Week of 3/10/14

1. General
   1. SAS institute’s online interactive activities – If you’ve never used SAS before, please let me know. I will be happy to help you play around in their site and see if there are some activities you can use. I used this quite a bit in my classes, and the kids seemed to really enjoy these activities. Go to <http://www.sascurriculumpathways.com/portal/>

to check it out. And, yes, this site is FREE! If you want to use it with class, I’ll get you the generic logon info.

1. Reading Stamina – could be helpful in any class
   1. ReadWorks – I know several of you use this site, but I wanted to share this link because there are several good-looking texts across curricula, especially science <http://www.readworks.org/passages-building-reading-stamina?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=030314%20Stamina%20EST>
   2. “Reading Plan” – I’m attaching two documents that you could use to help students retain information as they read; one is geared towards ELA classes, but the other I have tweaked so that it might work better for other classes as well. (The scanned copy is something one of my children has done in her class, so some of you might have seen this before. Feel free to play around with these and make them your own.)
2. Social Studies
   1. Check out [www.teachingamericanhistory.org](http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org) if you haven’t before. Loads of primary sources that could be incredibly useful.
   2. Interesting blog where a middle school jistory teacher discusses how to make “living history” lessons academically meaningful -- <http://www.middleweb.com/13778/keeping-history-lessons-meaningful-role-play/>
3. Math
   1. Math madness on TenMarks – tips, etc. - <http://info.tenmarks.com/math-madness-faq.html?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRokuqnOZKXonjHpfsX56%2B8tWqKzhYkz2EFye%2BLIHETpodcMTstrNK%2BTFAwTG5toziV8R7jMK81rz98QWxbj>
4. ELA
   1. America Library of Poetry’s National Student Poetry Contest – you should have received a copy of the information in your box, but if not, please let me know. The deadline is April 30, and any teacher who has full class participation is eligible to win 1 of 10 laptops… So check it out at <http://www.libraryofpoetry.com/>
5. Just for fun…

