Read On

If students enjoyed the various types of informational texts in this collection, you might recommend these magazines and Web sites for independent reading and investigation.

A Note on Web Sites

Web sites and online materials change continually and without notice. Holt, Rinehart and Winston cannot ensure the accuracy or appropriateness of these materials. Students, teachers, and guardians should assume responsibility for checking all online materials. The sites described on these Read On pages are well established and have been developed for—and in some cases, by—students.

Assessment Options

The following projects can help you evaluate and assess your students' outside work. Videotapes or audiotapes of completed projects may be included in students' portfolios.

Write a Story

Students who enjoy *Cricket* magazine can write a story to submit to the magazine. Remind students of what they have learned about short stories in previous selections. Students should use the elements presented as a guide to create their own stories.

Read On

Magazines

Cobblestone



Each issue of *Cobblestone* focuses on an important aspect of the history of the United States. You might read about a historic figure such as Robert E. Lee, a famous event such as the California gold rush, or a document such as the Bill of Rights. There has even been an issue dedicated to American cartoons! *Cobblestone* brings history to life with informative feature stories, engaging activities, and riveting photographs.

National Geographic Kids



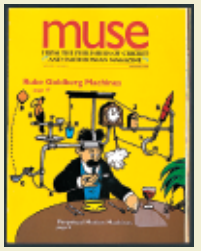
In *National Geographic Kids* magazine you will read reports on developments in technology and features on exotic animals. You'll find Kids Did It!, profiles of young people who are making impressive achievements in science, sports, and music. Also, check out the Web site at www.nationalgeographic.com/kids.

Cricket



Cricket magazine has been capturing the imagination of kids for more than twenty-five years. In a typical issue you'll find folk tales, poetry, biographies, and just about any other style of writing you can think of. *Cricket* also features word games, story contests, and plenty of compelling illustrations.

Muse



Muse gets you to question the world around you and to wonder how and why things work the way they do. The articles (many of which are written by experts) cover a range of topics having to do with art, science, and history. There are also nine cartoon Muses (like the nine Muses in Greek mythology) who appear in the margins of each issue and add a little humor by making comments and cracking jokes.

Selection Readability

Estimated Word Counts and Lexile Scores of Read On Books

Magazines	Word Counts	Lexile	Readability
Cobblestone	N/A	N/A	Accessible
Cricket	N/A	N/A	Accessible
National Geographic Kids	N/A	N/A	Accessible
Muse	N/A	N/A	Accessible

Web Sites

4Kids



The team of teachers, artists, writers, students, and technology experts at *4Kids* has put together an award-winning Web site that provides an easy, fun, and totally unique learning environment. The Web site points the way to some of the best sites in all subjects for learning on the Internet. *4Kids* also has a section that answers your questions about technology and even a page with online video games. To see all these features and more, visit www.4kids.org.

Kids' Castle



Kids' Castle is an online magazine developed by *Smithsonian* magazine. You will discover a variety of worlds inside: air and space, history, the arts, animals, science, and personalities. Click on the history link, and you might learn the story behind postage stamps. Follow the sports links, and you could learn about vintage baseball leagues, where the rules of the game were different from those of today. That's just the beginning. For more, log on to www.kidscastle.si.edu.

MidLink



MidLink, an online magazine, fosters creativity in students around the globe through international poetry exchanges. Kids also build Web sites on topics such as favorite authors, historic landmarks, and camping experiences. With its links to sites on social studies, science, and more, *MidLink* can also serve as a research tool. You'll find *MidLink* at www.ncsu.edu/midlink.

NASA Kids



Have you ever wanted the inside scoop on outer space? Now you can find it on the Web at kids.msfc.nasa.gov. You'll discover a three-dimensional map of the solar system, biographical pieces about astronauts, and information on how NASA keeps track of all of its spacecraft. The site is also loaded with games, and it even features an art gallery.

Estimated Word Counts and Lexile Scores of Read On Books

Web sites	Word Counts	Lexile	Readability
4Kids	N/A	N/A	Accessible
MidLink	N/A	N/A	Accessible
Kid's Castle	N/A	N/A	Accessible
NASA Kids	N/A	N/A	Accessible

Assessment Options

Create an Exhibition

Students who are motivated by the *NASA Kids* Web site can create an exhibition modeled on the Web site. Working in small groups, students can choose an aspect of space exploration to share with the class. For example, students may create an illustrated time line to show NASA's plan and goals for space exploration.

Give a Speech

Students who visit the *MidLink* Web site may be motivated by one of the projects, such as Everyday is Earth Day or the Eleanor Rigby Project. After students review the Web site, have them write and give a persuasive speech geared toward convincing fellow students to join them in the cause.

Speak Out

Encourage students visiting *4Kids* to click on Speak Out! and read the week's question. Students should give the question thought and then respond. Have volunteers share their responses with the class.