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## **FOUR Great Sources of FREE Online Content for Children**

### **1. The Nonfiction Minute:**

Great idea for communities where schools are closed. Keeps youngsters engaged and learning fascinating new things with the FREE online NonfictionMinute stories -- dozens and dozens available on lots of fun topics. Kids can read the short 400-word essay, listen to it read by the authors who wrote the stories, and check out the visuals (illustrations, maps, videos). Like a mini-lesson, only FUN! Great also for ESL students. Scroll down (website below) to see at least five at once. On the INDEX along the right side of each NonfictionMinute story's page are so many other stories kids can check out for free. Teachers guides and activities too.

Click here to explore the site: <https://www.nonfictionminute.org/>

### **2. KidLit TV:**

Add to any free resources that teachers, moms and dads, and librarians may need in these trying times: [https://kidlit.tv/!](https://kidlit.tv/)

All sorts of fabulous FREE educational content for children.

StoryMakers with Rocco Staino – Interviews with authors and illustrators  
<https://kidlit.tv/StoryMakers>

StoryMakers in the Kitchen — Recipes inspired by children's books  
<https://kidlit.tv/StoryMakersInTheKitchen>

Read Out Loud – Books read aloud by authors and illustrators  
<https://kidlit.tv/ReadOutLoud>

Ready Set Draw — Illustrators teach kids how to draw characters from their books, and basic art techniques.

<https://kidlit.tv/ReadySetDraw> KidLit MTV — Music inspired by children's books  
<https://kidlit.tv/KidLitMTV>

KidLit RADIO — Read aloud podcasts and more  
<https://kidlit.tv/KidLitRADIO>

NonFiction Minute — Nonfiction podcasts about STEM / STEAM books.  
<https://kidlit.tv/NonFictionMinute>

Young At Art with James Ransome — Drawing tutorials for beginners +  
<https://kidlit.tv/YoungAtArt James Ransome>

Past Present with Lesa Cline-Ransome — Writing and research guidance for young writers

<https://kidlit.tv/PASTPRESENTLesuCline-Ransome>

The BIG Picture LIVE with Andrea Pinkney — Live drawing with award-winning Caldecott illustrator Sophie Blackall and Caldecott honoree Grace Lin.

<https://kidlit.tv/TheBIGPictureLIVE!>

What Becomes a Classic? with Leonard Marcus — Chatting about books so good they never get old

<https://kidlit.tv/WhatBecomesAClassic> This Writer's Life – writing guidance for young authors <https://kidlit.tv/2020/02/this-writers-life-storymap>

### **3. Holiday House:**

For author and illustrator FREE resources to download, go to

<https://holidayhouse.com/author-resources/>.

Or for all sorts of other materials to download like Lesson Plans, Activity Sheets, Readers Guides, event kits, flyers, author Q&As, videos and much more for an extensive collection of books, go to

<https://holidayhouse.com/downloadable-materials/>

### **4. Roxie Munro website:**

Click here: <https://www.roxiemunro.com/kids-parents-teachers.html>

Free coloring sheets (fish, mazes, dinosaurs, birds, rodents, more); Activity Guides for Munro's nonfiction Holiday House books; video How Tos (step-by-step KidLit TV instructions on How to make a Maze; How to Draw an Owl); online web instructions (Make a Random Repeating Roxie Maze; How to Draw a Geometric Maze); Roxie reading her books out loud (KidLit TV videos); print interviews and videos of interviews with Roxie; more content on specific book topics.