

### KS3 Reading

Resource	What does it cover?	How can I use it?
Readworks <a href="https://www.readworks.org/">https://www.readworks.org/</a>	Lots of stories and articles to read on different themes and topics.	Sign up for free and start with their 'article of the day' challenges. It's set up for American 'grades' so look for things from 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade for Y7-9 level work.
Common Lit <a href="https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts">https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts</a>	You can find texts on all sorts of subjects with linked activities, guided questions and prompts for discussion. Comes with a 'read aloud' and 'translate' function.	Search the library for texts that interest you (articles, poems, stories and more). Read different texts and try out the activities suggested. Again, it's American so look for 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade work. No sign up needed!
Read theory <a href="https://readtheory.org/">https://readtheory.org/</a>	Targets reading skills and understanding in particular. A great one if you find reading a little bit tricky or want to challenge yourself.	Sign up for a free account on their website and try out their reading exercises and worksheets.
Project Gutenberg <a href="http://www.gutenberg.org/">http://www.gutenberg.org/</a>	Free books! Lots of 'the classics' and older texts that are out of copyright.	No sign up needed. Browse their library and find yourself a free book to keep yourself busy. Why not try a classic? 'Frankenstein', 'Dracula' and 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' are a great place to start.
Pic-lits <a href="https://www.piclits.com/compose_dragdrop.aspx">https://www.piclits.com/compose_dragdrop.aspx</a>	Online poetry writing resource using images as prompts. Great for building vocabulary.	No sign up needed. Open the website, choose an image and get creating. You can use 'drag-n-drop' from a word bank (great to improve your vocabulary) or 'freestyle' and come up with your own words.
Tween Tribune <a href="https://www.tweentribune.com/">https://www.tweentribune.com/</a>	Online archive of non-fiction articles written for teenagers.	Choose an article that interests you to read. Write your own response to the question prompt at the end of the article.

### KS3 Writing

Story Shack <a href="https://thestoryshack.com/">https://thestoryshack.com/</a>	Lots of examples of short stories and prompts for writing your own.	No sign up needed. Why not start with their story title generator or character personality generator and then have a go at writing a story opening or character description?
New York Times Writing Prompts <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/04/learning/550-prompts-for-narrative-and-personal-writing.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/04/learning/550-prompts-for-narrative-and-personal-writing.html</a>	550 questions and prompts to get you started with some creative or personal writing.	Scroll through and choose a question that stands out to you. Try and write a paragraph explaining your own answer. You could even make up a character and answer as them or use a question to start off a story idea. Don't want to scroll? Pick a number between 1-550 and start there!
Pobble 365 <a href="http://www.pobble365.com/">http://www.pobble365.com/</a>	One new picture and a key word/title posted every day.	Check the website each day and challenge yourself to write for 15 minutes using the image as a starting point. Or if one image catches your eye, develop a longer piece of narrative or description from your inspiration.
Online Museum Tours <a href="https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours">https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours</a>	Links to 12 museums that offer virtual online tours. Great for general knowledge and writing prompts.	Have a look around a museum that interests you. Write a short review of what you liked/found interesting in the museum. Design an advert for the museum to encourage young people to go there.