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**[princi\_elem] [principals] Worldbook subscription**

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Greetings,

I know an email went out to all admin, but let me introduce myself again in case you missed it and/or we haven't actually met. My name is Justin Huntley and I am the new Curriculum Administrator for Educational Technology and Online Learning. I am the unfortunate bearer of bad news of a decision made prior to my joining the district, to discontinue the World Book subscription due to insufficient funds. My understanding is that the Instruction Department was not able to continue funding the license to World Book and had to make some tough decisions last Spring. I understand a few schools have decided to purchase a site license out of their building budgets and I have heard that access to resources is part of the discussion around the upcoming social studies adoption.

With that said, what I would like to do is to pass along the following list of resources to help staff and students with research and lesson planning as a quick stop gap. I would also like to offer to come show staff how to access and use any of these resources, especially the student research links, as best fits within your building. There are some neat features with OSLIS and the GALE system that fit nicely into the use of the Google Suite. If staff are needing additional help and/or something more specific either, by level, subject area or even topic, I know that both myself and Misty Jackson would be more than willing to help however we can.

Here is a list of links to share with your staff (some more fitting than others based on level):

**Video Resources for teachers:**

1. **National Geographic Kids:** Available under "Find Information" on OSLIS site <http://education.nationalgeographic.com/> (Quick Tour Here) Online access to images, books, and over a thousand National Geographic Kids Magazines! Both books and magazines also offer a built in audio version of text.
2. **National Geographic Educators**  
<http://education.nationalgeographic.com/>

Access complete units, lessons, activities, video clips and more.

3. **PBS Learning Media:** Create a Free Teacher Account to download files

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org>

Another free resource that allows you to explore and download educational clips to share with students on a variety of topics. Topics also contain resources and lesson guide.

4. **History.com** (No account required)

<http://www.history.com/videos> (Teacher Resource Tool: be aware of show ratings) Find engaging clips and shows on a variety of topics ranging from US History (America the Story of Us and Speeches and Audio) to science and innovation (Modern Marvels).

5. **WatchKnowLearn** (No account required)

<http://www.watchknowlearn.org>

Fantastic resource that organizes content from across the web into one location. Find clips across all subject areas and grade levels

6. **NBC Learn** (No account required)

<http://www.nbclearn.com/> (Select "Free Resources" to see Categories)

Check out free clips on the Science of Innovation, Water Sustainability, Chemistry Now, Writers Speak to Kids, the Science of Sports and much more.

7. **Kahn Academy** (Teacher account required to assign content)

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

This site has tutorials and practice for all subject and grade levels. Students can use the site for extra practice or help with new concepts. (Accounts needed to give assignments)

8. **Nova "Education" and "Video"**

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/education/> (Units/content Sorted by Education Topics)

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/education/video/> (Complete Nova Programs and Clips)

Access Nova materials to stream online and use with your students.

9. **PBS Video** (Free Streaming Online with Closed Captioning Available)

<http://video.pbs.org>

Online access to current shows available through PBS: Nova, Nature, Oregon Field Guide, OPB Specials, Oregon Experience, Arts & Life and much more.

10. **CNN 10**

<http://www.cnn.com/cnn10/>

Current national news stories from CNN made in 10 minute bites. Transcripts available as a resource to guide discussions and help check for comprehension

### Student Research links:

1. **OSLIS:** Oregon School Library Information System

<http://oslis.org> (Search for OSLIS in browser) Access free research tools, Citation Maker, Oregon Newspapers, Gale Virtual Reference Library, National Geographic Kids, Information on Health, Science, History and more.

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Online access to images, books, and over a thousand National Geographic Kids Magazines! Both books and magazines also offer a built in audio version of text.

3. **Oregon Encyclopedia** (via OSLIS) <https://oregonencyclopedia.org/> the purpose of the Oregon Encyclopedia of History and Culture is to provide definitive, authoritative information about all aspects of the State of Oregon, including significant individuals, places, cultures, institutions, events, and peoples.

4. **GALE Kids InfoBits** (via OSLIS) <http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=ITKE&u=eugene> Easy-to-use digital resource featuring age-appropriate, reliable, curriculum-related content covering a broad range of educational topics.
5. **Great Websites for Kids** Sponsored by the Association for Library Service to Children, American Library Association <http://gws.ala.org/>
6. **Allsides** - <https://www.allsides.com/unbiased-balanced-news> provides news articles from the right, left and center.
7. **Library of Congress** - <https://loc.gov/> Great primary source documents and pictures

I hope this helps,

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