



## Supplemental Resources for Online Learning: English Language Arts

These distance-learning resources were curated with Georgia’s ELA teachers in mind. All of these resources are adaptable to virtual, brick-and-mortar, and blended classrooms.

*Please note that the guidance and resources provided in this document are NOT meant to be a directive or limitation, but rather a tool to support teachers and schools as they develop distance learning opportunities responsive to their local context and student needs.*

Resource	Targeted Grade Levels	Activities
<b>Getting Ready for School Guide</b>	K-3	GPB and GaDOE just launched “Getting Ready” guides for grades K-3 as part of our Georgia Home Classroom initiative. The skills were identified by GaDOE Curriculum & Instruction staff. See them here: <a href="https://www.gpb.org/education/learn">https://www.gpb.org/education/learn</a>
<b>PK-12 Distance Learning Guide</b>	PK-12	The <a href="#">P-12 Distance Learning Guide</a> is designed to support Georgia teachers and districts as they provide distance learning opportunities for students. Distance learning aims to provide students with continuous learning opportunities at home and may or may not include technology.
<b>Cox Campus</b>	Preschool-Grade 3	The <a href="#">Cox Campus</a> offers free, interactive courses and resources based on proven language and literacy practices to transform children's learning environments.
<b>North Carolina Remote Learning Choice Board</b>	K-2	The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has created choice boards for students that teachers and parents can use to support ongoing literacy learning during the summer months. There are 8 different choice boards that could be utilized all summer long. <a href="https://sites.google.com/dpi.nc.gov/englishlanguagearts/resources/remote-learning/k-2-choiceboards?authuser=0">https://sites.google.com/dpi.nc.gov/englishlanguagearts/resources/remote-learning/k-2-choiceboards?authuser=0</a>
<b>The Smithsonian: Distance Learning Resources for National Audiences</b>	PK-12	Go <a href="#">here</a> for an overview of the Smithsonian’s resources, training, and support for PK-12 distance learning. It also includes resources for <b>caregivers</b> and self-directed lessons designed especially for <b>tweens and teens</b> .  This link will take you directly to a <a href="#">Google sheet for PK-12 ELA resources</a> . The sheet is organized by <b>grade band and theme</b> and includes a column that indicates whether the resource is available in <b>Spanish</b> . If you’re looking for something specific, just press Control-F or Command-F for a search box.  <a href="#">Meet the Animals</a> at the National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute is a great site for <b>exploring information texts</b> . It could also serve as a useful starting place for <b>information writing</b> . Just click on the picture of any animal to go to a page with images, facts, and conservation efforts. This site is probably best for grades <b>3-8</b> . Looking for a way to bring in the <b>arts</b> ? Visit the <a href="#">National Museum of Natural History</a> for virtual tours. The Smithsonian also provides a list of <a href="#">10 museums that your students can visit virtually</a> . Amazing!
<b>The Library of Congress</b>	K-12	The Library of Congress has a <a href="#">helpful tool</a> that allows teachers to search for resources by . . . <b>Georgia standards!</b> All you have to do is select “State Content” and then plug in “Georgia,” your grade level, and “language arts.”  For ideas that you may be able to adapt to your online classroom, visit this <a href="#">extensive list of lesson plans</a> organized by topic/era and grade level. For a broader search, explore this <a href="#">collection of online presentations, activities, and lessons</a> , which are organized by topic and grade level. These resources will be

		<p>helpful for <b>exploring historical context</b> to support the units and literature you are studying with your students.</p> <p>The Library of Congress also has <a href="#">primary source sets</a> to support <b>multi-genre projects, research projects, and informational writing</b> to make <b>social studies and history connections</b>.</p>
<b>The U.S. Geological Survey</b>	K-12	<p><a href="#">The USGS site</a> provides <b>real-time data and information</b> on current conditions and earth observations, particularly the <b>natural hazards that threaten lives and livelihoods</b>: water, energy, minerals, natural resources, land-use, and climate.</p> <p>To support teachers and students, USGS is providing <b>weekly “learning from home” resources</b> targeted to <b>specific grade levels</b>. Week 3 is space week, which explores the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring the Solar System (all grades)</li> <li>• The Moon (all grades)</li> <li>• Be an Explorer! (all grades)</li> <li>• Planets Curriculum (grades 3-8)</li> <li>• Astrogeology (grades 6-12)</li> </ul> <p>If space doesn’t fit into what you’re studying with your kids now, jump around to other themed weeks to find something that works.</p> <p>In addition to the themed “learning from home” weeks, USGS provides resources organized by grade band and theme. ELA teachers will be able to find <b>grade-level texts</b> that students can mine for <b>facts, statistics, and other data</b> to use for support in <b>information and argument writing</b>.</p>
<b>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</b>	6-8	<p>The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s <a href="#">Data in the Classroom</a> uses <b>real-time ocean data</b> to explore pressing environmental issues: El Niño, sea level, water quality, coral bleaching, and ocean acidification.</p> <p>Data in the Classroom is targeted to <b>science</b> and <b>STEM</b>, but if you are an <b>ELA</b> teacher looking for some ways to incorporate <b>real-world data literacy</b>, this site is worth looking into. It may take a little bit of figuring out on the teacher end, but by starting with the teacher resources links, especially the <b>“In Each Module”</b> and <b>“Using the Technology”</b> sections, you’ll likely be able to glean whether this is something you’ll find useful. As a final note, most of the teacher guides specify a <b>6-8</b> grade band, but <b>9-12</b> teachers may also find these resources helpful.</p>
<b>NASA</b>	K-12	<p>NASA has put together a group of <a href="#">activities and fun things to do at home</a>, mostly designed for <b>K-5 students</b>. They also provide <a href="#">STEM resources for K-12 educators</a> organized by grade band.</p> <p>These ideas are <b>heavily STEM</b>, so ELA teachers may need to dig around a bit to pull out texts and videos that are useful as well as activities that make sense for their students, but it certainly includes information that works well in ELA lessons and projects. <a href="#">Space Station Explorers</a> is a video series about living on the International Space Station. <a href="#">Exploring Careers @ NASA</a> is also an interesting look into what it takes to work at NASA.</p>