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- **TeachingBooks.net** - Collections of author video interviews, book readings, teaching resources and lesson plans to support student reading skills and interests
- **Teen Health and Wellness** - Nonjudgmental, straightforward information on today's teen health and wellness issues.
- **TrueFlix** - Combines Scholastic True Books content with related videos, Web links and text. Includes a read-aloud feature.



A collection of five interactive eBooks for elementary students. [Cybersmarts](#) is designed to teach students about staying safe online. These interactive eBooks can be projected on a whiteboard or viewed on individual student computers. Lesson plans, reproducibles and research prompts are included.



[FreedomFlix](#)<sup>TM</sup> is an online resource that converts the **Cornerstones of Freedom** series into enhanced eBooks. All the eBooks include related content and primary sources featuring videos, audio, images, and text. All books include an optional natural-voice read-along of all text, sidebars and captions. Educator resources include lesson plans, writing prompts and whiteboard activities. [FreedomFlix](#)<sup>TM</sup> aligns to the Common Core Standards by featuring multiple text types and a cross-curricular, nonfiction focus. [FreedomFlix](#)<sup>TM</sup> is also compatible with tablets (i.e. iPads) and smartphones.



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A collection of five interactive eBooks for teens. [Teen CyberSmarts](#) was designed to give teens hands-on experience in safely navigating the online environment. These interactive eBooks can be projected on a whiteboard or viewed on individual student computers. Lesson plans, reproducibles and research prompts are included.



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[Vocabulary.com](#) is our newest online resource. [Vocabulary.com](#) is a tool that is used to improve vocabulary by using an adaptive learning system that offers differentiated vocabulary instruction to students at all levels. It continuously assesses each student and focuses their efforts on words they need to learn. Teachers can create classes of students, assign work to them, and monitor their progress. Teachers can assign their students one of the thousands of already created vocabulary lists made from the most popular texts taught in schools, or easily create their own lists using the Vocabgrabber list making tool. [Vocabulary.com](#) has gamified vocabulary instruction as well. Students can earn points, achievements and badges that motivate them to keep playing and to keep learning.

#### *Educator's Resources:*

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