

More Not-to-Miss Blogs for Literacy Educators

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It's become something of a tradition to share useful blogs with NCRA colleagues. Here are my previous Reading Corps posts on this topic: [“Three More Literacy Blogs to Check Out,”](#) [“More Literacy-Related Blogs to Follow,”](#) and [“Three ‘Must-Follow’ Literacy Blogs.”](#)

Below are three more blogs I recommend to anyone who is engaged in the important work of developing readers, writers, and thinkers.



[MindShift](#)

This blog, which is under the KQED/NPR umbrella, “explores the future of learning in all its dimensions.” Posts focus on growth mindset, teaching strategies, games and learning as well as diverse content areas. One of my favorite, recent reading-related pieces is [“Four Teaching Moves That Promote A Growth Mindset In All Readers.”](#) In it, Gravity Goldberg addresses appropriate reading rewards and how teachers can support students by taking on the roles of “miners, mirrors, models, and mentors.”

[MiddleWeb](#)

I've been committed to middle-level education since its early days and continue to be on the lookout for better ways to serve students in Grades 4-8. That's the niche of Middle Web. Its content includes teaching ideas and resources, articles, book reviews, and interviews. Below are several MiddleWeb posts about vocabulary that I've found particularly helpful.

[“5 Ways to Assure Quality Exposure to New Words”](#)

[“My Students Are Begging to Review Vocabulary”](#)

[“All the Vocabulary Help You're Likely to Need”](#)

[Cult of Pedagogy](#)

The tagline for this site is “Teacher nerds, unite.” Its founder Jennifer Gonzalez, along with several other self-described teacher nerds, provide plenty of practical classroom strategies plus solid reasons for using them. There are videos that can be used in professional development, a blog, and a podcast. To get a taste of what Cult of Pedagogy offers, take a look at these ideas for developing literacy:

[“Students Sitting Around Too Much? Try Chat Stations.”](#)

[“The Minds Eye Strategy”](#)

[“Graphic Novels in the Classroom: A Teacher Roundtable”](#)

I love learning from colleagues. Reading these blogs is like having conversations with these incredibly talented teacher leaders. What a smorgasbord of ideas and inspiration!

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