Inspirational Writing sites

1. Write collaborative stories very easily. PrimaryPad is a web based word processor that allows students and teachers to work together in real time. Great for joint constructions and group story writing.
   http://primarypad.com

2. Inspiring ways of using primary pad in the classroom
   http://www.ideastoinspire.co.uk/primarypad.htm

3. Inspiring writing
   http://www.ideastoinspire.co.uk/inspiringwriting.htm

4. This looks like a page where one can create text and turn it into a web page.
   http://entri.co/2kwE58

5. A blogpost abut creating digital magazines and newspapers.

6. This is a wiki that has a wonderful collection of Web 2.0 tools one can use to create online stories. It also has lists of many other Web 2.0 tools such as audio tools, slideshow tools, drawing tools etc.
   http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/Writing+Tools

7. This is a Google Docs presentation highlighting 20 interesting ways to support writing in the classroom. It has been put together by Tom Barrett but has ideas from many different teachers.
   https://docs.google.com/present/view?id=dhn2vcv5_435hgx9r8gz

8. This is a ‘Young Novelist’s workbook’ for elementary schools. It could be used for a creative writing club, for example.
   http://ywp.nanowrimo.org/files/ywp/nano_ywp_09_workbook_elementary_final.pdf

9. Storybirds are short, visual stories that you make to share on the net.
   http://www.storybird.com/

10. As a teacher you can create one of these for each member of your class quite easily. There’s no charge, and there’s plenty of clipart etc to illustrate the stories.
    http://www.storyjumper.com/
11. This is the Scriptfrenzy’s young writer’s programme and it looks very interesting to try out.  
http://ywp.scriptfrenzy.org/overview
12. This is a collection of book trailers to inspire reading. This is a very quaint way of doing a book report.  
http://www.booktrailersforreaders.com/Home+Student+Book+Trailers
13. This is a book report from a grade 5 student in his blog which links to the book trailer site mentioned above.  
14. Plenty of ideas for doing book reports with a difference  
http://www.teachnet.com/lesson/langarts/reading/bookrepts1.html
15. This site provides 729 story starters for children.  
http://www.thestorystarter.com/jr.htm
16. This story starter site is for people of all ages and has over 1 million ideas.  
http://www.thestorystarter.com/
17. This is a brainstormer to get a student thinking.  
http://www.distractionbeast.com/brainstormer.swf
18. write an instant interactive monster story  
http://www.kidsonthenet.com/motel/motel/interactive2.htm
19. Create interactive comics  
http://webcomicbookcreator.com/
20. Fun fairytale generator. Great for narratives!! Looks great  
http://www.sistersgrimm.com/newsite/game.html
21. Character Generator  
22. Creating a narrative – use big screen with sound. Growing your own stories from a story plant  
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship/english/storyplant.shtml
23. FICTION WITH A TWIST blog – narrative writing  
24. Jenny Eather’s writing for fun new site  
http://www.writingfun.com/

25. Web 2.0 tools and examples of their use in digital story telling  
http://cogdogroo.wikispaces.com/StoryTools

26. Literacy circles wiki – a collection of book summaries  
http://litcircles.wik.is/

27. A book to help you share your photo resources.  
http://www.pimpampum.net/bookr/

28. A comic maker  
http://www.pixton.com/uk/

29. This is a collection of ten great sites for creating digital media and newspapers.  

Poetry sites to get you going!

1. Giggle Poetry’s Fill in the Blank Poems is a simple tool that allows students write the last line to a poem. It is probably best for Grades 3-5.  
http://www.gigglepoetry.com/poetryfun/poetryfun.html

2. Create Smokers Poems to show the dangers of smoking.  
http://www.gigglepoetry.com/poetryfun/smokersfib.html

3. Instant Poetry Forms – This is a great interactive literacy site - it is one of the best poetry resources on the web. Scroll down on the left to preview the poem templates. Students fill in the blanks with their own content and click “Create”.  
http://ettcweb.lr.k12.nj.us/forms/newpoem.htm

4. Poetry Splatter is a fun, interactive fill in the blank poem tool. Choose the type of poem you wish to write, click splatter, and the tool will toss suggested words.  
http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/gamestation/poetrysplatter/default.mspx

5. Read Write Think Acrostic Poem is great for younger students.  
http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/acrostic/
6. Read Write Think Diamante Poem gives students a chance to explore diamante poems with this easy fill in the blank tool.
http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/diamante/

7. Read Write Think Shape Poems Tool allows the student to choose a theme for the poem (sports, nature, school, or celebrations) to fill in his content.
http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/shape/

8. Write a Song-Poem from PBS is meant for older students. Simply type in lyrics and the interactive will create a melody for the song.
http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/offthecharts/webkaraoke.html

9. A lovely, interactive site that teaches the limerick, haiku, cinquain and free verse forms.
http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/flash_pie.htm

10. This is a tool that allows the learners to drag the provided magnets into a haiku format.
http://www.pbs.org/parents/creativity/ideas/haiku.html

11. This is a collection of magnetic words that you rearrange into a poetry format
http://isnoop.net/toys/magwords.php

12. A magnetic poetry site from Read Write Think’s website. You can add your own words and you can print. is a basic magnetic poetry tool except you can add your own words and print. This is great for a quick activity with students.
http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/word_mover/words.01.html

13. Another collection of words to arrange in a poetric format. The learners can then retype the words and email their completed poem to the teacher.
http://www.shadowpoetry.com/magnet.html

14. This is a collection of magnetic Shakespeare type words to rearrange in a poem.
http://www.magneticpoetry.com/magnet/vmpsh.htm

15. This is a metaphor generator site to enhance figurative language unit. It offers three poem generators along with other teacher resources.
http://www.poetryforge.org/teaching.htm

16. This poem generator makes random poems. First, it randomly selects sentence patterns. Then, wherever the pattern has a number, it randomly selects a word from one of the numbered word lists. You can either choose one of the sample sets of words and sentence patterns, or you can enter your own words and sentence patterns
http://thinkzone.wlonk.com/PoemGen/PoemGen.htm
17. This comes from the Intel Innovation in education site. Students describe themselves and then take digital photos to represent the poem. The self portraits use digital photography, poetry, and PowerPoint.
http://www97.intel.com/education/odyssey/day_111/day_111.htm

Reading sites worth looking at

1. A Literature circle resources site of book summaries for older grades
http://litcircles.wik.is/

2. This site seems to have a lot of reading resources
http://www.readwritethink.org/

3. This really is a lovely reading collection
http://www.starfall.com/

4. These are literature lesson plan units for older children
http://litplans.com/

5. Story time – a collection of classic stories

6. Aesop’s Fables presented in a different way.

7. The little animals activity centre for ages 4 – 11.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/story/sbi.shtml

8. The story place elementary library with lots of stories and activities available
http://www.storyplace.org/eel/other.asp

9. Another rendering of Aesop’s Fables

10. Beantime stories – this looks like a fun site.
http://www.meddybemps.com/5.1.html

11. This site is provided by Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), the USA’s oldest and largest nonprofit children’s literacy organization.
12. The Tar Heel Reader, a collection of free, easy-to-read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics. The books may be downloaded as slide shows in PowerPoint, Impress, or Flash format
http://pbskids.org/shareastory/video//tarheelreader.org/

13. Interactive storyboards

14. American stories for English learners. There are 52 fifteen-minute MP3 files. That is about 13 hours of listening
http://www.manythings.org/voa/stories/

15. A lovely selection of stories
http://www.storylineonline.net/

16. A collection of stories
http://www.web-pop.com/readersindexflash.html

17. This seems to be a pre-school library
http://www.storyplace.org/preschool/other.asp

18. A collection of listen and read along stories
http://www.manythings.org/listen/

19. These are stories from Science – would be suitable for older children
http://www.manythings.org/voa/animals/

20. This is a great collection of interactive stories. Looks like fun!
http://www.ziggityzoom.com/stories.php