



Thinkfinity.org

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Thinkfinity.org is a Web site filled with free online resources and professional development designed to enhance teacher effectiveness and improve student achievement.

Thinkfinity.org helps teachers engage and inspire their students by providing:

- > FREE, high-quality educational resources and professional development
- > Easy-to-navigate K-12 content that is grade specific and aligned with state standards
- > Content developed by the Thinkfinity.org Consortium Partners, the most respected organizations in each academic subject and literacy, and used by teachers across the country

Thinkfinity.org has long-standing partnerships with state education departments and statewide education organizations.

The Thinkfinity.org State Education Partners ensure that Thinkfinity.org resources and professional development opportunities reach as many educators as possible.

Educators turn to Thinkfinity.org for:

- > “Reliable, top-quality content and tried-and-proven lesson plans created by experts.”
- > “Free professional development that demonstrates the power of Thinkfinity.org to engage learners.”
- > “One-stop resource for engaging lessons covering a breadth and depth of topics.”
- > “A timesaving, simple accessible resource. There’s nothing to buy and no software needed. You only need Internet access from one computer.”
- > “Thinkfinity.org is one of the best sites for students and teachers that I have seen in a long time. I love that Verizon is committed to education ... you have won me over ... with your gift of Thinkfinity.org to promote education and literacy.”

Thinkfinity.org offers free, comprehensive professional development for teachers.

Thinkfinity.org’s free professional development program shows educators how to effectively use Thinkfinity.org resources to enhance educator effectiveness and improve student achievement. The online and face-to-face K-12 training options can be readily adapted to meet state and local needs. Courses for literacy instructors cover all stages of literacy across the lifespan.

Thinkfinity.org is the Verizon Foundation’s signature initiative for education and literacy. Its rich content for teachers, students, parents and afterschool programs is provided in partnership with 11 of the nation’s leading educational organizations.

Thinkfinity.org Consortium Partners

American Association for the Advancement of Science
Council for Economic Education
International Reading Association
The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
National Center for Family Literacy
National Council of Teachers of English
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
National Endowment for the Humanities
National Geographic Society
ProLiteracy
Smithsonian National Museum of American History

“The Verizon Foundation is deeply invested in education and literacy initiatives that leverage innovative technology and interactive learning to increase 21st century skills in children and adults. Through Thinkfinity.org, we are committed to the philanthropic purpose of helping educators and families put students of all ages on track for achievement and success.”

— Patrick R. Gaston
President, Verizon Foundation

For the third year in a row, the readers of *Edutopia* magazine ranked Thinkfinity.org one of the two best sites to download free lesson plans.

Thinkfinity.org's professional development program is an affiliate of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills and has earned the NETS-T Seal of Alignment from the International Society for Technology in Education.



The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) reviewed the program's online resources, materials and online courses and determined that these clearly support implementation of the ISTE National Educational Technology Standards (NETS) in a specific, carefully reviewed and documented manner and prepare participants to substantially meet NETS for Teachers.



The Verizon Thinkfinity.org Professional Development Program is a professional development affiliate of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, which supports the integration of 21st century skills into all aspects of teaching and learning.

The Verizon Foundation is proud to be affiliated with these leading educational organizations.



ISTE 100 members are select, forward-thinking corporations who share the International Society for Technology in Education's (ISTE) commitment to improve teaching and learning by advancing the effective use of technology in education and to work with educators in pursuit of that goal.



The Partnership for 21st Century Skills is the leading advocacy organization focused on infusing 21st century skills into education. The organization brings together the business community, education leaders and policy makers to define a powerful vision for 21st century education to ensure every child's success as citizens and workers in the 21st century by providing tools and resources to help facilitate and drive change.



The State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) is the principal association representing the state directors for educational technology.

The Verizon Foundation's strategic partners in education include:



The National Education Association (NEA), representing educators from pre-school through university graduate programs, is committed to advancing the cause of public education.



The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is a nonpartisan, nationwide, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of elementary and secondary education. CCSSO provides leadership, advocacy and technical assistance on major educational issues.

Check out these cool links on Thinkfinity.org:

- > **Perfect Pitch**
<http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/perfectpitch/>
- > **Dog Gone Job!**
<http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/index.php?lesson=EM195&page=teacher>
- > **Persian March to Greece**
http://edsitement.neh.gov/Persian01_flash_page.asp
- > **Concentration**
<http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivityDetail.aspx?ID=73>
- > **Developing Reading Fluency**
<http://216.26.175.237/library/coursedescribe.cfm?course=VLN145&coursetype=0&overview=y>
- > **Chatting About Books Podcast**
http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/podcasts/videos/CAB/001_celebrate-earth.asp
- > **Text Message Podcast**
http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/podcasts/videos/TextMessages/01TeenIdentity_detail.asp
- > **America on the Move**
http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove/exhibition/exhibition_1_1.html
- > **Make a Mission**
<http://www.sciencenetlinks.com/messenger/mission.htm>
- > **XPeditions Hall**
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/resources/ngo/education/xpeditions/hall/>

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