

Sample Best Practices Guide

Big Picture Use Cases

- ▶ with whole class
- ▶ at computer stations
- ▶ to introduce themes
- ▶ paired with texts

▶ How Does the Watch & Learn Library Help Me Teach?

- Saves you time searching for appropriate, commercial-free media
- Inspires new topics of study
- Fills gaps in nonfiction classroom library
- Think Sheets and Quizzes help assess comprehension
- Outlines applicable standards
- Provides real-world footage, instead of cartoons, for nonfiction topics

▶ How Does the Watch & Learn Library Benefit My Students?

- Builds background knowledge on all curriculum topics
- Expands vocabulary across the content areas
- Inspires and excites children with real-world footage
- Brings the real world directly to your students
- Presents concepts in developmentally appropriate ways
- Provides visual and auditory modes of learning
- Supports EL, Spanish-speaking students, and beginning readers

How should I use the Watch & Learn Library in my classroom?

▶ Whole-Group Setting

- Browse ahead of time to find cross-curricular videos on your theme. Be sure to check out the “This Month’s Featured Videos” at the top of your screen.
- Before showing a video, review the video assets including: Key Words, Quiz Whiz, Standards, and Think Sheets.
- Display the Watch & Learn Library with whiteboard or projector.
- Preview the Key Words with students. Use the audio feature to focus their attention.
- Set a purpose for viewing. Frame the video with a learning purpose, such as “Watch to learn two things about rabbits you didn’t know before.”
- If desired, turn on closed captioning for hearing-impaired students or to help with reading development. Students can attempt to read along as the narrator speaks.
- Support Spanish-speaking students by playing the video and providing accompanying assets in Spanish.
- Watch the video and pause periodically to discuss and allow for questions.
- After viewing, check class comprehension with the Quiz Whiz. Here are some ways to use it with a whole group:
 - Students can answer individually on paper, then reveal the answer on screen.
 - Have volunteers come up to mark the correct answer.
 - For a fun twist, divide your class into groups and do the quiz in teams.
- Set a new purpose for learning by using one of the Think Sheets (for example: “My Video Review”, “What’s the Main Idea?”, “Three Important Words I Heard”). Watch the video again and have students complete their sheets individually or in pairs.

▶ Computer/Listening Stations

- Show children how to browse the Library by clicking on categories and videos. Developing readers can use the pictures to find topics.
- Allow children to explore videos by taking turns with a partner at a computer station.
- Turn on closed captioning for hearing-impaired students or to help with reading development.

▶ Students Can Attempt to Read Along as the Narrator Speaks.

- The Watch & Learn Library also supports Spanish-speaking students. Every video and accompanying assets are available in English and Spanish.
- After viewing, students can check their comprehension with the Quiz Whiz.
- Think Sheets (for example: “My Video Review”, “What’s the Main Idea?”, “Three Important Words I Heard”) help students to focus their learning.



More Tips

- Look for video topics that pair with nonfiction books.
- Bookmark your favorite videos to use each year.

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Quick Access Tip



Bookmark **Watch & Learn** on your school computers or mobile devices.



Create and print a QR code for **Watch & Learn** and post it in your classroom so that students with mobile devices have easy access.

What Teachers Are Saying



“I was very impressed by the Watch & Learn Library. I think it will be a great tool for kids to use as an introduction to a subject or as a way to connect what they’ve learned to the real world.”

—Jennifer, second-grade teacher



“The graphics and UI are perfect for this age range. The big icons, bright colors, and lots of visuals are perfect for your emerging readers or EL population. The videos are very inclusive, modern, and relevant to the age range Watch & Learn is targeting.”

—Morgan, PreK teacher

