## Appendix IV Websites for Short Texts

- Project Gutenberg
  - www.gutenberg.org

For any text with an expired copyright; both long and short texts (consider using an excerpt of a longer text)

• EyeWitness to History

www.eyewitnesstohistory.com

Firsthand accounts illustrated with vintage photos, original radio broadcasts, etc.

- Famous Speeches and Speech Topics www.famous-speeches-and-speech-topics.info
   Short speeches, famous speeches, women's speeches, etc.
- Garden of Praise
  www.gardenofpraise.com
  Short biographies; great for Grades 3–5
- Time for Kids www.timeforkids.com
   Current news articles at 4 levels (k–1, 2, 3–4, 5–6)
- EDSITEMENT: The best of humanities on the Web www.edsitement.neh.gov Lesson plans for literature, social studies, history, art, and culture
- Video clips appropriate for school www.youtube.com/schools
   This promises to be a safe site

• ReadWorks

www.readworks.org/books/passages

Over 1,000 nonfiction reading passages with associated text-dependent question sets, leveled using the Lexile framework; new passages are added frequently

• Short passages: fiction/nonfiction by grade level; one-page passages

www.teacher.depaul.edu

Excellent site with lots of easy-to-find resources

• Classic poetry for children

www.storyit.com/Classics/JustPoems/index.htm

There are many possibilities for accessing classic poetry. Here is one to try.

- Twelve poems every student should know (including notes on interpretation) http://www.mensaforkids.org/school\_template.cfm?showPage=school\_poetically.cfm These are generally quite difficult poems—but important ones
- Online library of picture books read aloud; words are highlighted as they are read

http://www.storylineonline.net/

This is an AOL site for kids.

Good for primary or struggling intermediate grade readers

• Online library of picture books read aloud

www.tumblebooks.com

Click on TUMBLECLOUD junior for books for upper-elementary grade students. Click on TumbleBook Library for younger students.

Good for primary or struggling intermediate grade readers

• A variety of text types: stories, articles, etc.

www.storyarts.org/library

Good site for fables and folktales

- Stories for young children
  - www.magickeys.com/books

Some of these stories include audio

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