

## Sources for articles for Reading Work Samples

The most important rule in selecting reading passages for work samples is to follow your school district copyright policy! Some of the suggestions on this page have materials that are in the public domain for copyright purposes; others may require copyright permission but are more likely than large publishers to grant permission for educational purposes at no charge or for a small fee.

Here are some websites to help in looking for passages to use for reading work samples:

**List** of US Magazines: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_United\\_States\\_magazines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_States_magazines)

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Books available online: <http://www.readbookonline.net/>

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Regional newspapers and magazines can also be good sources as can some things like college alumni magazines, professional journals, etc. Some to consider include *Parade Magazine*, *National Wildlife Federation Magazine*, *Oregon Coast Magazine*, *Northwest Regional Magazine*, *Backpacker Magazine*, and *Camping Life Magazine*.

Other good resources are publications by government agencies, both federal and states, including states other than Oregon. A good example is the National Park Service (<http://www.nps.gov/index.htm>) which has a variety of publications that include articles about historical, scientific and cultural topics.

Related to federal documents is the content on some federal websites. For example, the content on *Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids* <http://bensguide.gpo.gov/pt/learning.html> is in the public domain and the site clearly indicates "materials...may be used without restriction unless otherwise indicated."

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