Week of 2/24/14

1. Science
   1. As you move around in this site and click on some of the topics, there are some nice articles available. <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/explorations/>
   2. ReadWorks, a site several ELA teachers seem to like using, has added earth & space science passages. These may be pretty good for various grade levels.

<http://www.readworks.org/earth-space-science-passages?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=022014%20Earth%20Space%20EST> You just need to login, then over to the left, choose “reading passages” and select the area of science within the domain section. I’ll attach a sample passage.

1. Social Studies
   1. Interesting book called *Why Won’t You Just Tell Us the Answer* Preview it at the following link.

<http://www.stenhouse.com/html/why-wont-you-just-tell-us-the-answer.htm?r=nb140218m>

1. ELA
   1. free resource online <http://www.englishforeveryone.org/>

This is a great site where you can choose passages for reading comprehension, sentence completion / vocabulary, grammar, etc. HINT: Be sure to scroll down the page once you’ve selected what skill you want some worksheets for (past where each grade is listed and you see the “find more here” link) then you should find each grade listed and 5 or 6 passages per grade.

* 1. 6th grade – if you’re looking at poetry anytime soon or trying to work some into a unit, this song could be a great one to use to in the “Mysterious Worlds” unit. Of course, there’s a great example of historical allusion right off the bat, but you could also find some good examples of figurative language, mood, speaker, etc. It would be a good TPFASTT exercise. “Pompeii” by Bastille – lyrics <http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/bastille/pompeii.html>

Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F90Cw4l-8NY&feature=kp>

Video with lyrics <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vua9SsQssAM>

Just lyrics & music (plain background) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viwJ936D3mc>

1. Interesting ideas for book reports – could easily be tweaked for other classes <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/projects-engage-middle-school-readers-beth-holland?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=blog-middleschool-readers-projects-holland-image-repost>
2. If you haven’t looked at Khan Academy before, you might want to check it out. It’s a free site where you can create an account for yourself and your students. It used to focus solely on math, but now they’ve added science, economics, history (under humanities), and computer programming. I’ve played around with it a little, and one of my daughters has used it for math for the last two years. There are quick videos and some “coaching” aspects for students to use. If you go to the site, then look at coaching resources, there are videos showing how teachers use this resource with their classes. <https://www.khanacademy.org/>