

Storytelling

Storytelling sites and apps such as Tumblebooks, Storybird, Storyline Online, Audacity, FrankAsch.com, the Sock Puppets app and the Puppet Pals app are a great way to create excitement about stories and add depth to story time.

A few ideas:

Have students use audacity, Storybird, the Sock Puppets app, and the Puppet pals app to retell a story.

View animated stories on FrankAsch.com and Storyline Online.

How we've used it:

I have read my students a story and had them tell the same story from a different characters point of view using Storybird.

My students love hearing famous people read them stories using Storyline Online.



See Storybird in action.



Explore the Sock Puppets App

QR Codes

Use QR codes to create a book related scavenger hunt, to add depth to book reports and projects, and to put book reviews inside of books. You can also use QR codes to introduce students to new vocabulary words they may encounter in a story.

Videos and Podcasts

Use video and podcasting programs to make book trailers (advertising a book) and create book reviews. Our favorite programs for this include PhotoStory, iMovie, Vocaroo, Animoto and the Voice Memo app.

How we've used it:

*I record part of a story and have my students listen to it while reading along, sometime several times. This is a great way to increase their fluency and prosody.



See Vocaroo



See Animoto

Word Clouds

Wordle, Taxedo, WorditOut, and apps such as Cloudart and Phoetic are great to use with literature.

A few ideas:

Copy and paste a famous speech in Wordle. The words used most frequently in the speech will show up bigger. Have students create a word cloud to go with a book, story, character or setting.

How we've used it:

I have my students make a word cloud describe a book (using character names, setting, etc.) without putting the title in the word cloud. I display the word clouds and do contests to see if the students can name the book described in the word cloud.

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