

Special Features in our Online Subscriptions



From the RB Homepage (<http://www.rbhs208.org/rbhshome.htm>) - the default opening screen when you go the Internet here at school—visit one or more of the following and explore the special features created just for teachers to use!

Encyclopedia Britannica

- Learning Materials—activities, study guides, and exercises designed to help students review concepts taught in the classroom—The Encyclopedia article activities are mostly lower-level thinking skills; fact-based. The Website activities require more higher-order thinking skills.
- Britannica Spotlights
- Highlights (regularly-updated)
- Videos
- Atlas

Newsbank

- Special Reports
- Hot Topics
- Finding articles that address Illinois Learning Standards
- Big6 Tools
- Maps
- Tribune's Historical Archive
- What International Newspapers are Represented in Newsbank?

SIRS

- Database Features
 1. Spotlight of the Month
 2. Focus on . . .
 3. Today's News
 4. Maps
 5. Suggested Research Topics and Challenge Quest
 6. Leading Issues (see bottom toolbar)
- Search for topic by Browsing Topics — or by Subject Headings—or by Keyword(s)

Websites Rich in Teaching Resources

<http://www.rbhs208.org/litfinal/teach aids.htm>

To get there easily, go to the **RBHS website**, click on **Library**, and then on **Lesson Links** under the Technology heading.

Some of the best:



Blue Web'n—search by subject for lesson plans, tutorials, resource lists, etc.

HIGH SCHOOL HUB

Homework help, daily updates, vocabulary, games, puzzles, lesson plans . . .

Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators



a categorized list of sites useful for enhancing curriculum and professional growth. Updated frequently. Search by subject. Includes tools for teachers, lesson ideas, tips and pointers, search tools, and much more.



Annette Lamb and Larry Johnson are well-known information technology educators, who here provide links to their workshops, suggested lesson ideas and resources, tools, and much more.



Examples of lesson ideas such as WebQuests, Mini-Quests, and Project Pages, plus lots of resources and information about inquiry-based learning.

Library of Congress — has lesson plans built on using the Memory Site—much information about using Primary Sources.



Exploring Random Tools for Teachers

4teachers.org (link directly from the Lesson Links page)

Has free online tools and resources. Helps teachers to locate and create ready-to-use Web lessons, quizzes, rubrics, and classroom calendars. Check out 2 or 3 of the following:

- Rubistar—create customized rubrics in English and Spanish
- R*Tec Teacher—Locate top-rated WebQuests or ThinkQuests
- CasaNotes—assemble take-home notes in Spanish
- TrackStar—View online lessons or quickly create your own
- NoteStar—assists students with collecting group notes and citations for papers
- PBL Checklists—Make custom checklists for various projects

DiscoverySchool.com (link directly from the Lesson Links page)

To use some of these tools, you must join MyDiscovery and set up a Custom Classroom, but it's free.

- QuizCenter— You can create online quizzes in four different formats; have students take the quiz right on the Web (ideal for open book or take-home tests!), and they get instant feedback—which they can print out and return to you. Or you could have results e-mailed to you automatically.
- Puzzlemaker—create and print customized crossword, word search, math puzzles, cryptograms, and more.
- Brain Boosters—logic puzzles, spatial awareness, reasoning, letter and number play — some challenges that you could use for extra credit, for end-of-the-period fillers, or to start each day.

Citation Machine (link directly from the RB Curriculum Page)

Easily create MLA or APA formatted citations—very helpful in making this academic obligation a routine part of your students' research process.

Free Online Surveys (<http://www.surveymonkey.com>)

Collect data easily, run reports, etc.