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To help you find the most useful websites for your career stage, KDP is doing the research for you. We identify sites that other educators have found useful in improving their educational practices. You can find the ones featured here, as well as hundreds of other helpful sites, by visiting Resources at KDP online, www.kdp.org.

Preservice & Beginning

Looking for a place to find lesson plans—and much more—for all subjects? Teachers Network might be the answer. Geared especially toward new teachers, you can search by subject and/or grade level and also see the most popular lesson plans—all submitted by both new and veteran teachers. Also find videos, articles, project ideas, curriculum units, and even research reports in numerous topics and for every grade level.

Professional

Because all students must have the opportunity to learn in a safe, respectful environment, Teaching Tolerance offers the news, resources, and support that teachers need to reduce prejudice, welcome diversity, and provide equitable school experiences for all. Free professional development and classroom educational materials—curricular kits, lesson plans, presentations, publications, and more—will improve your practice and strengthen your K–12 school community.

Research-Focused

What is the current status of education in the United States? Read for yourself in the 2015 Brown Center Report on American Education: How Well Are American Students Learning? This report covers early feedback about the common core, findings about the reading gender gap, and analyses of student engagement with school and learning. Also find a wealth of other education-related research from the Brookings Institute concerning every level of schooling from around the world.

Graduate

If you’re working toward a master’s or doctorate degree in education, you are most likely experiencing the struggles common to all graduate and professional students. Whether your concerns are emotional, academic, financial, or even spiritual, Grad Resources wants to help. They offer mentors, a crisis help-line, workshops and lectures, and online resources like articles and blogs to fit every area of graduate study. You’ll be flourishing personally and professionally in no time!

General Interest

Common core standards are well underway in most states, but the need for resources and support remains. 50 Common Core Resources for Teachers covers it all, with curriculum development items, opinion articles, state tools, blogs, and educational resources to help you meet the standards in your classroom.

If you have a resource link you’d like to share with the readers of KDP’s Resource Highlights, we’d love to hear from you! You may send your resource to NewsEditor@kdp.org or submit it online.