

Samples of Sites

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You do not have to log in but setting up a login and then using it each time will help ensure that the site remains viable.

Click on "In the Classroom."

To the right will be a column with various headings. You can find sites through Keyword Search, Resource Types, Grade Levels, Subjects (Press + to access), Partners (Press + to access) or a combination of two or more of the above. The most common way to search for sites is to enter a word or phrase in the Keyword Search box. Note: under this box is a link to state standards; you may browse, also, by these standards, specifying grade level and content area.

Be SURE to click on "Include Partner-Reviewed Resources" after hitting GO (when the Search Results page appears). You will usually see several pages of **Search Results**. Below, these have been highlighted in yellow. Scroll down or go to another page until you reach the titles you need.

Follow the order given, scanning each page, if necessary, to find the next link. It is not necessary to enter the Partners to get to the Search Results, but sometimes it helps. Again—**Be SURE to click on "Include Partner-Reviewed Resources" after hitting GO (when the Search Results page appears).**

Keyword: Webcams Two of my favorites are:

1. **San Diego Zoo Panda Cam** Visit the New Panda Cam Panda Video Gallery
2. **Smithsonian National Zoological Park** Live Cams Naked Mole Rats

Keyword: National Zoo Partners: ArtsEdge **National Zoo/Fonz** Education
Classroom Resources and School Partnerships Conservation Central

Choose an option: Design a Panda Habitat; Habitat Adventure; A Walk in the Forest (these three are interactive); Note: A Walk in the Woods—in order to activate activities in this third offering, you must click either "Narration" or "No Narration" under the selected picture. Some of the activities in this section are multi-leveled and require that you click DONE after completing one segment in order to go on to the next. About Conservation Central; Finding Common Ground Curriculum; Family Learning Activities; Conservation Galleries

Keyword: Fables Partners: EdSitement **Aesop and Ananse**

The four stories listed on chart:

The Lion and the Mouse—can access multiple translations of story and also activate a vocabulary aid; Mr. Buffu is not available. *The Ungrateful Tiger* (Korean) story follows with a tutorial on the differences between fables and legends; also, it has games available; *The Tiger, the Brahmin and the Jackal* is but one of many Indian stories offered here.

Keyword: Calculation Nation **Circulation Nation**

Keyword: New York Times Learning Network Partners: ReadWriteThink
Will see many entries under the Search Results Especially for Grades 6-12 Articles with lesson plans and activities

Keyword: Art Critiquing **The Art Critiquing Process** Wonderful sites from the Brigantine Public Schools
Combine with the activities found below.

Keyword: Edward Hopper **Analyzing Nighthawks (or another favorite) by Edward Hopper** On next page click on 1. Following page click "Explore."

Keyword: Antarctica Partners: Xpeditions **Antarctica: A Cold Desert Ecosystem** Next page scroll down for various possibilities, including crittercams for virtual tours (Left side, "Get an Animal's Eye View," then half way down "Sperm whale in the deep sea" "Bearded seal in the Arctic")

Keyword: Hit the Dot **Hit the Dot** A Neuroscience for Kids site with many exciting activities available

Keyword: Reactions Partners: ScienceNetLinks **How Fast Are You** Interactive reaction time activities plus data sheets and thought provoking questions

Keyword: Sod House Partners: Smithsonian History Explorer **Building a sod house** Build a sod house online

Keyword: Food webs 1. **Cycle of Life I** Food Chain movie (See other Quick Flicks also) Chain Reaction
2. **Virtual Fish Tank**

Keyword: What in the World? Color Coded Partners: Xpeditions **What in the World? Color Coded**
Interactive Adventures Two excellent offerings on this page are: On the Trail of Captain John Smith: A Jamestown Adventure and Crittercam African Adventure

Keyword: Power Proofreading Partners: ReadWriteThink **Power Proofreading**

Keyword: Crossword Partners: ReadWriteThink **Crossword Puzzles**

Keyword: Animals **Helpful Animals & Compassionate Humans in Folklore** Lots of resources

Keyword: Lizards Look for: "**Video: Squirt of Blood...**" and "**Video: Frilled Lizard...**" Attention-grabbing videos and good vehicles for lessons on adaptations and compare/contrast.

Keyword: Martha Graham Partners: ARTSEdge **A Dancer's Journal: Martha Graham**
Click on: 1. View Resource; 2. Enter Site; 3. Click on locker door handle; 4. Read this first; 5. Return to locker; 6. Choose one of the books; 7. Video track

Keyword: Doodle Splash **Doodle Splash: Using Graphics to Discuss Literature**

Keyword: Othello Partners: EDSITEment Three activities for *Othello*: **Chaos is Coming**; **O Blood, Blood, Blood**; **Zounds, Sir, You're Robbed**

Keyword: Batter Up Partners: ARTSEdge **Perfect Pitch Interactive**
This site connects baseball with music.

Keyword: String Instruments and Pitch Partners: ARTSEdge **String Instruments and Pitch**

Try combining specific grades with Resource Type "Interactive". Below are some appealing results.

Grades K-2-- **Word Family Sort**, **KiddoNet Alphabet**

Grades 3-5— **Destroy the Castle**, **All Systems Go!**

Grades 6-8— **Fire, Power Up:**

Grades 9-12— **Drop Me Off in Harlem**, **The Greensboro Lunch Counter**

Click "At Home and Afterschool," then "Parents and Kids." Below will be a great number of opportunities for interactive learning that parents may enjoy with their children. Check out "Cloud Dreamer". Once on this site you will see many activities designed to encourage inventive play on the computer. For further exploration of sites especially related to independent home learning, click on "Games and Tools."

Caveat: A site sometimes changes its list of links. I have learned to bookmark immediately when I come across a super link.

For quick access to some of the sites highlighted by Thinkfinity:

<http://pbskids.org>

<http://ipl.org> See “For Kids”

<http://www.kids.gov>

www.wwf.org Click “WWF International” Search for specific animals. Tracking Polar Bears is interesting and links to Google Earth.

<http://nytimes.com/learning/teachers/lessons> Interdisciplinary, geared toward Grades 6-12 but has some links to lower grade lessons.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions>

<http://magma.nationalgeographic.com/ngexplorer/quickflicks> For an array of activities, see also, the top bar headed “National Geographic Kids.”

<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/education/conservationcentral>

<http://www.cheetah.org> Go to: What We Do-Education Programs—Educational Aids—Scroll down to Meet the Cheetah/A Voice for the Cheetah

<http://www.cheetah.co.za> Education— Teacher’s Resources

<http://www.manythings.org> ESOL Specific

<http://www.pestworldforkids.org> Very informative and fun for the whole family! Wonderful report writing section with a step by step (10 in all) research manual and template.

<http://www.kids.nypl.org/> Click on “Tumblebooks” where favorite children’s stories are presented and read

<http://www.audubon.org> Go to “Education” then “Just for Kids”

<http://www.spellingcity.com>

www.buildyourwildself.com

www.brigantine.atlnet.org **(MUST use the www.)** Wonderful activities from the schools of Brigantine, NJ

www.ecokids.ca

www.sciencenewsforkids.org

www.ala.org/greatsites

www.janbrett.com

<http://dellington.org> Check out “Interactives” and then Lesson 3

The above information covers only a fraction of the Thinkfinity offerings. Explore and enjoy!