



TeachersFirst's **K-12 PROGRAMS**

Creating and curating classroom resources
Supporting educators with professional learning opportunities



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TODAY'S Goals

1

Introduce participants to TeachersFirst.

2

Explore free instructional resources.

3

Learn about free professional learning opportunities.

WHAT IS TeachersFirst?

TEACHERSFIRST

TeachersFirst is a collection of thousands of free, teacher-reviewed, classroom-ready K-12 resources and professional learning offerings focused on technology integration that saves teachers time and delivers what they need in a practical, ad-free environment.

TeachersFirst is brought to you by The Source for Learning, a nonprofit educational services organization that offers K-12 and Early Childhood Education resources and SFLBroadband.

EXTRA FEATURES FOR MEMBERS

Membership is not required; however, members can:

- Create a **START PAGE** to learn about recent additions and topics you are interested in
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- Receive access to the **IN-SERVICE KIT** to share these resources with others

- ▶ All content is **FREE** and the TeachersFirst website is ad-free.
- ▶ TeachersFirst resources are designed to save you time while helping you to integrate technology in your classroom.

Resources Overview

1 TeachersFirst Website - Instructional Planning Resources

2 TeachersFirst Website - Exclusive Classroom Instructional Resources

3 Professional Learning Opportunities



TEACHERSFIRST WEBSITE – Instructional Planning Resources

SEARCHABLE DATABASE

Thousands of
teacher reviewed
classroom resources



SEARCHABLE DATABASE

The EDGE – find
tech tools to create
projects



SEARCHABLE DATABASE

Over 100 Special
Topic Pages listing
the 'best of the best'



FEATURED EDTECH RESOURCES



35,000+ Teacher-reviewed Resources Since 1998!



Writing & Digital Storytelling Treasures

This week we feature writing, poetry, and digital storytelling tools for you and your students. December includes the birthdays of authors Emily Dickinson and Richard Kipling, as well as the publishing of the holiday classic, A Christmas Carol. Explore our collections to find resource gems to celebrate these occasions and more!

Weekly
Newsletter

Classroom Planning Calendar



- Jan 9 OK2Ask Make the Most of Your TeachersFirst Membership [🔗](#)
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 15 100th Day of school- date varies
- Jan 16 OK2Ask My Students Need That! Chrome Features & Extensions for Accessibility [🔗](#)
- Jan 18 Twitter Chat: Project-Based Learning
- Jan 29 "The Raven" was published on this date
- Jan 30 OK2Ask Engage & Inspire: Comics in the Classroom [🔗](#)
- Feb 1 Black History Month

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Anatomy of a **TeachersFirst Review**

Description



Wakelet - Jamil Khalil

MORE GRADES **K** TO **12** **E** **+** SHARE **>** LINK **2** FAVORITES **0** COMMENTS ★★★★★

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tag(s): [bookmarks \(48\)](#), [collaboration \(81\)](#), [communication \(135\)](#), [curation \(27\)](#), [DAT device agnostic tool \(136\)](#), [multimedia \(41\)](#), [news \(230\)](#), [social media \(47\)](#), [social networking \(80\)](#)

In the Classroom

IN THE CLASSROOM

The possibilities for using Wakelet in the classroom are endless! Create collections with tips for writing in different genres, current events, information about specific countries or cities, math games, and much more. Have students set up their own wakes as part of a research project. Put together a wake scavenger hunt to introduce a new unit or as a review at the end of a unit. Share wakes on your class web page for student use at home to review and practice class content. Having the ability to have a cover image and background for your wakes makes them much more interesting and easily identifiable, especially for young or visual students!

Edge Features

Edge Features:

Parent permission advised before posting student work created using this tool

Includes Interaction w general public/ public galleries with unmoderated content

Includes social features, such as "friends," comments, ratings by others


Requires registration/log-in (WITH email)

Products can be embedded

Products can be shared by URL


Multiple users can collaborate on the same project



 ADD A COMMENT AND RATE THIS RESOURCE

 ADD TO MY FAVORITES

Must have an account to create favorites

 ADD TO MY FAVORITES

Title: Pocket

Notes

***Add tags to help you organize your favorites** - *Separate tags with a comma*

Your Previously used tags:

Other users tags for this resource: *tools*

Check this box to share this resource on your public page

**Tags are a way to sort your Favorites so you and students or parents can find them easily. Tags could be a subject (math), unit (poetry) curriculum topic (biodiversity, community helpers), or the name of the assignment it can be used for (Civil War project). You can put as many tags as you wish on one Favorite. Individualize resources by tagging with student first names and sharing on your public page in an elementary classroom.*

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Close

Favorites for - Barbara De Santis

Below are your Favorite resources from TeachersFirst.

- You can edit any favorite (and its tags) from your full Favorites found on the My Favorites tab or from anywhere that a Favorite appears on TeachersFirst.

This resource is one of your favorites, you can: Edit This Favorite - Remove This Favorite

- You can add new favorites/tags from any resource list on TeachersFirst simply by clicking "add to my Favorites" (if you are logged in, of course!).
- See your Favorites, *organized by tag* from the My Tags tab.



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- Searchable database of thousands of free web-based resources.
- Researched and evaluated by the TeachersFirst team of educators.

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Middle School

High School



Click to see reviewed web resources for the subject and grade level you teach.

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English
Language Arts
Reading
Writing

Mathematics

Algebra
Calculus
Geometry
Math
Trigonometry

Sciences

Astronomy & Space
Biology/Life Science
Chemistry
Earth Science/Geology
Engineering/Technology
Health
Physics
Science

Social Studies

American History
Current Events
Economics
Geography (US/World)
Government/Civics: U.S
History & Culture: Africa
History & Culture: Asia
History & Culture: China
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History & Culture: Russia
History & Culture: The Americas
History & Culture: World
Social Studies

Visual & Performing Arts

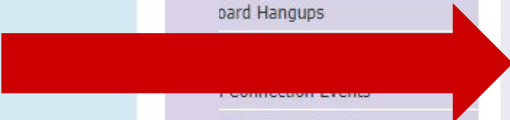
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Music

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ESL/ELL
French
German
Latin
Spanish
World Languages

General


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Mind Stretchers
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Professional
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Kitchen Garden Planner - Gardener's Supply Company

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PmWiki - Patrick R. Michaud

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- Accessed right from the home page.
- Linked to resources.



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Time flies in your classroom. Don't let it get past you.

This clickable calendar listing provides reviewed curriculum resources in a snap, connecting your classroom to events and observances in the world outside of school: holidays, anniversaries, seasonal events, and commemorations. Glance ahead a month or two, and click to find TeachersFirst's rich resources and classroom ideas. Have a suggestion for an event to include in the TeachersFirst calendar? Tell us [here](#) (be sure to mention the Classroom Planning Calendar in your message).

*Looking for meaningful learning for every day of the year? Try TeachersFirst's **Dates That Matter**.*

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September, 2022

Monday, August 1 - Thursday 15	Start the School Year Right(continued from previous month) TeachersFirst's Study Skills Resources
Saturday, August 6 - Monday 5	First Day of School- date varies(continued from previous month) TeachersFirst First Day of School Icebreakers
Thursday 1	Twitter Chat: Designing Digital Storytelling Experiences in the Classroom Join us at 8PM EST
Thursday 1 - Friday, September 30	National Library Card Sign-Up Month Get your library card and encourage others to get theirs too!
Thursday 8	International Literacy Day Celebrate with ideas from TeachersFirst's Reading For All
Sunday 11	Grandparents Day Special Occasion Ideas for the Classroom: TeachersFirst Editors' Choices
Sunday 11	9/11 Anniversary TeachersFirst's September 11 Resources
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Special Topics Collections

- Over 100 topics
- Listing the best 25-30 resources

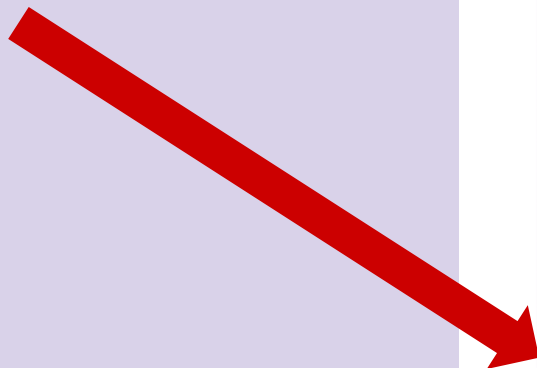
TeachersFirst's National Hispanic Heritage Month Resources



This collection of reviewed resources from TeachersFirst is selected to help teachers and students celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month and the important contributions of those whose heritage traces to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America through related projects and classroom activities.



To Find All Special Topics Collections:
Go to the Classroom Resources tab, scroll down, and click on **Special Topics**.



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SAFE WEB 2.0 IN THE CLASSROOM



New web 2.0 tools appear each day. Many of these tools were not originally intended for classroom use, but they can be powerful learning tools for today's techno-savvy students and their more adventurous teachers. These sites appear (and frequently disappear) very quickly, launched by creative techno-geeks out there in the world.

Many of these tools require a higher-than-average set of teacher tech skills or some extra monitoring to assure student "safety." TeachersFirst Edge reviews these "tools on the Edge" carefully, and with specific ideas for using them safely and effectively in teaching and learning. Reviews point out any safety or policy concerns for the tool and offer links to management tips for each concern.

Especially popular is this subset of the Edge: **BYOD Dream Tools: Free tools that work on any device.** Look for the **device agnostic tool** tag in any review.

This is the world your students already know. Try teaching in their vernacular. A little adventurousness makes for powerful learning.

See General Tips for using Edge Tools - a must for first-time users

Browse the full listing of detailed safety/school **policy tips** or save time by reading them as needed from each tool review.

If you try one of these tools and find it especially useful, be sure to leave a comment on it to share your students' successes with other teachers. If you know of another tool that teachers would find beneficial, please **suggest it via our webmaster account**, as a "suggested resource."

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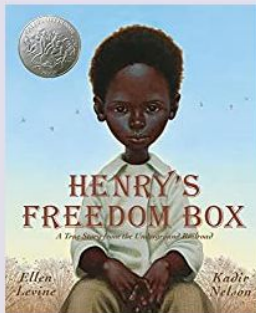
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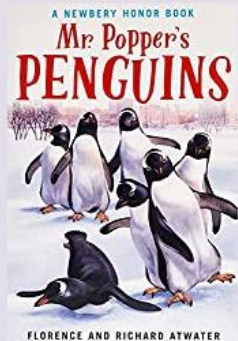
This beautifully illustrated story shines a light on the human cost of slavery by following the life of Henry Brown—his early life as a slave, the tragedy of losing his wife and children through the slave trade,

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Author Jane Smolik tells a tale of three girls whose lives are connected, even though they never meet. Each girl struggles with adversity dealt by an authority figure that directly impacts her daily life in

Mr. Popper's Penguins



Inspired by a 1930 documentary of Admiral Richard Byrd's expedition to the South Pole, Richard Atwater wrote this endearing tale of a midwest, small town painter and his family who receive a penguin as a gift.

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Grade Range: 3 - 5



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Mr. Popper's Penguins

Teacher Guide

Grade Level & Content Areas

Ages: 9–12

Grades: 2 (read-aloud),
3–5 (independent reading)

Reading Level: 4.9

Lexile Measure: 910L

Guided Reading Level: Q

Developmental Reading

Assessment (DRA): 40

Content Areas: English/language arts, social studies (including history and geography), science, visual art, and music.

Access Reading
Trek Map

Synopsis of Book

Inspired by a 1930 documentary of Admiral Richard Byrd's expedition to the South Pole, Richard Atwater wrote this endearing tale of a midwestern small-town painter and his family who receive a penguin as a gift. In the story, Mr. Popper makes alterations to his home to accommodate the penguin's basic needs. The

Using This Reading Trek in Class

Below is a list of ideas for how to use this Reading Trek in your educational setting.

Working with the Map:

1. Introduce the book to the whole class on an interactive whiteboard using the Reading Trek map and highlighting its various layers.
2. View the 1930 documentary [With Byrd at the South Pole](#). Discuss the technological changes in video recording or the relationships of the expedition crew with the sled dogs. You could clip the video parts you want to use with [ytCropper](#) ([TeachersFirst review](#)) and then use [Kapwing](#) ([TeachersFirst review](#)), an online video tool and editor, to create and share the short video clips you made with your class. Both tools are very easy to use. A [brief 3-minute video](#) with documentary highlights is also available.
3. Download [Pocket Penguins](#) to view live streams and penguin cams from the [California Academy of Sciences](#) or the [Monterey Bay Aquarium](#) (between 7 AM and 5 PM Pacific Time), the [Idaho Falls Zoo](#), [Penguin Beach](#), or the [San Diego Zoo](#). Teams or individual students can visit daily at a specified time and record their observations. In addition, students can microblog their observations using Twiducate ([TeachersFirst review](#)).
4. Using only items readily available within the classroom or with another parameter, create a rookery. Take a photograph and share on Twitter ([TeachersFirst review](#)) using #mrpopperspenguins, including the reasoning behind two or more items selected.

Extension Activities:

1. Where allowed, view the 2011 movie version of *Mr. Popper's Penguins*. Identify areas where the movie varied from the text. Use Poll Everywhere ([TeachersFirst review](#)) to ask students questions as to which version of each variance they preferred. (Note: Student answers will be anonymous, but students will be able to see poll responses live.) Additionally, [Heartland](#) has created a curriculum as a PDF to accompany the film.
2. Create paper penguins using two sizes of paper plates and recycled/repurposed construction, wrapping, or other paper. Photograph the penguin in various school and home activities to share on [Twitter](#) ([TeachersFirst review](#)) using #mrpopperspenguins. For ideas on making the paper plate penguins, visit: [I Heart Crafty Things](#), [Instructables](#), [Love to Sew](#), and [All Free Paper Crafts](#). The art instructor will also be a good resource.
3. Create comic strips showing a new act the penguins could perform on stage using Printable Comic Strip Layouts ([TeachersFirst review](#)) or Make Beliefs Comix ([TeachersFirst review](#)).
4. Create a word search with vocabulary words from the story using Crossword Hobbyist ([TeachersFirst review](#)), or use the readymade [Mr. Popper's Penguins: Word Search](#).
5. Students may self-check for comprehension by using [Mr. Popper's Penguins Quiz](#).
6. Have students reflect through journal writing and illustrating after reading each chapter to demonstrate comprehension using this [Read Write Think lesson plan](#).

Helpful Resources

From TeachersFirst:

- [TeachersFirst CurriConnects Book List - Maps](#)
- [TeachersFirst Review of Google My Maps](#)
- [OK2Ask: Engage & Inspire with Reading Treks](#)

Other Resources:

- [Penguin Activities](#) - On and Offline

- Little America Station
- Chicago Tribune
- Wood National Cemetery

Adm. Richard Byrd--The Inspiration Behi...

- Winchester, VA
- United States Naval Academy
- Ellesmere Island
- Antarctica

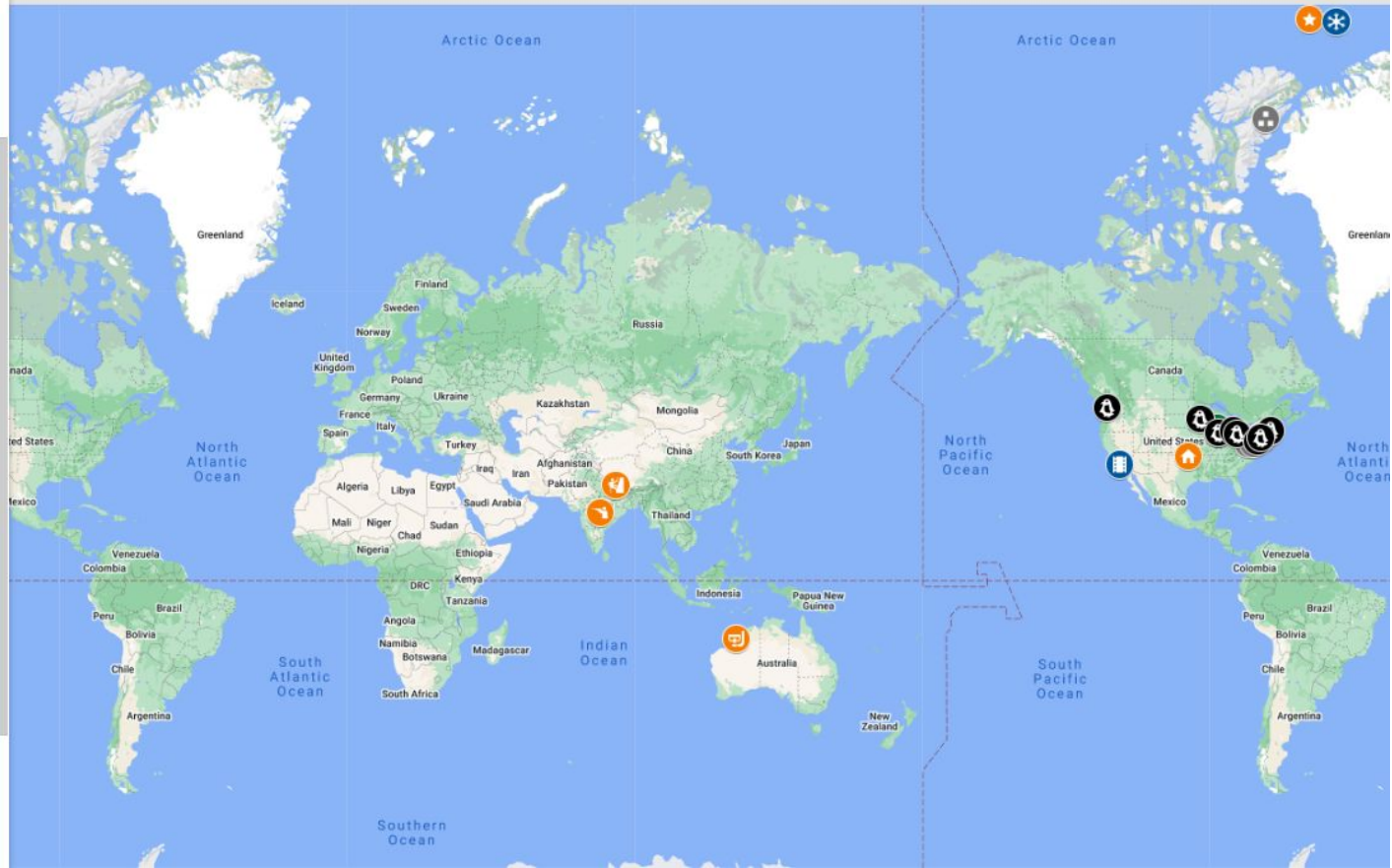
Illustrator's Layer

- New York, NY
- Montclair, NJ
- Parsons School of Design
- Greenwich Village
- Westport, CN
- Rabbit Hill
- Mountain Grove Cemetery

Publisher's Layer

- Little, Brown, and Company

Mr. Popper's Dreams of Expeditions



- Oct 1 Computer Learning Month
- Oct 3 World Architecture Day
- Oct 4 OK2Ask 3 Cool Tools for the Flipped Classroom

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In which subject could you most easily incorporate comics/cartoons?

- Social Studies
- English/Language Arts
- Science or Math

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OK2Ask: Engage & Inspire: Comics in the Classroom - TeachersFirst

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