, New York Times, ABC News, etc)
Related Lessons	Instructional	Lessons tied to current events showcased by EconEdLink
<b>CALENDAR</b>	Resource	Economics events of the past and present organized by specific date
<b>ECONOMIC DATA RESOURCES</b>	Web Resources	Macroeconomic data for classroom use, such as primary source materials, charts, and simulations. Included are current key economic indicators on inflation, unemployment, Real GDP, and Federal Reserve with accompanying lesson plans
Glossary	Instructional	Economics terms and their definitions defined by Council for Economic Education
<b>WEBLINKS</b>	Web Resources	Reviewed and approved economics education Web sites categorized with the following topics: Consumer Economics, Federal Reserve, General Economics, General Resources, and Stock Market
<b>Additional Resources</b>		
Standards	Correlations	Access various standards including: State Standards in Economics with lesson correlations; States Standards in Personal Finance (where available); National Standards in Economics and National Standards in Personal Finance
MyEconEdLink	Various	Provides the ability to save lessons, add notes to saved lessons, and notifies users when new resources are available
Newsletter	Resource	Sign up to stay informed on updates and late-breaking news from EconEdLink. The EconEdLink newsletter contains current news for economics educators and includes links to featured lessons
<b>Student</b>		Path of entry for students to access economics related interactive tools and lessons (See descriptions of these elements under Educator)
<b>Afterschool</b>		Path of entry for afterschool practitioners to access economics related interactive tools and lessons (See descriptions of these elements under Educator) Parent resources (below) are also available via the Afterschool entry path.
<b>PARENT RESOURCES</b>	Resource	Includes the all new e-book versions of the Financial Fitness For Life Guides to help parents share financial literacy concepts with their children, brought to you by the Council for Economic Education

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<b>SUBJECT CATALOGUE</b>		Lessons grouped by primary subject area
Art & Culture	Instructional	Lessons and panel-reviewed Web sites on Anthropology, Archaeology, Architecture, Film, Folklore, Music, Philosophy and Visual Arts. Searchable by subcategory and grade band
Literature & Language Arts	Instructional	Lessons and panel-reviewed Web sites on American, British, and World Literature. Searchable by subcategory and grade band
Foreign Language	Instructional	Lessons and panel-reviewed Web sites on culture and language. Searchable by subcategory and grade band. (Note: most lessons are about culture of countries versus foreign language)
History & Social Studies	Instructional	Lessons and panel-reviewed Web sites on U.S. and World History with subcategories based on events, locations and eras. Searchable by subcategory and grade band
All Lesson plans	Instructional	Lists all lessons; may be sorted by category, sub-category, and grade band
All Subject Categories	Instructional	Lists all of the categories (Art & Culture, Literature & Language Arts, Foreign Language, History & Social Studies) and sub-categories along with topic-related lesson plans
All Web Sites	Resource	Lists all panel-reviewed Web sites; may be sorted by category and sub-category. Brief descriptions are provided
<b>CALENDAR</b>	Instructional	Monthly calendar highlighting lesson plans and Web sites commemorating special events and people
<b>THIS MONTH'S FEATURE</b>	Instructional	A collection of information, activities, lesson plans, and Web sites for students and families focusing on a specific topic
<b>FEATURES/SPOTLIGHTS ARCHIVE</b>	Instructional	Access to the collection of former Features/Spotlights presented
<b>NEW AT EDSITEMENT</b>	Instructional	Recent additions to EDSITEment, including an index of Student Interactives
<b>REFERENCE SHELF</b>	Resource	Resources for integrating the internet into the classroom
Tips for Better Browsing	Prof Dev	Very basic tips about bookmarking sites, plug-ins, URL accuracy and File Not Found messages
Evaluating Online Resources	Prof Dev	Six criteria for evaluating Web site quality and validity
Electronic Citations	Prof Dev	Links to APA, MLA, and Chicago Style manuals
Analyzing Primary Sources	Prof Dev	Links to the Library of Congress and National Archives articles on utilizing primary sources effectively
Standards Web sites	National Standards	Links to the National Standards of NCTE/IRA list of Standards for English Language Arts, National Geography Standards, National Council for the Social Studies, The National Standards for Arts Education, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, and National Standards for Civics and Government
Literary Glossary	Prof Dev	Alphabetical list of key literary terms cross-referenced with appropriate lesson plans
The Reference Room	Resource	Graphic with hot links to a variety of resources stored within EDSITEment
The Book Nook	Resource	Graphic with hot links to several books featured in EDSITEment lesson plans
Curriculum Planner Resources	Prof Dev	Sample planning tool to help teachers organize resources for a lesson based on EDSITEment resources
<b>NEH CONNECTIONS</b>	Prof Dev	NEH-funded and other PBS features with relevant EDSITEment resources.

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<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	Instructional	Student online interactives, searchable by grade level and keywords; highlighted activities are featured on Activities home page. All include instructions for use and can be used as stand-alones. Many also come with suggested activities and links to Illuminations lessons that incorporate them
<b>LESSONS</b>		Lesson Plans and units organized by grade level and standard
Search Lessons	Instructional	Searchable by Standards-based content areas of Number & Operations, Algebra, Geometry, Measurement, and Data Analysis & Probability, and by grade bands. Plans containing aligned online activities are indicated by a computer icon
Highlighted Lessons	Instructional	Selected lesson plans that include an overview and are correlated with NCTM resources
<b>STANDARDS</b>	National Standards	Overview of NCTM's <i>Principles and Standards for School Mathematics</i> . Grade-banded video reflections are provided to aid in the understanding of how students learn mathematical concepts. Additionally, there are links to on-line activities
<b>WEB LINKS</b>	Resource	Panel-reviewed mathematics education resources on the Internet with descriptions of each site
<b>NCTM RESOURCES</b>	Resource	An array of professional development opportunities and instructional resources
E-Workshops	Prof Dev	Online events led by grade band experts offer a collaborative and interactive opportunity to explore a professional development topic with colleagues near and far. Visual information is delivered via the Internet while audio is delivered by telephone
Regional Conferences/ Annual Meeting & Exposition	Prof Dev	Link to NCTM site with conference, meeting and exposition dates and details
Figure This!	Instructional	Math Challenge for Families, a site with puzzles and problems for kids and parents
Reflection Guides	Prof Dev	A collection of professional development articles from various mathematics publications
Journals	Prof Dev	Links to a variety of professional mathematics publications
<i>Principles &amp; Standards for School Mathematics</i>	Prof Dev & Administration	Link to a resource and guide to facilitate decisions affecting the math education of pre K-12 students
E-Examples	Resource	Online interactive activities to illuminate the <i>Principles and Standards</i>

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<b>CLASSROOM RESOURCES</b>		Lesson plans, classroom activities, and teaching techniques
Lesson Plans	Instructional	Lessons searchable by keyword, grade level, type, learning objective and theme. Each lesson is research-based and includes standards information, a listing of resources and materials for preparation, a detailed instructional plan and an area to post comments or feedback
Student Interactives	Instructional	Online activities for K–12 students primarily intended to assist students with a reading or writing activity. Searchable by same methods as above for lesson plans. Lessons that use the interactive and related classroom/professional development resources are also listed.
Calendar Activities	Instructional	Searchable calendar that is viewable by day, week or month. Entries provide a brief description of a significant literary event, along with classroom activities, Web sites and related resources.
Printouts	Instructional	A searchable collection of printable materials to use when planning and delivering instructional activities. The collection includes but is not limited to assessment materials and graphic organizers
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	Prof Dev	Current information in the teaching profession, including research findings, teaching trends, and noteworthy events
Strategy Guides	Prof Dev	Sharpen your instructional techniques by reviewing the effective literacy teaching and learning strategies contained within these Strategy Guides. Sortable by grade level, learning objective and theme.
Professional Library	Prof Dev	A collection of books, journals, and position statements from the International Reading Association (IRA) and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).
Meetings & Events	Prof Dev	A calendar of upcoming conventions, conferences, workshops and meetings
Online Professional Development	Prof Dev	Web seminars and online offerings from NCTE and IRA
<b>ABOUT US</b>		
About IRA, NCTE, Verizon Thinkfinity	Information	Details about the organizations that have joined together to provide the ReadWriteThink Web site
Standards	State Standards	List of the twelve IRA/NCTE Standards for the English Language Arts with directions on how to access those for your own state through individual lessons
Our Advisors	Information	Information regarding members of the Advisory and Content Review Boards who review and approve content
Our Authors	Information	Content available at ReadWriteThink is created by literacy experts
Community Stories	Information	Stories about how educators are working to improve literacy learning for every student
News	Information	Latest news about ReadWriteThink
<b>PARENT &amp; AFTERSCHOOL RESOURCES</b>	Resource	A collection of fun and engaging activities and book suggestions to help parents and after school providers introduce children to reading and writing

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<b>LESSONS</b>	Instructional	Lists lessons that may be sorted by title, grade, and the <i>Benchmarks for Science Literacy</i> . Icons indicate if the lesson is hands-on, or if it includes printable student sheets, student E-sheets, and/or Science NetLinks interactives
<b>TOOLS</b>	Instructional	Interactives and resources to use with students that may be sorted by title, grade and the <i>Benchmarks for Science Literacy</i> . Suggestions for classroom use are provided
<b>RESOURCES</b>	Resource	Reviewed Web sites that support the 12 Benchmarks in Science. These Web resources are listed by benchmark and grade band
<b>BENCHMARKS</b>	Resource	Provides the K-12 science literacy learning goals outlined by AAAS's Project 2061 and may be separated by grade band
<b>WEEKLY SCIENCE UPDATE</b>	Instructional	60-second radio programs presenting current science research, as well as responses to questions phoned in to the Science Update hotline. Also available as weekly podcasts
<b>HIGHLIGHTS</b>	Instructional	Current featured topics with links to resources that focus on related scientific concepts
<b>ABOUT SCIENCE NETLINKS</b>	Prof Dev	Overview of what is available through Science NetLinks, including Site Features, Site Tools, and How to Get Involved, which allows individuals to subscribe to <i>Science NetLinks News</i> and receive regular updates on the latest developments to the site, including new lessons and site reviews
<b>AFTERSCHOOL</b>	Resource	A collection of hands-on science activities that can be incorporated into an after-school program



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<b>LESSONS/ACTIVITIES</b>	Instructional	Listing of standards-based educational resources designed to be facilitated by a teacher or parent. Can be filtered by Grade and Historical Era/National Standard, and sortable by title, grade, date posted and duration.
<b>INTERACTIVES/MEDIA</b>	Resource	A collection of audio, video and interactive resources to be used within a lesson, activity or independently by students. Can be filtered by Grade and Historical Era/National Standard, and sortable by title, grade, date posted and duration.
<b>MUSEUM ARTIFACTS</b>	Resource	Numerous artifacts available from the museum's collection that relate to American history using object-based learning techniques. The selected artifacts represent a variety of historical eras and the list will grow over time.
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>		
From the Blog: Teaching and Learning	Professional Development	Interactive blog provided to engage educators in the exchange of ideas on a variety of teaching strategies and topics related to the study of American history. Individuals are welcome to contribute additional thoughts to this learning community.
Refresh your Knowledge	Professional Development	Smithsonian History Explorer periodically provides a review of a specific American history topic.
Update Your Skills	Professional Development	Learn how to work with specific objects that provide first hand evidence about a person, place, or event that can bring history to life for students.
<b>WEB LINKS</b>	Instructional	A listing of useful Web sites that relate to American history.

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<b>LESSON PLANS</b>	Instructional	Lists multidisciplinary lesson plans aligned to U.S. National Geography Standards, the five geography skills, and the main geographic perspectives. Lessons are searchable by title, standard and grade band
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	Instructional	Instructional activities that offer younger and older students the opportunity to use geography to complete a variety of missions through the use of maps, games, stories, Web sites and interactive features. Activities are based on national standards and link to associated lessons
<b>ATLAS</b>	Resource	Hundreds of maps available for printing and downloading. Includes an option to view maps with basic or detailed views
<b>XPEDITION HALL</b>	Instructional	Interactive geography museum with standards-based activities for students that demonstrate essential geographic concepts. The teacher's guide explains opportunities for use in the classroom or as a home activity
<b>STANDARDS</b>	National Standards	Explanation of the 18 U.S. National Geography Standards and how to put them into practice
<b>RESOURCES</b>	Resources	Compilation of top resources to encourage further geographic learning
Search	Tool	Search Xpeditions and the Verizon Thinkfinity Partner Web sites to find resources for every K-12 academic discipline
Education Main	Resource	Latest programs and resources from National Geographic and its education partners
Daily News	Resource	Details related to current global events relevant to geography lessons.
Educator E-Newsletter	Prof Dev	View samples of National Geographic's Educational E-Newsletters and sign up to receive future editions of the E-Newsletter, as well as other National Geographic e-newsletters on travel, maps, adventures, expeditions, photography and other topics of interest to educators. All subscriptions are free
National Geographic Kids	Resource	Collection of child appropriate materials, resources, and activities from National Geographic

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