

Reading complex, authentic text in German

For the most part, the sites listed here are written **by** native German speakers **for** native German 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.
 - Was für ein Buch ist das? Information oder eine Geschichte?
- What is this passage about? Cite evidence
 - Was ist die Hauptthema? Wie weisst du das?
- What is information to use/learn/remember?
 - Was wird gelernt? Was wollen wir merken?
- What questions does this raise? Where should we look for answers?
 - Welche Information fehlt ? Wo suchen wir weitere Information ?
- What vocabulary is new? Identify new words and what you deduce as their meaning
 - Welche neue Wörter habt ihr gelernt?

Resources:

General	User Ratings (comments)
http://www.wdrmaus.de/ (kids tv, variety of information and topics)	
http://www.tagesschau.de/ (daily news; worldwide and country specific)	
www.goethe.de/enindex.htm (variety of topics include Kunst, Gesellschaft, Wissen)	
http://news4kids.de/ (Nachrichten, Wissen, Spiel u. Spaß, u.s.w.)	
http://www.planet-wissen.de/index.jsp (useful for Level 3 and up; topics include Natur/Technik, Politik/Geschichte, Kultur/Medien, Länder/Leute, Sport/Freizeit, and Alltag/Gesundheit)	
http://de.wikihow.com/Hauptseite („how to“ make or do just about anything)	
http://www.scoolz.de/ (Schülermagazin)	

Geography	User Ratings (comments)
http://www2.lernspass-fuer-kinder.de/themen-uebersicht/politik-und-geschichte/geschichte/deutsche-geschichte/inPage/203/voelkerwanderung-und-mittelalter (geography, politics, history stories)	

Family	User Ratings (comments)

Food:	User Ratings (comments)
http://www.kochanfaenger.eu/ (recipes for beginners – cooking)	

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enthusiasts)	

Hobbies, Sports, Activities, Interests, Entertainment:	User Ratings (comments)
http://news4kids.de/nachrichten/sport/ (sports news simplified)	
http://www.miniatur-wunderland.de/ (model train extravaganza/exhibit in Hamburg)	
http://www.fussball.de/ (Bundesliga 1 und 2, und mehr)	

School Life:	User Ratings (comments)

Holidays and Celebrations	User Ratings (comments)
http://www.schulferien.org/ (calendars, calendars, calendars)	
http://www.christkindlesmarkt.de/ (calendar, video, descriptions, text of the 'Rede', changes daily in December)	

AP themes to develop:

Global challenges	User Ratings (comments)
http://www.goethe.de/ges/umw/deindex.htm (Umwelt)	

Science and Technology	User Ratings
http://news4kids.de/wissen/	
http://www.goethe.de/wis/deindex.htm (Bibliotheken, Medien, Wissenschaft)	

Beauty and Aesthetics:	User Ratings
http://www.goethe.de/kue/deindex.htm (Künste, includes articles on architecture, film, movies, dance, theater)	

Families and Communities	User Ratings
http://de.wikihow.com/Hauptseite (many topics to choose from, 'how to be a friend', how to organize, etc., etc.)	

Contemporary Life	User Ratings
http://www.goethe.de/ges/mol/deindex.htm (Modernes Leben in Deutschland)	
http://www.sportschau.de/index.html (all sports, all levels)	

Personal and Public Identities	User Ratings
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Narrative text:

Questions:

Sources	
http://www.grimmstories.com/de/grimm_maerchen/index (Grimms' Märchen, nicht für Anfänger)	
http://www.maerchen.com/ (Grimms Märchen, nicht für Anfänger)	
http://kinder-geschichte.de/ (several children's stories for Level 3 and up, but no illustrations)	
http://www.leselupe.de/ (lots of stories Level 3 and up, no illustrations)	
http://www.ilkas-kindergeschichten.de/ (Level 2 and up, without illustrations)	

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