

Reading authentic, complex informational text in French

For the most part, the sites listed here are written by native French speakers for native French speakers, not adjusted for language learners. When using such sites, the teacher tries to develop the student's ability to interpret meaning, even though not all words are comprehensible.

Questions (refer to ELA Reading Informational Text, standards 1-10):

- What kind of text is this? (informational or narrative) Cite evidence.
 - Quel type de texte est-ce ? / Est-ce narrative ou informationnel ?
- What is this passage about? Cite evidence
 - Quel est le but ? Quel type d'information allons-nous trouver ici ?
- What vocabulary is new? Identify new words and what you deduce as their meaning.
 - Quels sont les nouveaux mots (le nouveau vocabulaire) que vous avez appris ?
- What is content knowledge to be learned/remembered/significance?
- What questions does this raise? Where should we look for answers?
 - Quelles sont les questions auxquelles le texte répond ?

KS teacher workshops rate these sources : 2- "Good recommendation", 1- "Not sure can use as is", 0- "Do not recommend"

General, all topics	User Ratings (comments)
Aidemoi.net (multiple educational topics)	
http://fr.wikidia.org/wiki/Accueil (like wikipedia in French for kids)	2
www.bbc.co.uk/languages.french (news, literature, audio, video)	2 (only for listening)
www.jde.fr (news articles for kids)	2 (levels 2-3 especially)
www.franceinfo.fr (articles for adults)	1
http://www.momes.net/education/lecture/lecture.html (variety of topics)	Invalid address
Ledevoir.com (news)	2

Geography	User Ratings
http://www.gulli.fr	1
http://www.cartesfrance.fr/geographie/ (maps of France/facts)	1 very dry facts
http://soutien67.free.fr/geographie/activites/france/France.htm	
http://soutien67.free.fr/geographie/geographie_resources_01.htm	Downloadable pdf

Family	User Ratings

Food	User Ratings
http://www.cuisineactuelle.fr/ (recipes)	2
http://www.marmiton.org/ (recipes, videos)	2
http://www.cuisineaz.com/dossiers/cuisine/cuisine-pour-enfant-2762.aspx (cooking)	2
http://www.hugolescargot.com/fiches-enfants-recettes.htm (cooking for kids)	2
Hobbies, Activities, Interests, Entertainment	User Ratings
www.nickelodeon.fr (games, videos, readings about TV shows)	0

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www.dmoz.org	2
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School Life	User Ratings
http://www.enchantedlearning.com (children’s French dictionary)	

Holidays and Celebrations	User Ratings
www.momes.net (holidays for kids)	

Weather	User Ratings
http://www.educatout.com/activites/themes/la-meteo.htm	
http://www.meteokids.fr/	

AP themes to develop:

Global challenges	User Ratings
www.lepoint.fr	

Science and Technology	User Ratings

Beauty and Aesthetics (Music, Art, Theater)	User Ratings
http://www.telerama.fr/musique/ (critiques of music and discs)	

Families and Communities	User Ratings

Contemporary Life	User Ratings
http://frenchculture.org (articles, culture)	
Huffintonpost.fr	

Personal and Public Identities	User Ratings
Scienceshumaines.com (multiple topics)	
Cioo.ch (for teens on topics like self-esteem, health, religion)	

Literary/Narrative

Questions: See Reading Standards for Literature, 1-10.

Resources:	User Ratings
www.enfant.com/histoires (children's stories)	
www.iletaitunehistoire.com/ (children's stories)	
www.momes.net/listedhistoires.html (stories, games, blog)	
http://www.lirecreer.org/ (stories, poetry, fables, songs and more for early readers)	
http://www.lepointdufle.net/apprendre_a_lire/lire_textes.htm#UgUKiNK1GSp (Reading exercises with audio files)	
http://www.jedessine.com/r_644/lecture (online books as well as books for purchase)	

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