

Blending Music and Literacy with Technology
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Online Resources:

Technology Institute for Music Educators www.ti-me.org

Individual membership is \$40/yr- a bargain! Membership gives you access to feature articles, tutorials, lesson plans, discussion groups and tips on using technology in your classroom or studio. Ti-me summer classes are offered at all levels, beginner to advanced.

Music Educators National Conference www.menc.org/networks/genmus/litarticles

Fantastic site loaded with resources for music teachers and music enthusiasts. Check out the articles on Music and Literacy in the General Music section. While slightly dated, they make valid points and offer a good start for further study.

Edutopia www.edutopia.org/techintegration

Hosted by the George Lucas Educational Foundation. Information and inspiration for innovative teaching in K-12 Schools (their words, not mine!) Hear tips from successful teachers on technology integration.

Music K-8/ Music K-8 Kids www.musick8.com
www.musick8kids.com

I love this site, it has super arrangements of well-known songs and many upbeat, original songs. Song recordings are available with and without the lyrics, which means you can write your own! Music and magazines can be purchased with a subscription or as needed. Kids can purchase their own copies at \$.99 a download. Check with your music k-8 teacher, they just may have past issues.

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra www.bsokids.com

Compose your own music on a graphic organizer, print coloring pages

Portaportal www.portaportal.com

Make your own page with favorite links. Update as needed to make pertinent links easy for students to find

ACTEMwww.actem.org

I'd be a fool to leave this one out. Your local resource.

Marvelwww.maine.gov/marvel

Maine's virtual library- magazines, newspapers and reference books at the tip of your fingers

Finale Notepadwww.finalemusic.com/notepad

Free notation software. Kids can make their compositions look like the real deal.

Springdoowww.springdoo.com

Record or upload video, send video emails, post blogs to other sites all for free. I've used this site to create links to videos, thus making it accessible from anywhere

Tucson Symphonywww.tucsonsymphony.org/kids/slideshow/gallery1.html

Mind Movies, Backstage passes, playing with lines, it's all here. I especially enjoy the mind movies

Soundtreewww.soundtree.com

You will find tried and true lessons plans and projects under teaching resources, many of them were written by Amy Burns, Ti-me's 2006 teacher of the year. She has a new tech integration resource coming out this fall.

Audacitywww.audacity.sourceforge.net

Free open source software for recording and editing sounds. It works well on both PCs and Apple computers.

Applewww.com/education

The Apple site provides all kinds of resources including amazing success stories and lesson plans

Grant Wranglerwww.grantwrangler.com

Great resource for K-12 grants.

Equipment used to create these projects:

Macbook with iLife '06 or higher

Built-in microphone

USB microphone or headset (headset is ideal for individual assessments but not necessary)

Snowball microphone (I used it for ensembles)

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