Reading a Website

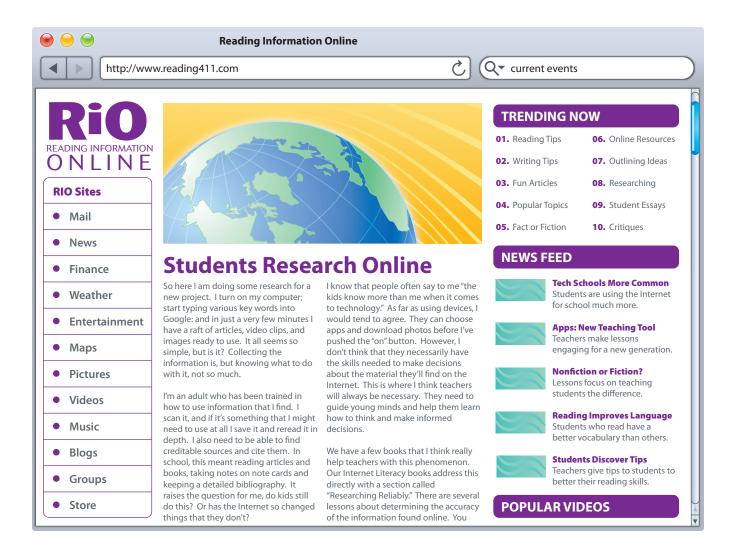


Project-Based Writing Connection: By looking closely at the elements that make up websites, you can get ideas for ways to incorporate different genres into your projects.

A website is a great example of a multi-genre project. Look at it! It has text, pictures, videos, charts, links . . . you name it. As a student, you need to understand how to read a website. Sometimes it may be difficult to sift through the clutter of words and pictures to locate the information you need. Sometimes you may click on a link in order to further your research, only to be taken to an ad instead. Reading a website may seem easy and natural, but it can actually be tricky.

Directions: Look at the website below.* Use it to answer the questions that follow on the next page.

*Note: This is not a real website.



Name: _

Reading a Website (cont.)

Directions: After carefully examining the website on page 32, answer the following questions.

- 1. What is the name of the website? This is generally located in big letters that draw your eye to them.
- 2. What is the website's address (or URL)? You can find this information in the browser window near the top. It usually begins with "http" and/or "www."
- 3. What is the name of the featured, or front-page, article?
- **4.** There are several general categories you can visit by clicking on links from this home page. Name six of them.

- 5. What is the name of the third article displayed in the News Feed?
- 6. What is the name of the section that shows the 10 most popular articles on the website currently?
- 7. Look at your answer to #6. What is the name of the seventh topic listed in this section?

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Teacher Note: Fold this section under before photocopying this page.

Answers: 1. Reading Information Online; 2. http://www.reading411.com; 3. "Students Research Online"; 4. Mail, News, Finance, Weather, etc.; 5. "Nonfiction or Fiction?"; 6. Trending Now; 7. Outlining Ideas