Week of 9/29/14

1. General
   1. Site with various differentiated lessons, some tiered by level & some by learning style -- <https://sites.google.com/a/nycempowerment.org/implementing-effective-differentiated-instruction/lesson-samples>
   2. Edmodo – lots of great possibilities for activities, snapshots, etc. -- <https://www.edmodo.com/>
   3. Khan Academy’s Common Core Map – looks pretty helpful for all grade levels -- <https://www.khanacademy.org/commoncore/map?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_term=All%20Teachers&utm_campaign=Common%20Core%20Map%20%281%2F4%20teacher%20CC%29&utm_content=Final>
   4. 5 activities to “spark” a student’s love for learning – scroll a little then you’ll see some nice descriptions -- <http://www.middleweb.com/17540/five-fun-ways-spark-self-discovery-children/>
2. Science
   1. Student Science website – awesome resource for articles and other resources for discussion, deeper inquiry, etc.; the search tool works great for finding info on specific topics, or you can use the drop-down menus -- <https://student.societyforscience.org/>
   2. (Could overlap in SS when discussing HEI) Great article about human impact on various species & extinction -- <https://newsela.com/articles/sixth-mass-extinction/id/5272/>
3. Social Studies
   1. Impact of war on cultural heritage / historical landmarks in Syria -- <https://newsela.com/articles/syria-heritage/id/5334/>
   2. Really interesting article about students protesting a particular school board’s stance on curriculum – could spur great discussion -- <https://newsela.com/articles/costudent-protests/id/5366/>
4. ELA
   1. NewsELA – another great, free resource not just for articles but also for quick assessments of students’ reading & comprehension skills -- <https://newsela.com/>
   2. Using music & journaling to develop students’ writing skills -- <http://www.eschoolnews.com/2014/09/24/music-student-writing-329/>
5. Math
   1. Khan Academy – if you haven’t used it before, check it out – some great lessons for kids to watch and practice questions -- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
6. Encore
   1. Life Skills – article about eating healthier – reading food labels, what companies are putting in food -- <https://newsela.com/articles/junkfood-study/id/5284/>
7. Just for fun…



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