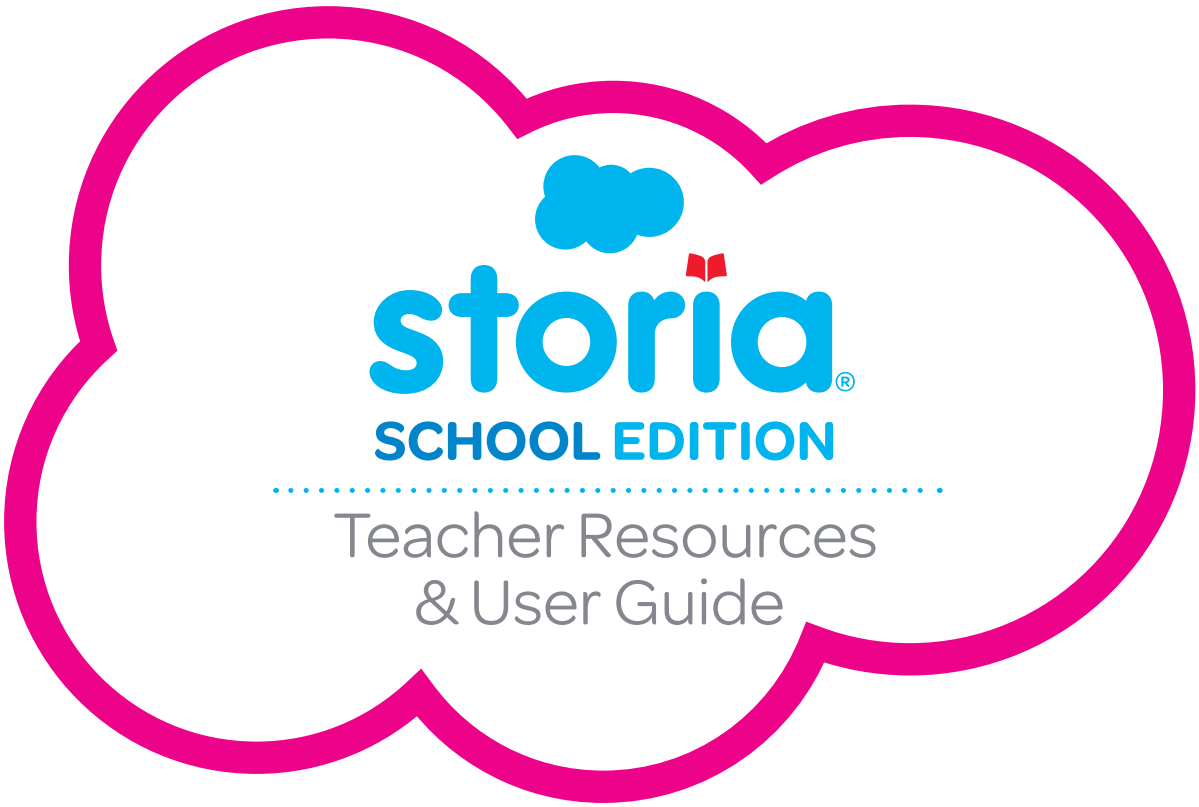

Teacher Resources & User Guide

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Dear Teacher,

This school year, we are thrilled that your school has purchased Storia School Edition for you to use in your classroom. You and your students will have unlimited access to a digital library of fiction and nonfiction eBooks—in class or at home, from any PC or tablet with an Internet connection.

Look through this user guide for everything you need to start enjoying the exciting world of Storia eBooks, from helpful how-to's, to tips for making the most of Storia School Edition in your classroom.

And remember, if you have any questions, feel free to call us at **1-855-STORIA1** or email **storiasupport@scholastic.com**.

Together, let's make this a great year for eReading!

Your friends at Storia

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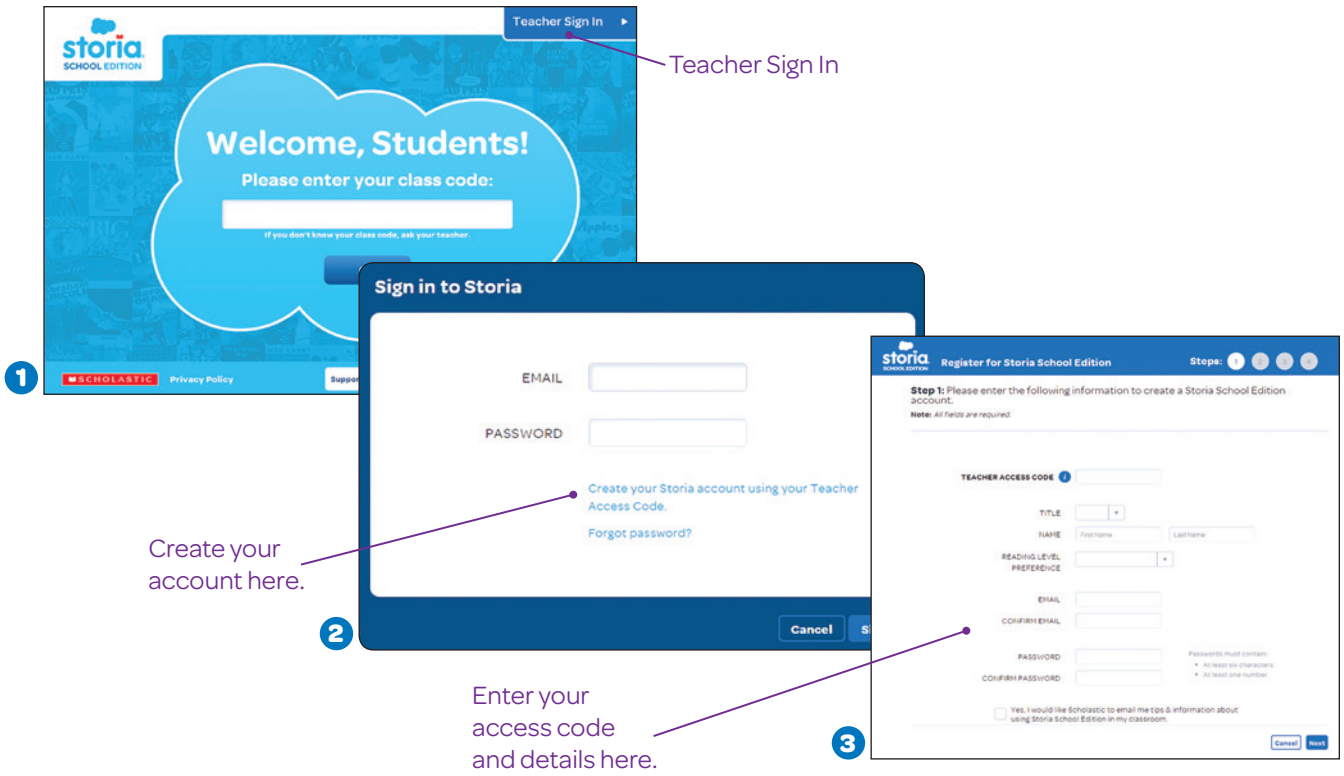
Getting Started

In order for you and your students to access your library of eBooks, you'll need to create a Storia School Edition account. You should have received a *Teacher Access Code*, a unique 7-character code that you'll use to create your account.

CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT

1. Go to storiaschool.com and choose *Teacher Sign In*. (This is where you will always sign in).
2. Choose *Create your Storia account using your Teacher Access Code*.
3. Follow the instructions to create your account and set up your first class.



Can't find your Teacher Access Code?

Codes were emailed to your school's Storia administrator, usually the person who purchased Storia. If the codes cannot be found, please contact Storia customer support at **1-855-STORIA1** or **storiasupport@scholastic.com**.

EDITING YOUR PROFILE

When you create your account, you'll set your email address, title, first and last name, and password. You'll also choose which reading level metric to use in Storia, Guided Reading Level or Lexile. To change any of these settings later:

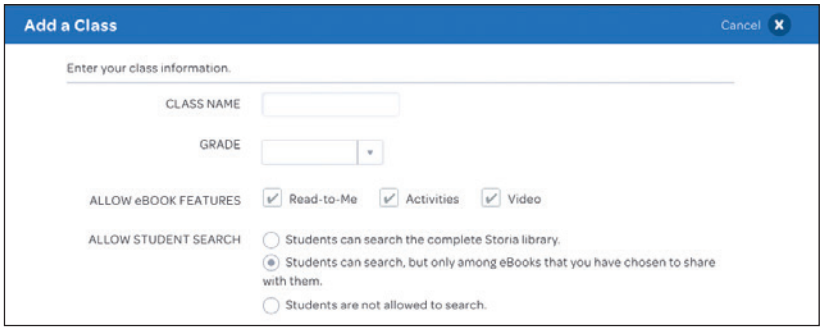
1. Select your name in the upper right corner of the screen.
2. Select *+ Edit Your Profile*.

Managing Classes

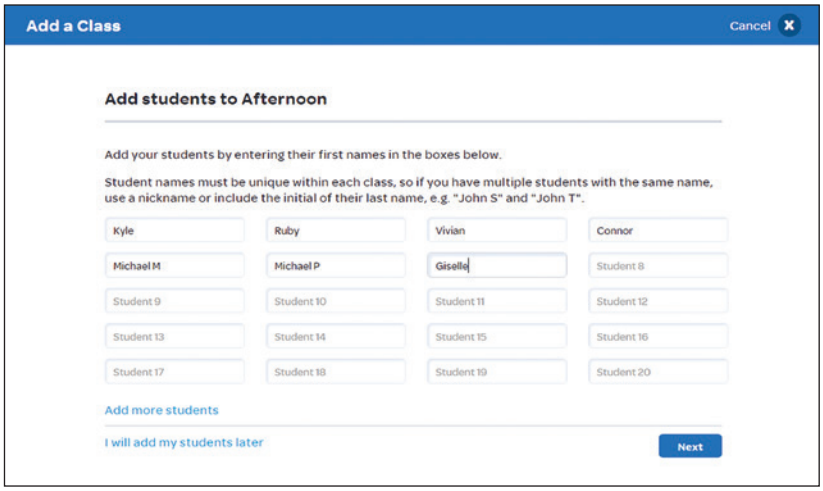
After you create your account, you'll be asked to set up your first class, and can then add more classes at any time.

SETTING UP YOUR FIRST CLASS

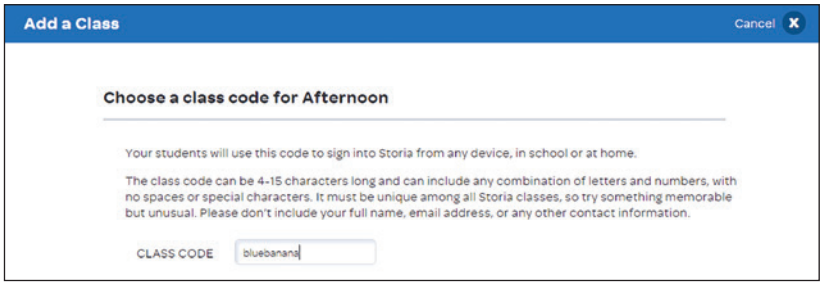
1. Enter a class name, choose the grade level, and check off the eBook features you want to allow the class to use. You can also customize if and how you want your students to be able to search the Storia eBook library.



2. Enter the first name of each student. Names must be unique within the class, so if you have multiple students with the same first name, try using a nickname or last initial. For classes with more than 20 students, select *Add more students* to open spaces for more student names.



3. Create a **Class Code**. This code is important because your students will use it to sign in to Storia on any device, at home or at school.



Managing Classes

Class Codes: An Easy New Way for Students to Sign In

Based on teacher feedback, individual student usernames have been replaced with "class codes" that you create and that are easier for students to remember. Here are some ideas for your class code:

- Your name combined with a number, like *taylor25*
- A memorable phrase like *topreaders*
- Something silly like *bluebanana*

Remember, your class code must be unique in all of Storia, so more obvious codes might already be taken.

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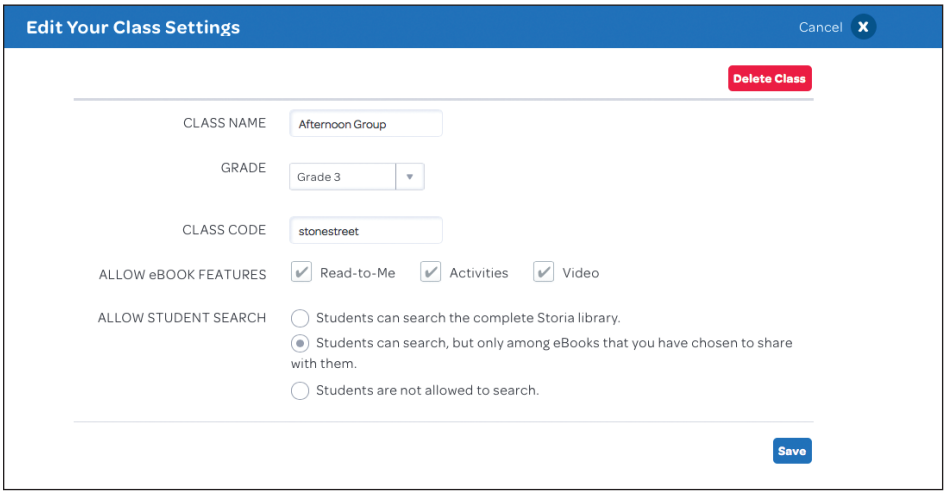
CHANGING SETTINGS FOR A CLASS

After a class is created, you may want to change some of the settings, including the class code. You can do this at any time.

1. Select *Classes* in the navigation at the top of the screen.
2. If you have more than one class, select *View* next to a class name to go to the Class List.
3. Select *Class Settings*.
4. From this screen, you can change any of the settings or delete the class.



ADDING STUDENTS TO AN EXISTING CLASS

Don't worry if your class roster is incomplete. You can easily add students any time.

1. Select *Classes* in the navigation at the top of the screen.
2. If you have more than one class, select *View* next to a class name to go to the Class List.
3. Select *+ Add Students*.
4. Enter the names of the new students.

Managing Classes

CREATING MORE CLASSES

1. Select *Classes* in the navigation at the top of the screen.
2. Select *+ Add a class*
3. The steps are then the same as described above for setting up your first class.

MANAGING STUDENTS

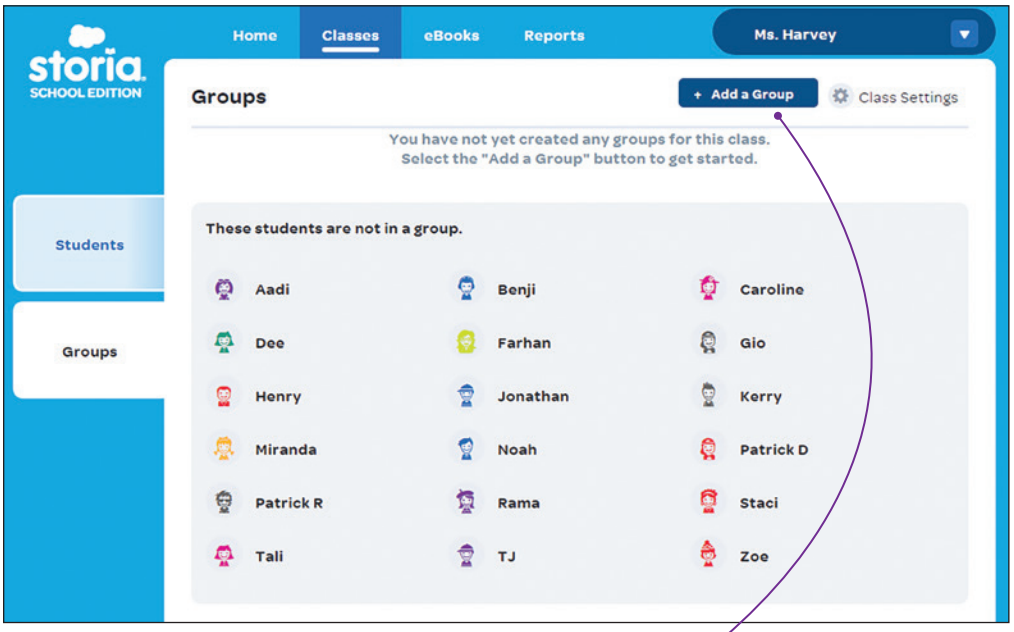
From the Class List, you can see all of the students in a class.

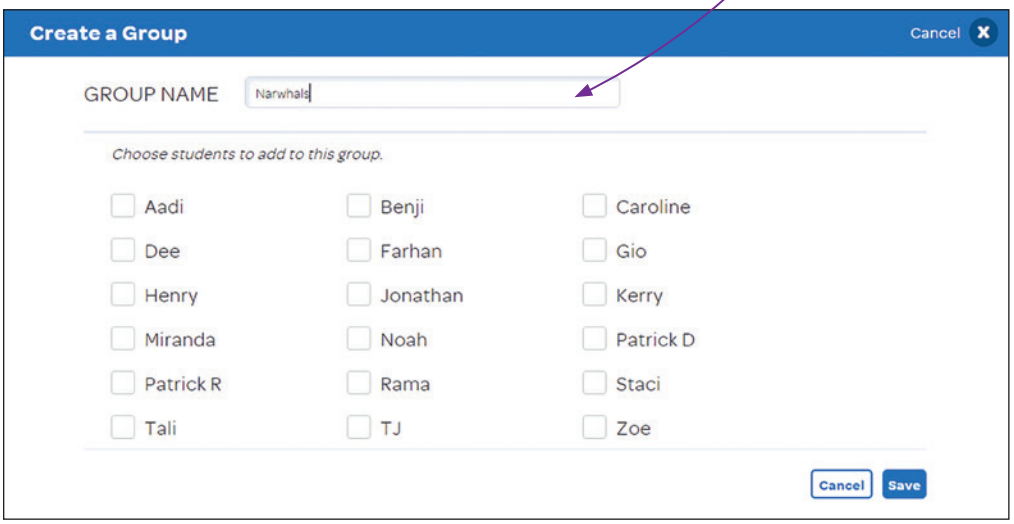
Managing Reading Groups

You can organize your students into reading groups based on reading level, interest, or anything else you need. Once a group is formed, you can assign eBooks or share collections with everyone in the group at once.

CREATING A READING GROUP

1. Select *Classes* in the navigation at the top of the screen.
2. If you have more than one class, select *View* next to the class in which you want to create a reading group.
3. Select *Groups* on the left side of your screen.
4. Select *+ Add a Group* in the top right corner.
5. Enter a group name and then select the names of students to include in the group. Students can only be in one group at a time, so only students who are not yet part of a group are shown.

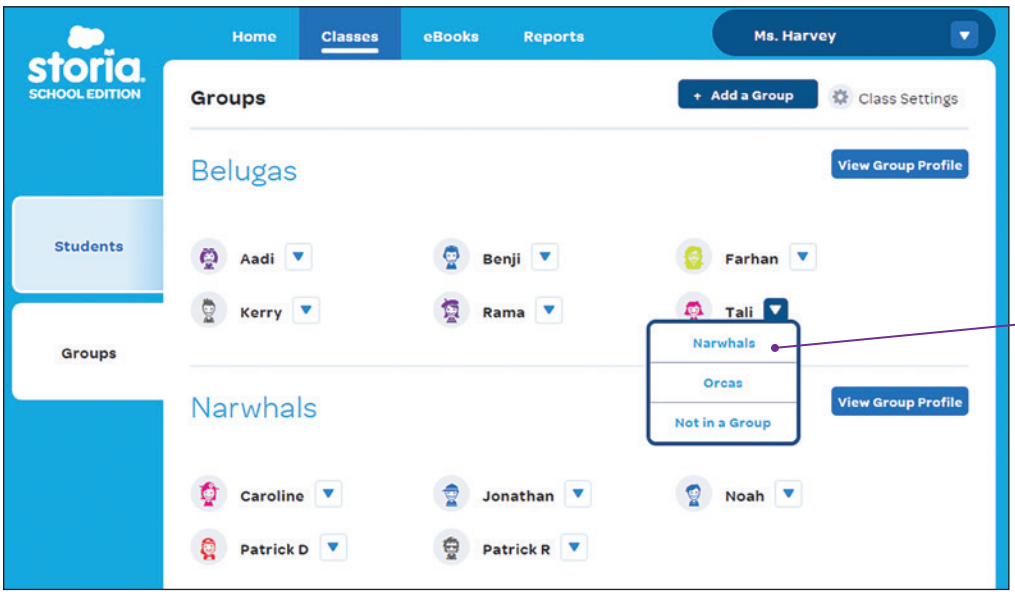




Managing Reading Groups

MOVING STUDENTS BETWEEN GROUPS

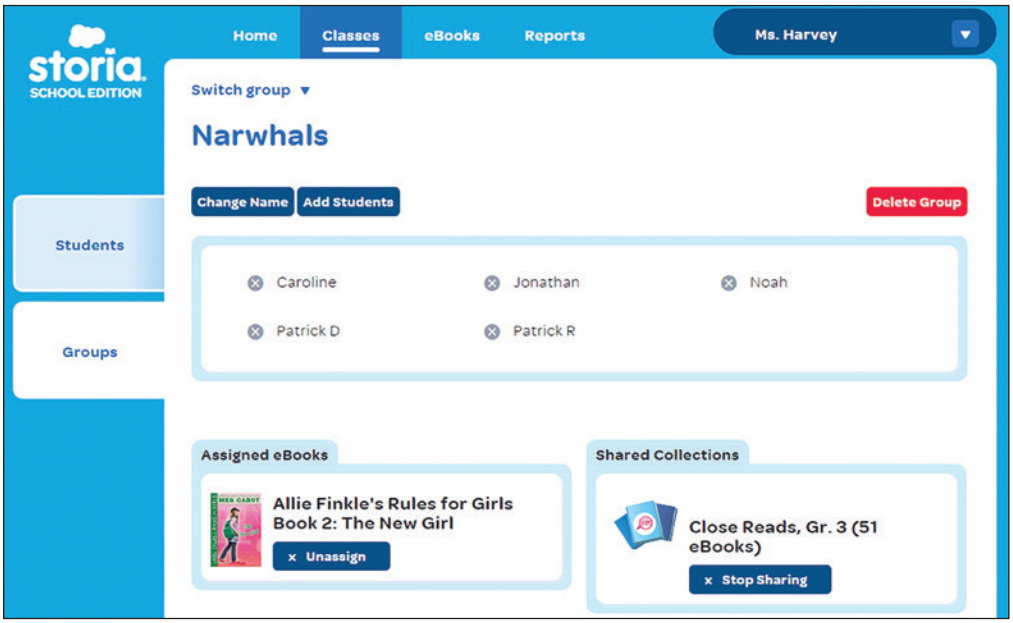
1. Once you have created at least one group, go to the groups screen.
2. Select the blue arrow next to a student's name.
3. From the pulldown menu, select the group where you want to put the student, or select *Not in a Group*.



Tali is moving to the Narwhals.

CHANGING GROUP SETTINGS

1. On the groups screen, select *View Group Profile* for any group.
2. From here, you can add or remove students from the group, change the group name, or delete the group.



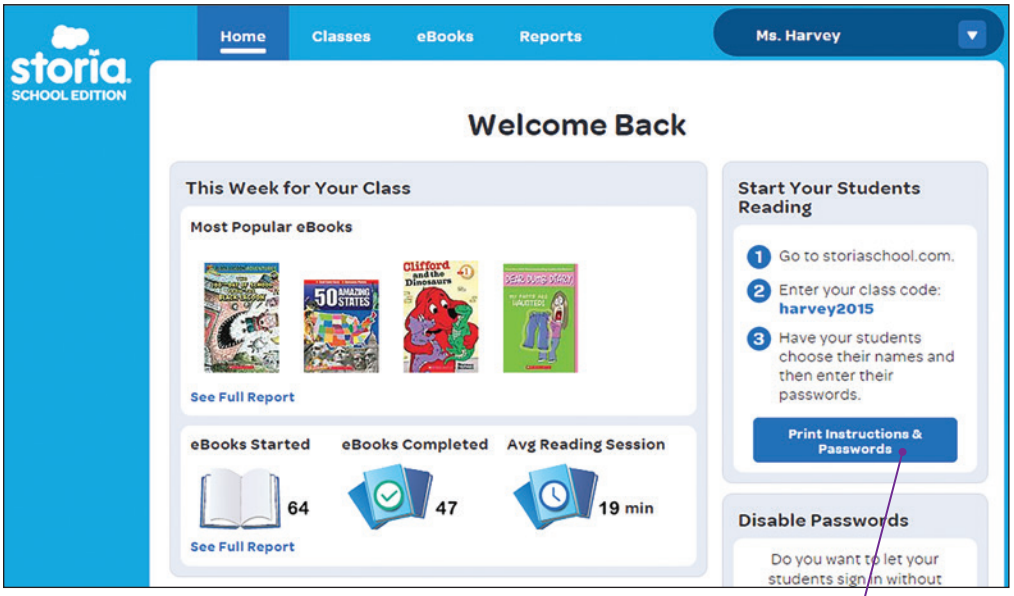
Student Access to Storia

Each student in your class gets their own Storia bookshelf, which they can access at school or at home, from almost any computer or tablet with an Internet connection. Student sign-in is quick and easy.

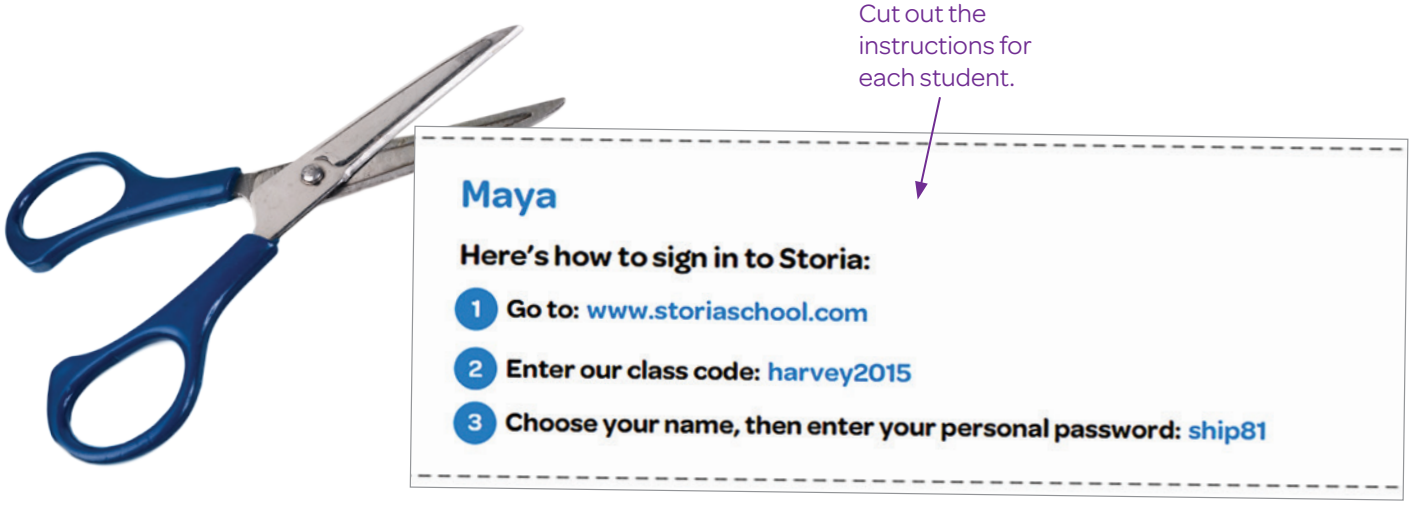
PRINT INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

You can print customized instructions for each of your students describing how to sign in to Storia.

1. Go to the teacher home screen.
2. Select *Print Instructions & Passwords*.



Cut out the instructions for each student.



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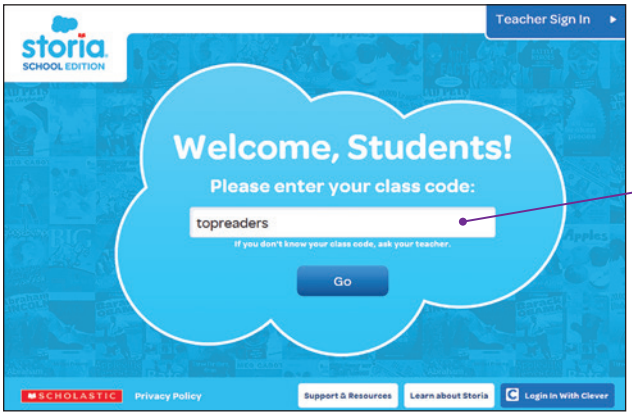
Student Access to Storia

HOW A STUDENT SIGNS IN

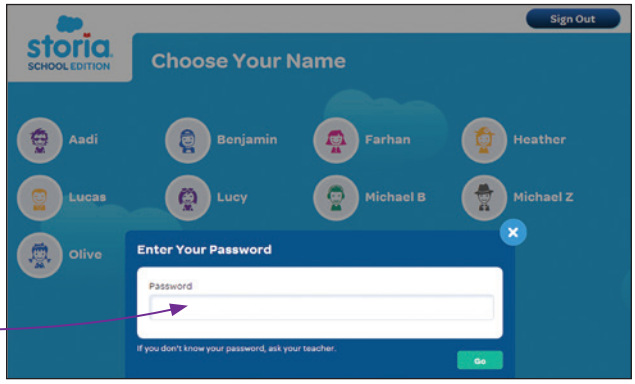
1. Your student will go to storiaschool.com and enter the **class code**.



Enter your class code here.

2. Next, your student selects his or her name on the class screen.

3. Your student will then be asked to enter his or her password.



4. The student will then be taken to a personal bookshelf, where he or she can access eBooks that the teacher has assigned as well as choose eBooks for independent reading. Students may be able to search either the full eBook library or their assigned eBooks, depending on how the teacher has set the allowance.

Storia offers student search capabilities.

Student Access to Storia

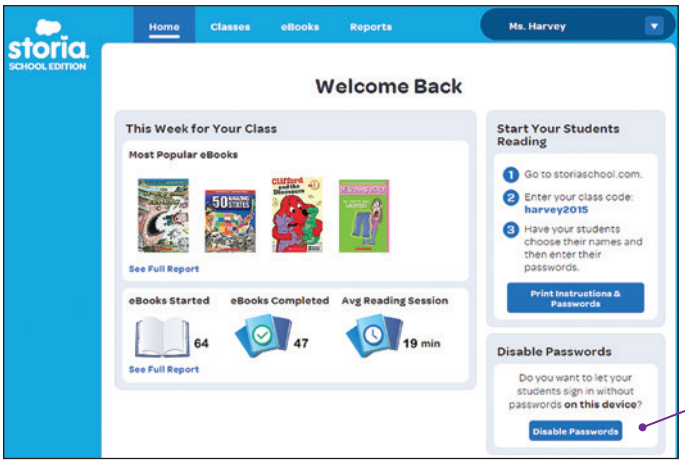
ALLOW STUDENTS TO USE STORIA WITHOUT A PASSWORD

If you have computers or tablets in your classroom that you know are used only by your students and other people you trust, you can disable passwords on those devices. This lets your students sign in with only a class code, which is particularly useful for students who are not yet proficient typing on a computer.

On each trusted device:

1. Go to the teacher home screen.
2. Select *Disable Passwords*.
3. A pop-up opens asking you to confirm. Again, select *Disable Passwords*.

To make sure it worked, go back to storiaschool.com and sign in with your class code. You'll see a note on the class screen, "Passwords are disabled on this device." If you select a student name, you go right to the student's bookshelf, without being asked for a password.



Allow your students to sign in without using a password.

Should I disable passwords?

REASONS:

- Students don't need to enter a password to get to their bookshelves, making it easier to start reading.
- Younger students in particular may have trouble remembering or typing a password.

RISKS:

- Students can go to each other's bookshelves, causing inaccurate reading reports, or changing each other's notes and highlights.
- If people other than you and your students have access to the devices, they will be able to get to your students' bookshelves.

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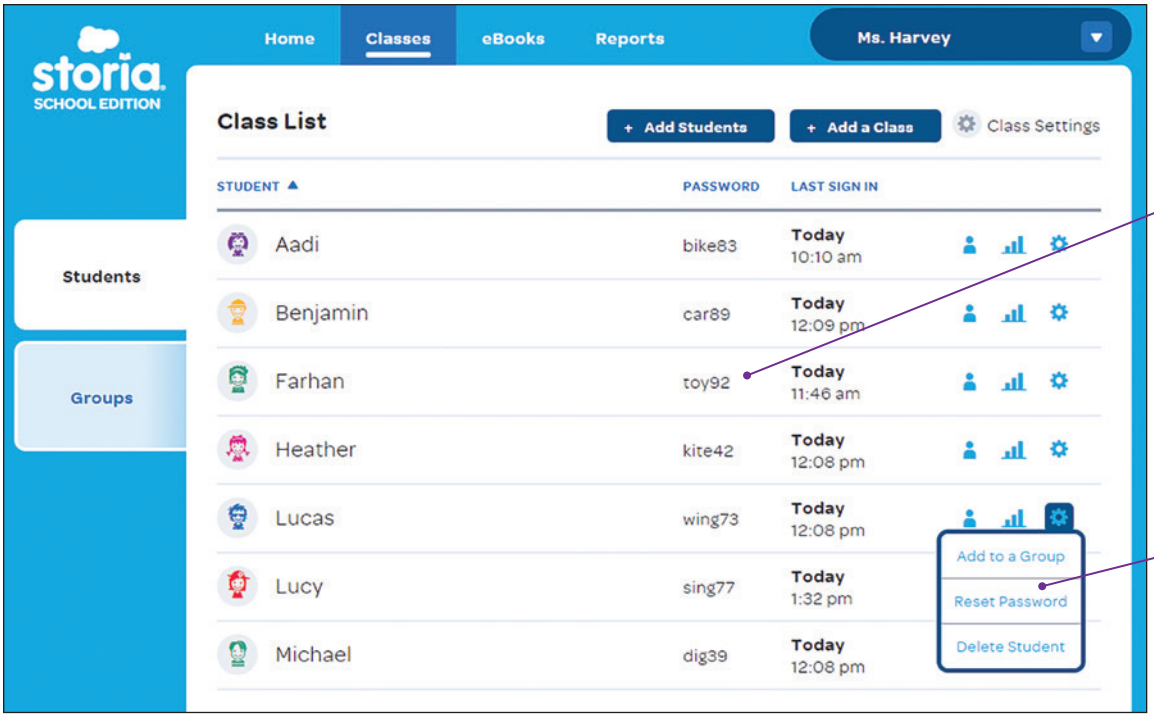
TIP: Your browser remembers that you want to disable passwords using a cookie. If you clear cookies or browse in "Incognito" mode, this function won't work.

Student Access to Storia

SEEING AND RESETTING STUDENT PASSWORDS

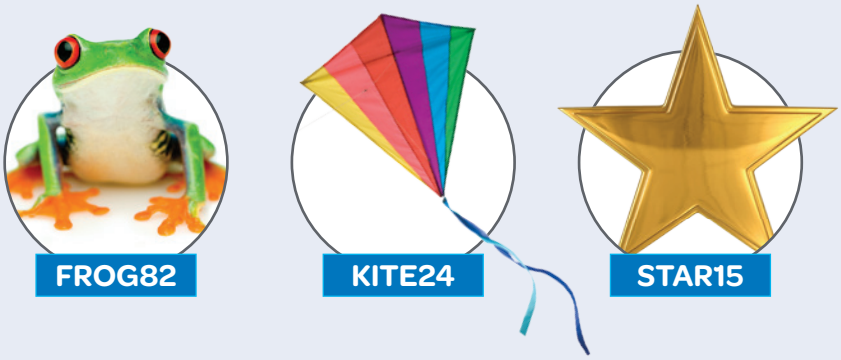
If a student forgets their password, you can easily find it for them and, if you choose, give them a new one.

1. Select *Classes* in the navigation at the top of the screen.
2. If you have more than one class, select *View* next to a class name to go to the Class List for that class.
3. The class list shows the password for each student.
4. To reset a password, select the settings button and then *Reset Password*. A new password is randomly chosen for the student.



Where do student passwords come from?

Student passwords are automatically generated from a list of early elementary sight words and two digit numbers, so they're easy for kids to remember and type.



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Your eBook Library

Storia School Edition eBooks have been curated by the reading experts at Scholastic to meet every school and classroom need.

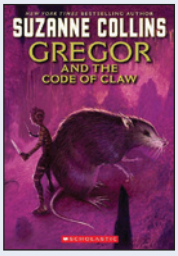
Within each grade level is a balanced library of fiction favorites and nonfiction/informational texts to support Common Core State Standards, an optimal range of Guided Reading and Lexile Levels, and a selection of Storia Close Reads—i.e. short, informational articles on specific subjects designed to boost critical thinking skills.

You always have full control over the content available to each student in your class, with options to assign individual titles or share eBook Collections. Both options allow you to grant access to your whole class, small reading groups, or individual students.

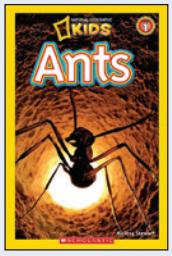
PREK-GRADE 6 LIBRARY

This 2,100 eBook collection is Storia's foundational product, expanded this year with 100 brand-new fiction and nonfiction titles. Your elementary school may have purchased this full PreK-Grade 6 collection, or one of the more targeted subcollections of 1,050 eBooks for Grades PreK-2 or Grades 3-6. All eBooks are leveled by Guided Reading Level or Lexile.

What types of eBooks are available in my subscription?



Literary classics and modern titles from bestselling authors such as Suzanne Collins, Mike Thaler, and Karen Hesse.



Nonfiction and informational texts to support Common Core State Standards, including rich, photographic content from National Geographic and Scholastic Discover More.

A selection of Storia Close Reads—short, informational articles or literary passages to help boost reading comprehension and critical-thinking skills.

Titles covering the optimal range of Guided Reading and Lexile levels for each grade.

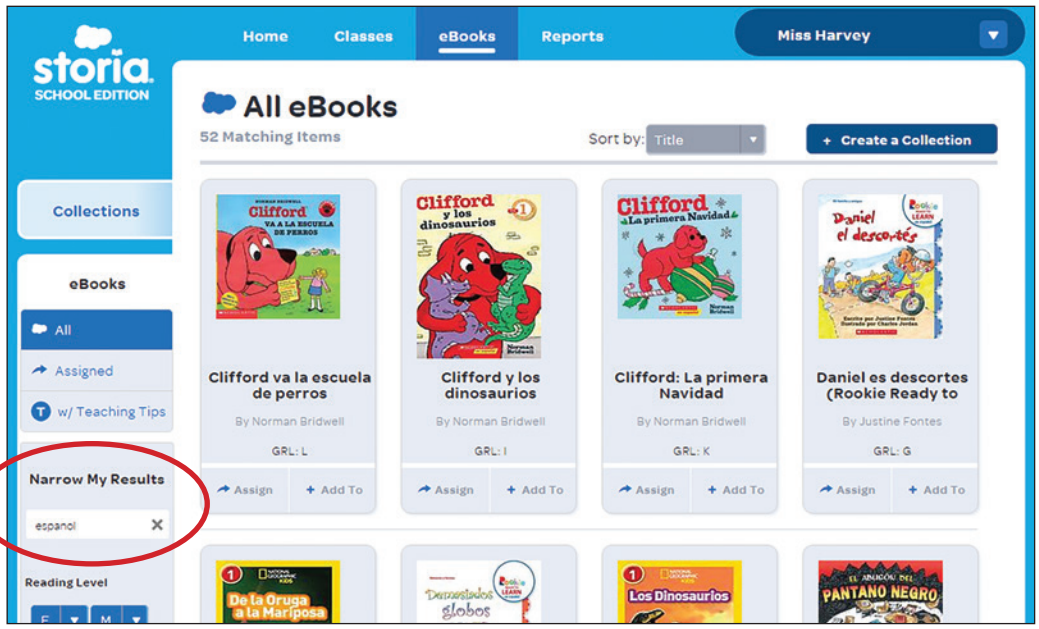
Your eBook Library

BRAND NEW: SPANISH-LANGUAGE TITLES

New for this school year, Storia has introduced a collection of Spanish-language titles to support ELL instruction in Grades PreK-3. These 75 titles (with 75 additional titles being added in Fall 2015, for a total of 150 titles in school year 2015-16) are available for an additional purchase by your school.

If your school has purchased these Spanish-language titles, you can find them in your Storia library in two ways:

1. Go to eBooks and Search for "Spanish" or "Espanol."



OR

2. Go to "Collections" and look for the Spanish-language collections under "S." You will see three Spanish-language collections for each grade: One that contains all the Spanish-language titles, one with the Spanish titles only for your grade, and one that contains Spanish-English pairs.

Your eBook Library

BRAND NEW: MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Also new for this school year, this 400-title collection of eBooks for Grades 6-8 (with 50 additional magazine titles being added in Fall 2015, for a total of 450 in school year 2015-16) is an ideal independent reading tool and literacy solution for middle school students.

Storia School Edition's Middle School Library should be shared with the English teachers, Reading Specialists, and Librarians in your school to help support independent reading in students. Access codes should be distributed to these educators so that they can create a Storia account and begin assigning Storia eBooks to their Reading/English students.

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BRAND NEW: STORIA CLASS eCOLLECTIONS

Now teachers can purchase Storia just for their classroom, with Storia Class eCollections! For just $150, teachers can purchase a mix of 150 fiction and nonfiction titles tailored to their specific grade level.

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Your eBook Library

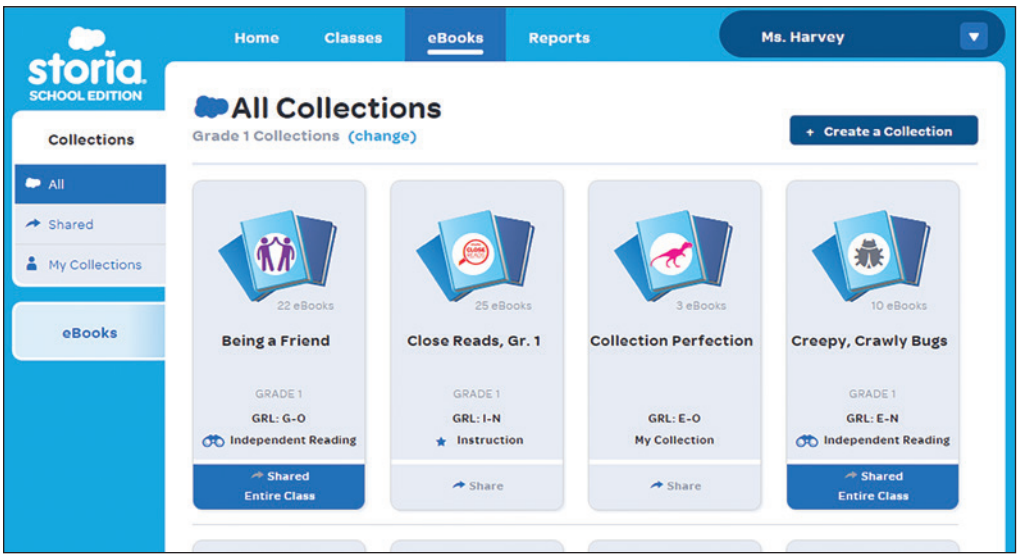
FINDING eBOOKS

Teachers can browse eBooks in the master library and share them with students, maintaining full control over the content their students can access for independent and instructional reading.

Start by selecting eBooks in the navigation at the top of your screen. You then have two ways to find eBooks.

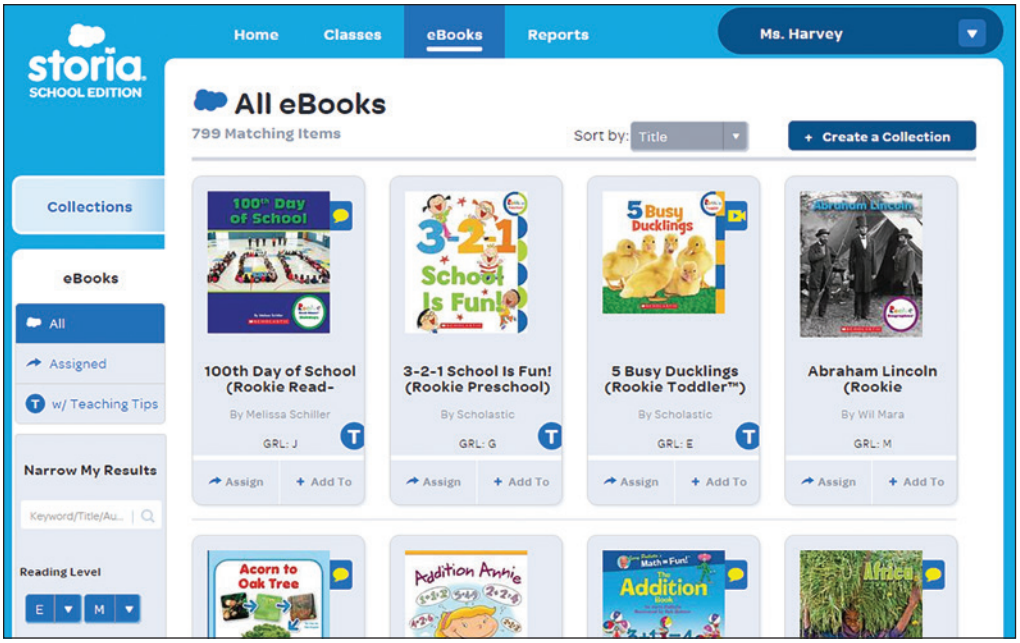
1 Browse Collections

Select the *Collections* tab on the left side of the screen to see carefully curated collections of eBooks tailored for your grade, and organized by subject, theme, or reading level.



2 Search for Individual eBooks

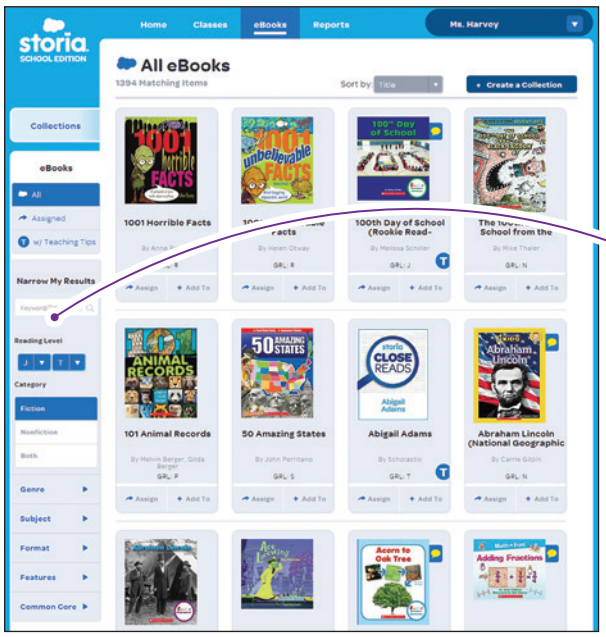
Select the *eBooks* tab on the left side of the screen to see all of the eBooks in your library and search by title, author, reading level, genre, subject, format, etc.

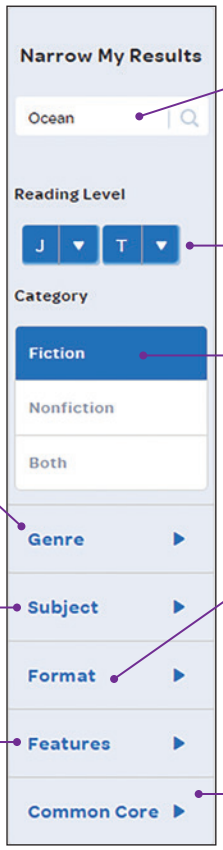


Your eBook Library

SEARCHING FOR INDIVIDUAL eBOOKS

By default, you are shown all of the eBooks that fall within the reading level range for your class. To find something in particular, use the "Narrow My Results" tools on the left side of the screen.





Type anything into this field to search books by keyword, title or author.

Adjust the reading level range.

Choose Fiction, Nonfiction, or both.

Find eBooks in many genres, like "Comedy & Humor," "Fantasy"... even "Cookbooks."

Choose subjects like "Animals," "Family Life," "Seasons and Weather," and dozens more.

Find eBooks in specific formats, such as chapter books, picture books, or reference.

Find eBooks that contain activities, Read-to-Me, or video.

Find eBooks that include a Teaching Tip Card to help you meet a specific Anchor Standard.

TIP: Your search criteria stack up, so if you search for "Genre: Fantasy," "Format: Picture Book" and "Features: Read-to-Me," you'll only see fantasy picture books with a Read-to-Me. Select *Clear all search filters* if you want to start again.

Your eBook Library

ASSIGNING eBOOKS

When you assign an eBook to a student, group or class, it appears automatically on your students' bookshelves with a special star symbol and "TEACHER PICK" to let them know it was assigned by you.

To assign an eBook:

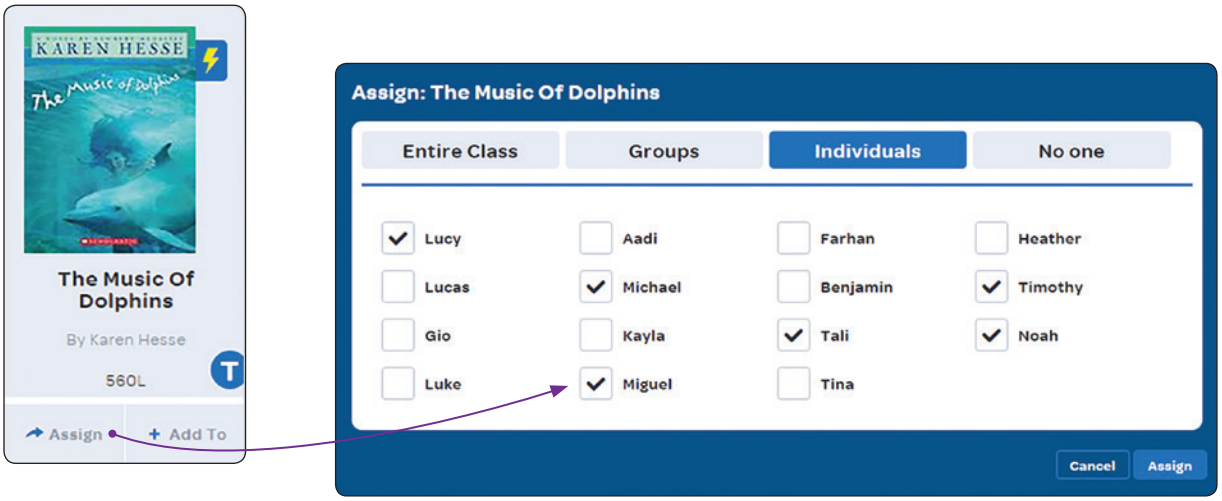
1. After doing an eBook search, select *Assign* for any eBook.
2. The assignment pop-up opens. You have four choices for how to assign the eBook:

   Entire Class: Every student in the class gets the eBook on their bookshelves.

   Groups: Check off the groups that should get the eBook.

   Individuals: Check off individual students who should get the eBook.

   No one: None of the students in your class get the eBook.



The star symbol and "TEACHER PICK" lets your students know that you have assigned eBooks for them to read.

TIP: Want to quickly find all of the eBooks that you have assigned to your students? Select *Assigned* on the left side of your screen while searching for eBooks to filter for only those eBooks that you have already assigned.

Your eBook Library

TEACHING TIP CARDS

Teaching Tip Cards include a variety of activities, such as:

Word Study: Build vocabulary while looking at words in context.

Analyze Informational Text: Answer questions about the content on specific pages.

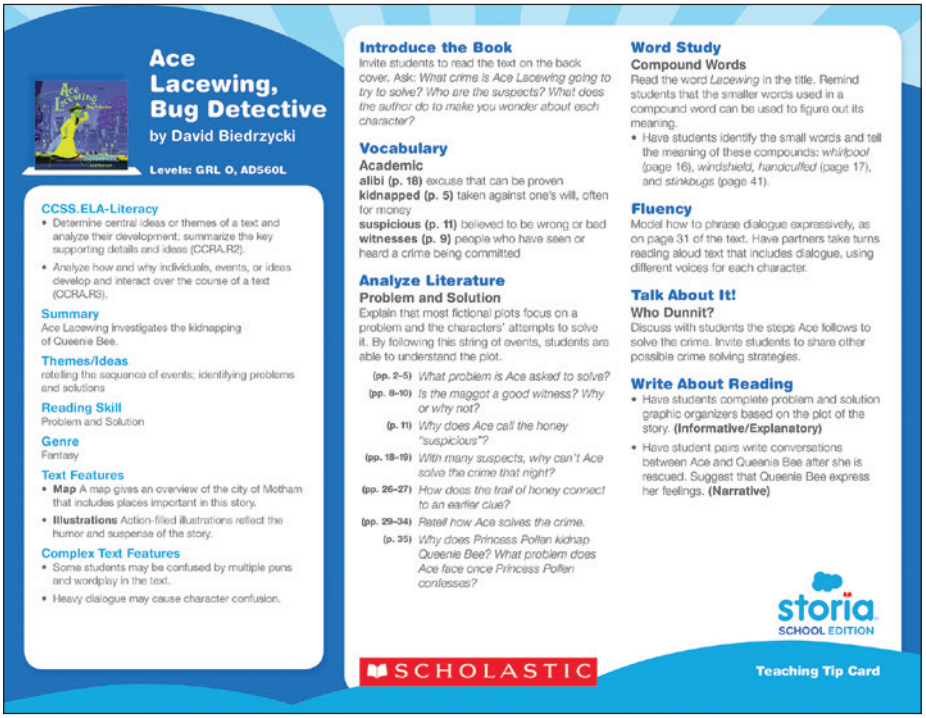
Talk About It!: Creative discussion-starters to get the whole class talking.

Write About Reading: Suggests topics for both narrative and informative/exploratory writing.

To read the Teaching Tip Card:

1. Select any eBook to go to the eBook Details screen.
2. Select *Teaching Tip Card* to open the tip card.
3. The Teaching Tip Card opens as a PDF file, perfect for printing.

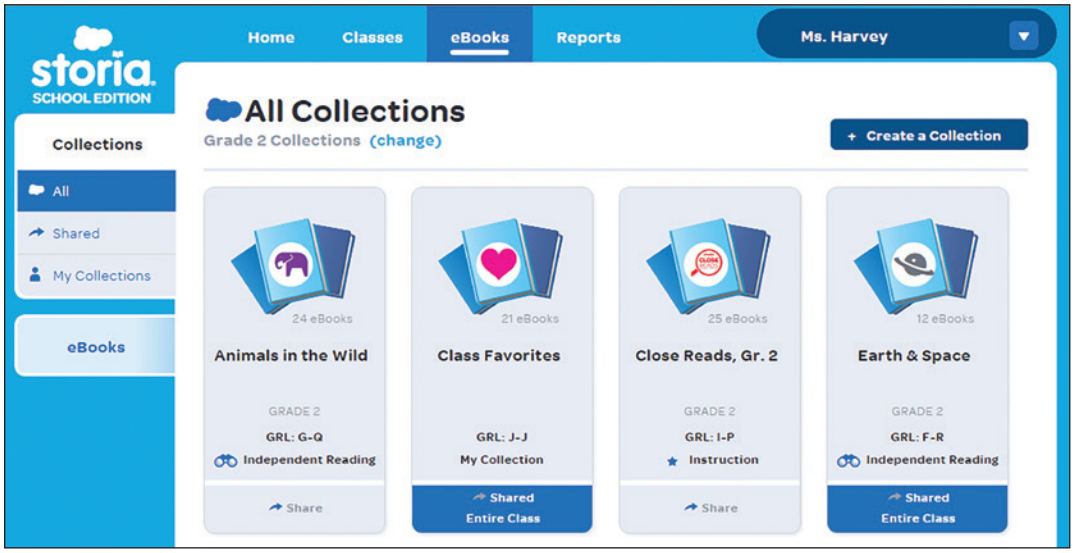
This symbol means that the eBook has a Teaching Tip Card.



Your eBook Library

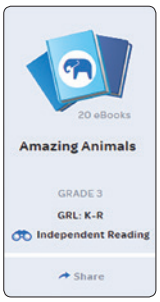
STORIA COLLECTIONS

Genre-based collections have been created by Scholastic's editors to give students quick and easy access to the eBooks that are right for them. Pre-curated collections are available by grade, theme, text type and more—plus teachers can create their own collections to share with individuals, groups, or the whole class.

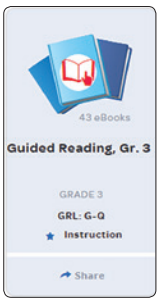


THREE TYPES OF COLLECTIONS

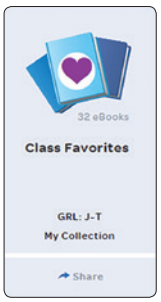
There are three types of collections that we have created for your grade:

1. 

Independent Reading: Titles recommended for students to browse and read on their own. When you create a new class, a set of grade-appropriate Independent Reading collections are automatically shared with the class, so that your students can start reading while you take your time exploring Storia's library.

2. 

Instruction: Titles that are recommended to use for classroom instruction and student assignments. All of the eBooks in these collections include Teaching Tip Cards to help you plan your lessons.

3. 

My Collections: Collections that you create yourself, with eBooks that you can choose for a particular reading group or lesson plan.

Your eBook Library

BROWSING COLLECTIONS

1. Select *eBooks* in the navigation at the top of the screen, and then select the *Collections* tab on the left.
2. Select a collection to see the eBooks that it contains.
3. By default you are shown collections designed for your class's grade level. To see collections for other grade levels, select *(change)* at the top of the screen.

SHARING COLLECTIONS

You can share any collection with your students, so that it appears on their bookshelves for them to browse on their own:

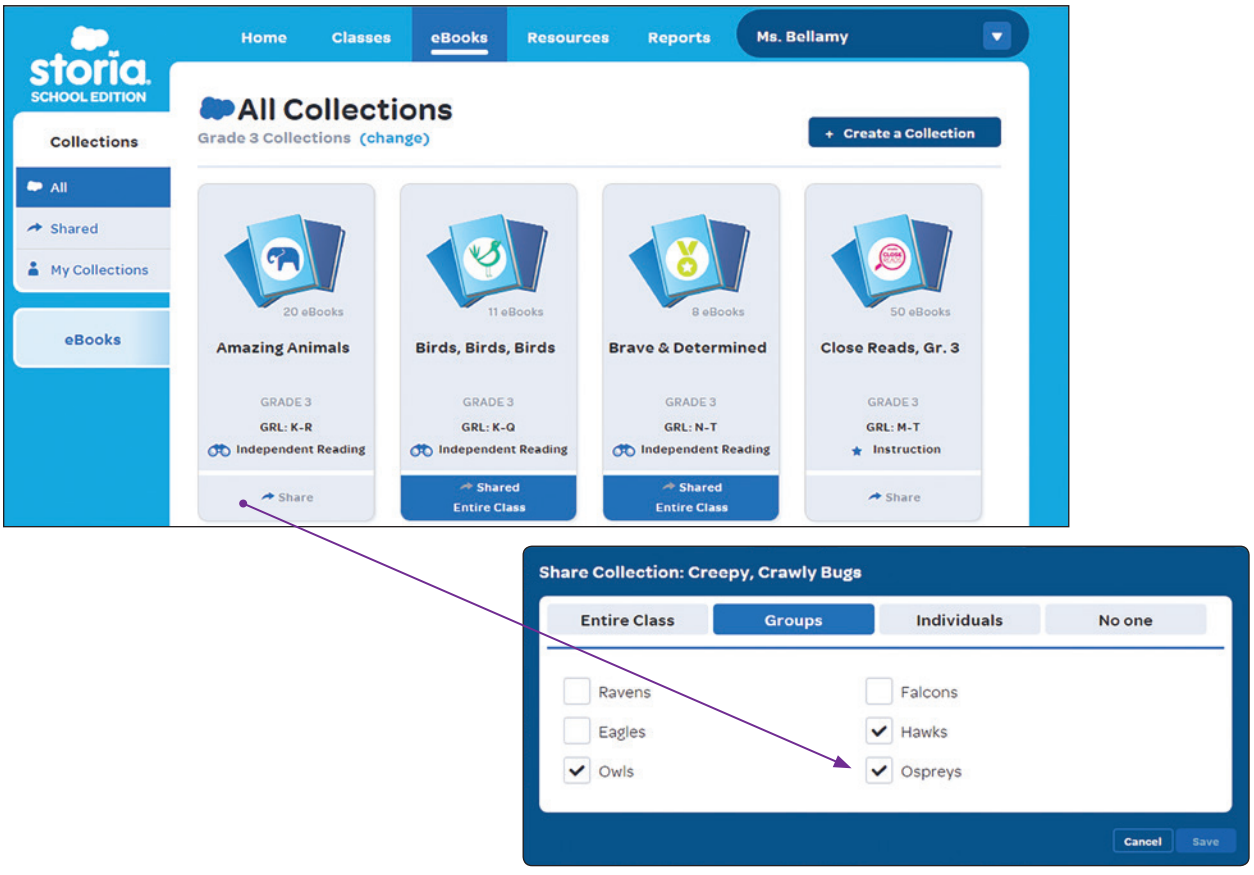
1. While browsing collections, select *Share* on any collection.
2. The sharing pop-up opens. You have four choices for how to share the collection:

   Entire Class: Every student in the class has access to the collection.

   Groups: Check off the groups that should get the collection.

   Individuals: Check off individual students who should get the collection.

   No one: None of the students have access to the collection.
3. After you share a collection, the *Share* button becomes a *Shared* button. Select this button to change the sharing settings.

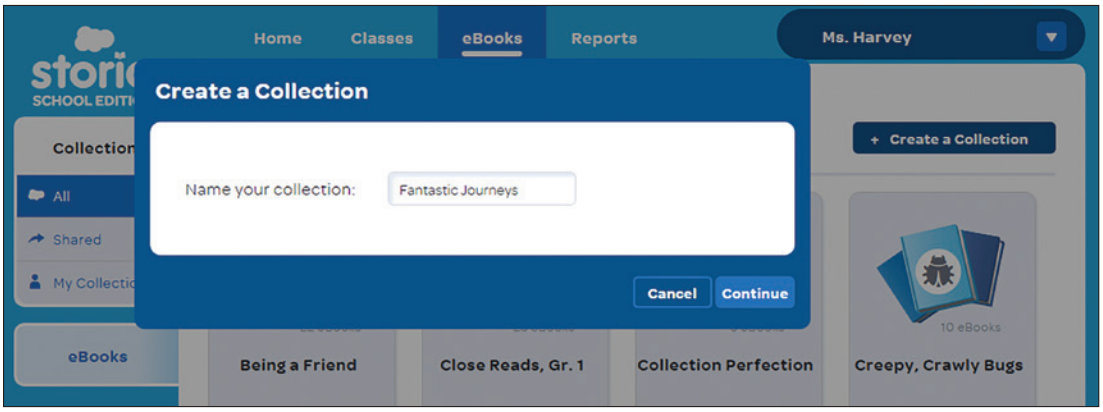


Your eBook Library

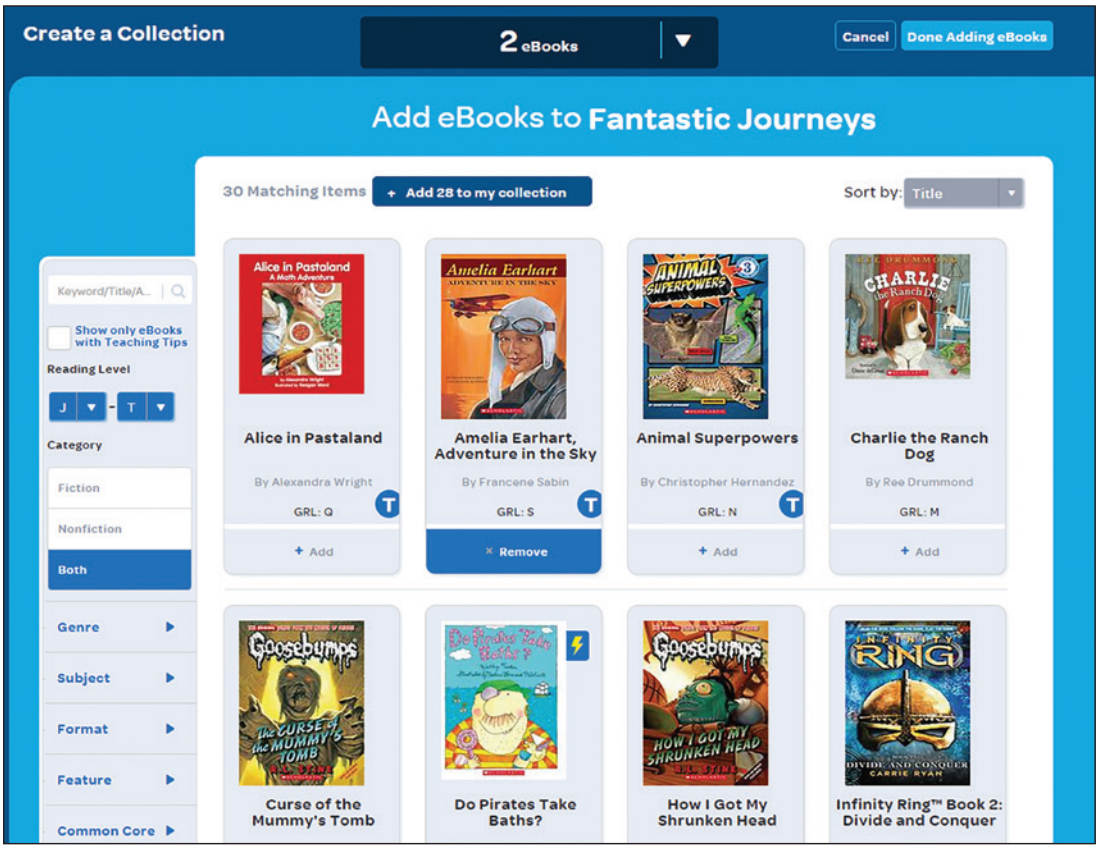
CREATING YOUR OWN COLLECTIONS

You can create your own collections to supplement the ones that come with Storia, including up to 50 eBooks that you choose. You might create a collection of your favorite eBooks, to support a specific lesson plan, or even a special collection for one student with eBooks that you think he or she would love.

1. While browsing collections, select *+ Create a Collection* in the top right corner of the screen and name your new collection.



2. Choose and add eBooks to your new collection.



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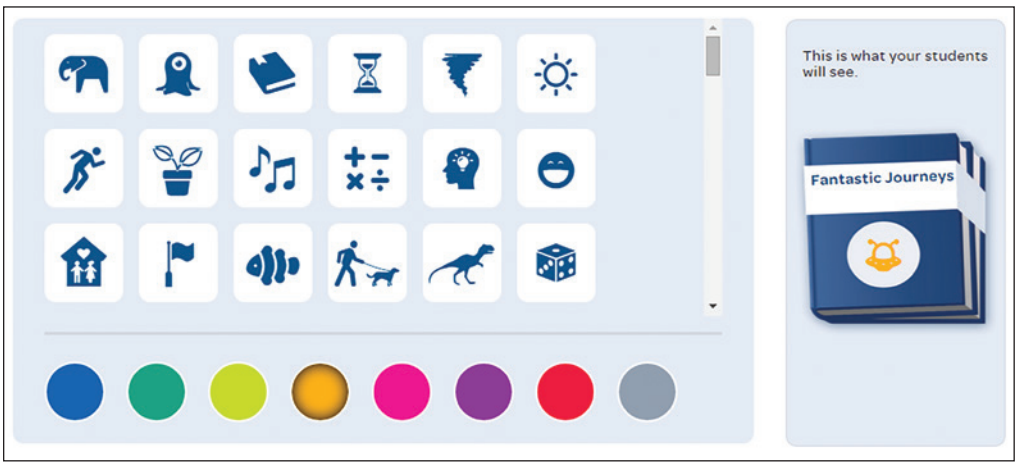
3 Choose an icon and color that will represent the collection on the student bookshelves.



When your collection is finished, you are given the option to share it with students immediately, or keep it to share later. On the main Collections screen, collections that you created are labeled "My Collection."

PreK Collections by Grade

COLLECTION	TYPE	WHAT YOU'LL FIND
All Kinds of Weather	Independent Reading	Fiction and nonfiction read-alouds help kids get comfortable with a range of weather-related vocabulary and concepts. Covers all the seasons.
Animals Everywhere	Independent Reading	This collection ties in with various themes of your animal study units. Includes fiction and nonfiction titles.
Colors, Shapes, & Patterns	Instruction	Reinforce key early learning concepts with this set that includes something for every young learner.
Family Stories	Independent Reading	Parents, grandparents, siblings, and other relatives star in these heartwarming portraits of family life—and help kids learn to deal with common situations.
On the Farm	Independent Reading	Help young readers bloom with this vibrant collection that's teeming with life! Explore plant and animal life cycles, the seasons and how they affect living things, and various farm activities.
Rhymes & Songs	Instruction	Classic nursery rhymes, beloved children's songs, and cumulative stories teach basic vocabulary-building concepts like rhyme and rhythm.
So Silly!	Independent Reading	These funny, imaginative picture books use rhyme, rhythm, and energetic illustrations to catch children's attention. Sure to elicit giggles during story time.
Tell Me a Story	Independent Reading	With time-honored classics and silly contemporary tales, this collection offers plenty of opportunities to talk about different versions of familiar stories and explore the art of storytelling.
We Can Count	Independent Reading	A robust skill-building set with basic counting books plus entertaining stories that contain simple math practice.
We Play Together	Independent Reading	This collection's focus on the high-interest topic of sports helps build vocabulary and content knowledge through repetition. Covers a wide range of sports and activities to appeal to many children.

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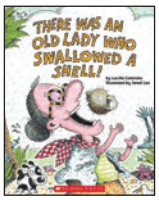
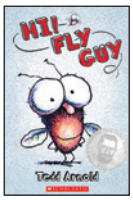
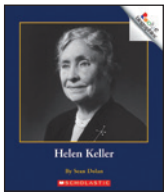
K Collections by Grade

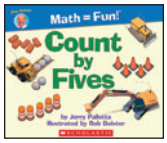


COLLECTION	TYPE	WHAT YOU'LL FIND
All Kinds of Pets	Independent Reading	Dogs, cats, birds, and other popular pets are the stars in this collection that includes a range of reading levels. The high interest subject promotes independent reading while repetition builds vocabulary.
Bugs, Bugs, Bugs	Independent Reading	Popular authors and illustrators present the intriguing world of insects in vivid color. Fascinating facts, endearing characters, and just the right amount of ickiness.
Friends at School	Independent Reading	Stories about important experiences, from bullying to friendship to new teachers, help children ease into school and deal with challenging situations as they arise.
Guided Reading, Kindergarten	Instruction	These lively leveled books support guided reading instruction for levels A to E.
Helping Out	Independent Reading	Whether it's their local community or the whole planet, kids can learn about helping others. Perfect for discussing social skills and how an individual's behavior can have a big impact.
My Family & Me	Instruction	How do people in a family show that they care for each other? Invite children to think about the caring and sharing they see in these books—and in their own families as well.
Rhymes & Silly Stories	Independent Reading	Children will beg to hear or read these books again and again. As they memorize rhymes and predict outrageous outcomes, they build essential pre-reading skills.
Science Everywhere	Independent Reading	Science can be found everywhere, from the food we eat to the plants and animals we see outside. This fascinating collection makes science come alive for the youngest readers.
Staying Healthy	Instruction	What do people do to stay healthy? These texts are great resources for discussions about healthy habits and why they are so important.
Things that Go	Independent Reading	This collection explores the eternally fascinating subject of vehicles. Lively texts and vibrant illustrations are sure to engage emerging readers.
Under the Sea	Independent Reading	This collection includes books on popular animals plus some lesser-known aquatic creatures. Includes both fiction and nonfiction titles.
What Changes With the Seasons?	Independent Reading	From leaves and puddles to big storms, children observe lots of seasonal changes, which they can explore in these books. Sight words and beautiful images enhance this fact-filled collection.

Grade 1 Collections by Grade

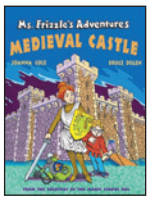






COLLECTION	TYPE	WHAT YOU'LL FIND
Being a Friend	Independent Reading	Filled with friendly, lovable characters and enjoyable stories, this collection imparts lessons on friendship and growing up, prompting healthy conversations about kindness and respect for others.
Close Reads, Gr. 1	Instruction	Looking for short texts to share with the whole class or a small group? Here are poems, fiction, and informational texts perfect for close reading instruction.
Creepy, Crawly Bugs	Independent Reading	This collection gets up close and personal with familiar insects that are abuzz all around. Fact- and vocabulary-filled, these colorful books explore the largest group in the animal kingdom.
Digging Up Dinosaurs	Independent Reading	This collection invites readers to travel to prehistoric times. Amazing dino facts come alive through exciting images showcasing how these creatures lived. A great introduction to nonfiction.
Guided Reading, Gr. 1	Instruction	These engaging leveled books support guided reading instruction for levels A to I.
Heroes	Independent Reading	These biographies are filled with interesting details about historical and contemporary figures and their accomplishments. Informative images help make the text entertaining and straightforward.
Puppies & Other Pets	Independent Reading	This collection is sure to please animal lovers. Many of these books can be used to supplement lessons on life cycles, caring for animals, and the responsibilities that come with owning a pet.
Rhyme Time	Independent Reading	Any time is a great time to have fun with rhymes! This collection includes classic and contemporary rhyming stories, many of which can enhance learning about the seasons, weather, and holidays.
Run, Jump, Play	Instruction	What are the different ways that people get exercise? As you explore the resources in this book, invite children to think about the activities that they would most like to try.
Silly Stories	Independent Reading	These silly stories make for memorable reading experiences. Some can be used to cover concepts such as compound words and silent letters, while all of them inspire kids to create their own comic tales.
We Like Math	Independent Reading	These books add up to some great fun with math! Exploring how math is a part of our daily lives, this engaging collection is riddled with inventive brainteasers and real-world applications.
What Can Grow?	Instruction	How do living things change as they grow? The books in this collection are a great resource for exploring the life cycles of different plants and animals.
What's the Weather?	Independent Reading	Incorporating fun nonfiction and fiction, readers and read-alouds, this collection travels through the seasons and showcases different weather, encouraging observation of the natural world
Wild Animals	Independent Reading	These information-filled books are a great addition to lessons on animal characteristics, habitats, and life cycles.

Grade 2 Collections by Grade



COLLECTION	TYPE	WHAT YOU'LL FIND
Animals in the Wild	Independent Reading	The animal kingdom comes alive in this collection of information-filled books covering concepts such as habitats, life cycles, and animal classification.
Close Reads, Gr. 2	Instruction	Looking for short texts to share with the whole class or a small group? Here are poems, fiction, and informational texts perfect for close reading instruction.
Earth & Space	Independent Reading	This collection explores our planet and solar system through vocabulary-rich nonfiction and beautiful photographic readers.
Folktales & Silly Stories	Instruction	Why do people enjoy reading folktales and silly stories? Invite children to think about this question when you read and discuss the plot, characters and the setting in these playful tales.
Guided Reading, Gr. 2	Instruction	These leveled texts offer options for using fiction and informational texts to support guided reading instruction for levels E to N.
Heroes, Pioneers, & Presidents	Independent Reading	This collection of biographies is filled with interesting details about historical figures and their accomplishments.
It Happened in School	Independent Reading	Some of the big moments of the grade-school experience—first days, last days, fun projects—are explored with stories of friendly characters having relatable experiences.
Sharks & Other Sea Creatures	Instruction	What animals live under the sea and how do they survive? Use these resources to have students research and discuss the adaptations that make it possible for a variety of aquatic animals to thrive.
Think Like a Scientist!	Independent Reading	Scientific processes and concepts come to life with clear, vocabulary-building text and intriguing illustrations in this collection that includes informative nonfiction and a little bit of fiction.
Funny Stories	Independent Reading	These funny stories are sure to make memorable reading experiences and inspire lots of laughs!

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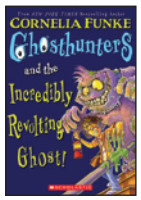
Grade 3 Collections by Grade



COLLECTION	TYPE	WHAT YOU'LL FIND
Amazing Animals	Independent Reading	Roars, growls, chirps, and barks fill these readers and chapter books aimed at animal lovers. With a big dose of National Geographic's trademark photos, this collection will appeal to visual learners.
Birds, Birds, Birds	Independent Reading	This collection delves into details about our feathered friends in the animal kingdom. Combining fiction and nonfiction books on birds, this collection entertains and informs.
Brave & Determined	Independent Reading	These biographies of courageous individuals and stories of overcoming the odds are great for pleasure reading as well as units of study on biographies and reformers.
Close Reads, Gr. 3	Instruction	Looking for short texts to share with the whole class or a small group? Here are poems, fiction, and informational texts perfect for close reading instruction.
Favorite Series	Instruction	What makes series fun to read? Discuss story elements and text features that repeat from book to book. Challenge students to predict story events and make connections to other books they have read.
Guided Reading, Gr. 3	Instruction	These leveled texts offer options for using fiction and informational texts to support guided reading instruction for levels J to Q.
Habitats & the Environment	Instruction	Why do different animals live in different places? These resources support the exploration of important ideas about how animals have adapted to survive in a variety of habitats.
Incredible Bugs	Independent Reading	This colorful collection zooms in on insects and spiders that are abuzz all around. Fact- and vocabulary-filled books explore the largest group in the animal kingdom.
Our Unpredictable Earth	Independent Reading	Informative nonfiction with powerful photos of natural disasters around the world. Filled with rich vocabulary, these books enhance units on weather and provide examples of eyewitness accounts.
Speed Machines	Independent Reading	Fun facts, cool photos, and a splash of history around these speed machines make for an engaging nonfiction reading experience on a high-interest topic.
We'll Work It Out	Independent Reading	These relatable characters face dramas, challenges, and exciting new experiences with humor and heart. Excellent for pleasure reading and sparking discussions about common social situations.
Weird & Wacky	Independent Reading	This collection features fanciful stories and comical characters that are just right for pleasure reading.

Grade 4 Collections by Grade

COLLECTION	TYPE	WHAT YOU'LL FIND
Animal Habitats & Behavior	Independent Reading	Introduce fascinating habitats and endangered animals, build essential science vocabulary, and give students the knowledge to make environmentally friendly choices to protect our precious planet.
Close Reads, Gr. 4	Instruction	Looking for short texts to share with the whole class or a small group? Here are poems, fiction, and informational texts perfect for close reading instruction.
Colorful Characters	Independent Reading	This collection's protagonists are humorous yet relatable. Teach character development and different perspectives, or just appreciate the great stories.
Fantasy & Adventure	Independent Reading	From myths to magic, these action-driven tales will transport readers to wonderful new worlds. Great for adventure lovers.
Guided Reading, Gr. 4	Instruction	These leveled texts offer options for fiction and informational texts to support guided reading instruction for levels M to T.
It's a Funny Story	Independent Reading	This collection will keep humor-loving readers laughing all the way through.
It's Just Math	Independent Reading	This collection cleverly introduces math concepts, such as estimation and geometry, through a series of exciting adventures.
Predators & Prey	Instruction	What makes some animal good hunters? How do other animals avoid being eaten? These texts are ideal for research and discussing how animals have adapted to maximize their survival.
Real-Life Heroes	Independent Reading	This collection celebrates the lives and accomplishments of leaders, inventors, and activists. Great for biographical book reports or inspiration for budding trailblazers.
These United States	Instruction	What makes America unique? Here are books perfect for researching and showcasing the people, places, and events that have helped shape our country.
Undersea Life	Independent Reading	Dive into the deep sea to learn about tidal patterns, different species of sharks, tsunamis, and giant squids.
Weather Watch	Independent Reading	This collection of nonfiction provides an instant library of earth science texts. Your students can explore common weather phenomena as well as high-impact disasters.

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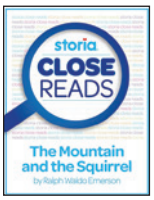
Grade 5 Collections by Grade



COLLECTION	TYPE	WHAT YOU'LL FIND
America at War	Instruction	This collection explores America's major wars and their profound effects on our country.
Close Reads, Gr. 5	Instruction	Looking for short texts to share with the whole class or a small group? Here are poems, fiction, and informational texts perfect for close reading instruction.
Facing Disaster	Instruction	This collection packed with titles on the ever-intriguing subject of deadly disasters will draw in reluctant readers and help build their earth science vocabulary and background knowledge.
Guided Reading, Gr. 5	Instruction	These leveled texts offer options for fiction and informational texts to support guided reading instruction for levels Q to W.
Incredible Inventions	Independent Reading	High-interest topics like jets and trucks draw in reluctant readers, while nonfiction content helps build vocabulary and introduce engineering and the perseverance required to invent something new.
Making History	Independent Reading	Throughout history, brave people have been willing to stand up for what's right, or to take a risk to reach a better life. Read about some of these heroes, both real and fictional.
Reality Show	Independent Reading	These stories bring to life characters that show resilience as they face a variety of challenges with courage, humor, and sometimes, a little help from their friends.
Space Exploration	Independent Reading	Identify constellations, learn about the space race, and discover black holes. Exciting and informative, this collection is great for curious explorers or for class science research.
Thrillers, Mystery, & Monsters	Independent Reading	Dangerous magic, deep-sea creatures, and detectives populate this fast-paced collection. With classics and brand-new novels, these books are perfect for adventure readers striking out on their own.
Unpredictable Animals	Independent Reading	This collection offers exciting stories about misbehaving pets, fascinating information about wild animals, and a look at some of the most bizarre creatures in nature. A just-right mix of fiction and nonfiction.

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Grade 6 Collections by Grade

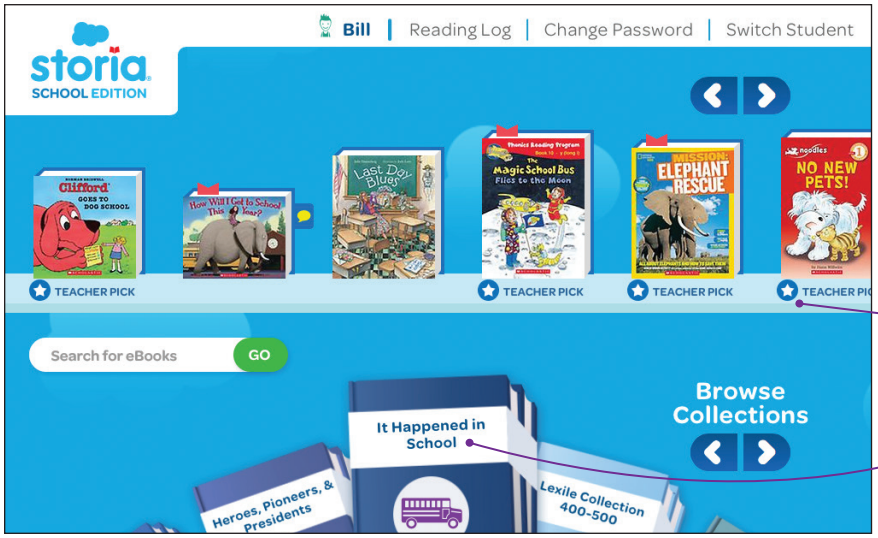
COLLECTION	TYPE	WHAT YOU'LL FIND
Children of War	Independent Reading	This collection brings readers to the sites of major wars that have shaped the modern world.
Close Reads, Gr. 6	Instruction	Looking for short texts to share with the whole class or a small group? Here are poems, fiction, and informational texts perfect for close reading instruction.
Contemporary Fiction	Independent Reading	From remote kingdoms to inner cities, these books show that no matter where they are, all kids encounter the trials and triumphs of growing up.
Cultures & Countries	Instruction	Learn about the peoples, customs, and unique qualities of modern countries and cultures all over the globe.
Guided Reading, Gr. 6	Instruction	These leveled texts offer options for fiction and informational texts to support guided reading instruction for levels T to Z.
Medieval World	Independent Reading	Between discovering how a castle was built and learning about medieval culture and society, readers can use this collection for informative and interest reading.
Myths & Legends	Independent Reading	Learn about myths from around the world, including Greece, China, and Africa. Great for mythology units and interest-led reading.
Protecting the Planet	Instruction	Explore the important subjects of climate change, conservation, and consumption with this well-rounded collection of nonfiction.
Real Disasters	Independent Reading	Readers won't believe these true tales of disaster, both natural and man-made, and the harrowing stories of those who survived them.
Secrets of the Ancient World	Instruction	Ideal for history units, this collection delves into a variety of ancient civilizations, including the Aztecs, the Maya, and the Mesopotamians.
Science Fiction & Fantasy	Independent Reading	From classic stories to modern series, these books are perfect pleasure reading material for sci-fi fans.
Technology & Innovation	Independent Reading	Trace technological developments from ancient Egypt and the Middle Ages to modern scientific achievements including nuclear energy and space travel.
Timeless Novels & Poetry	Independent Reading	This collection introduces readers to some of the most classic selections of modern literature and poetry.

Reading eBooks

Storia eBooks are easy for students to navigate and can be accessed in school, at home, or from most computers or tablet devices with Internet access. Support tools such as note-taking, highlighters, and an embedded dictionary help students read for meaning and build critical thinking skills.

OPENING AN eBOOK

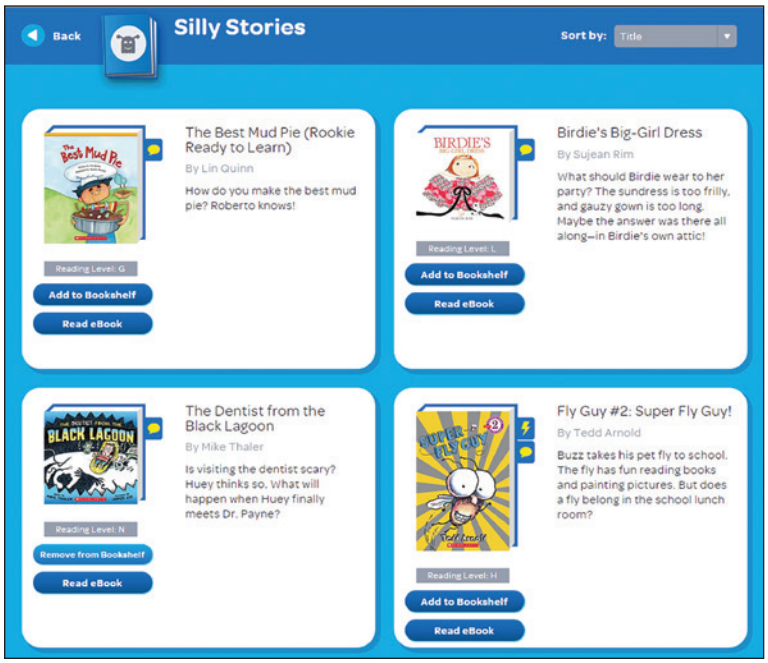
All of the eBooks that you have assigned appear on a student's bookshelf, along with any eBooks that the student has opened.



A star appears under eBooks you have assigned to your student. eBooks without a star have been selected by your student for independent reading.

Independent reading collections.

All of the collections that you have shared also appear below the bookshelf, for students to browse just like book bins you place in the back of the classroom.



From the bookshelf or collection screen, select any eBook to open and read it.

Reading eBooks

TURNING PAGES

On a computer: Select the on-screen forward and back arrows, or press the forward and back arrow buttons on your keyboard.

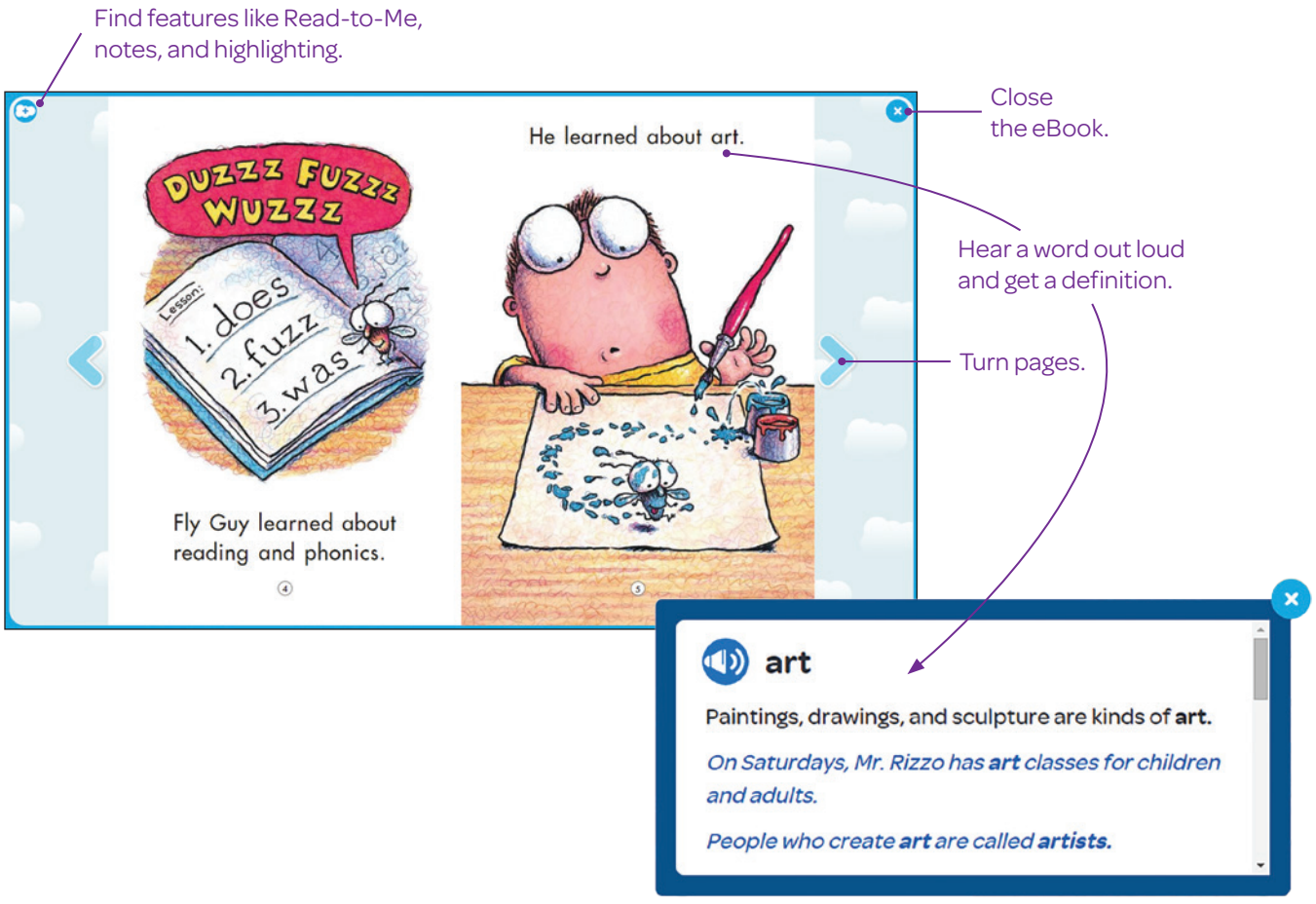
On a tablet: Swipe forward or backward across the book page.

OPENING THE TOOLBARS

To access most of the functions in the reading interface, select the button in the top left corner of your browser. This opens toolbars at the top and bottom of your screen.

DICTIONARY AND PRONUNCIATIONS

Select any word to hear it read out loud and look it up in the dictionary. When a definition is open, select the speaker icon to hear the word pronounced or, in books for younger readers, hear the whole definition read out loud.



TIP: Want to know what words your students need help with? All words looked up in the dictionary are tracked in Storia's reports, which can be a great source of vocabulary lists for the class.

Reading eBooks

GETTING AROUND QUICKLY

In addition to simply turning pages, there are many quick ways to get around a Storia eBook.

Use the slider: With the toolbar open, drag the slider at the bottom of the screen to jump quickly through the eBook.

Jump to any page number: Select *Go To* in the lower right corner of the toolbar, select *Page Number*, and then type in the page number that you want.

Jump to a chapter: Select *Go To* in the lower right corner of the toolbar, select *Table of Contents*, and then choose a chapter title. This option is only available for eBooks that have a table of contents.

Go to a page number.

Open the table of contents.

Drag to jump through the eBook.

Can multiple students read the same eBooks at the same time?

Yes! With Storia School Edition, teachers and students have unlimited, simultaneous access to all of your eBooks.

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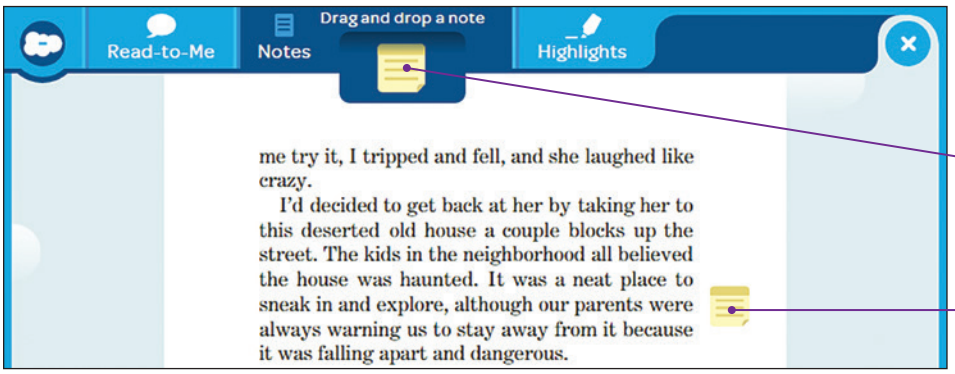
Reading eBooks

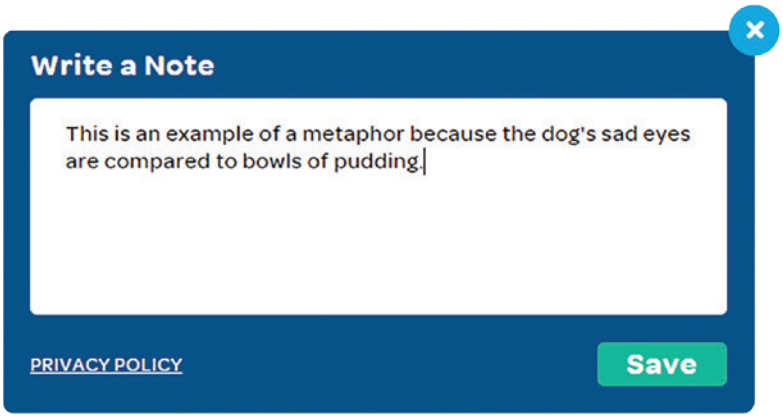
USING NOTES

Storia allows you to drop a note anywhere on any page of an eBook. You can drop as many as you want, and notes belong to each reader (student or teacher), so you see only the notes that you yourself have written.



Creating a Note

1. With the toolbar open, select *Notes* on the top of the screen.
2. Drag and drop a note anywhere on the book page.
3. A "Write a Note" popup opens. Type the text of your note and then select *Save*.



Editing or Deleting a Note

1. Select the note where you dropped it in the book.
2. Select *Edit* to edit the note, or *Delete* to delete the note.

Moving a Note

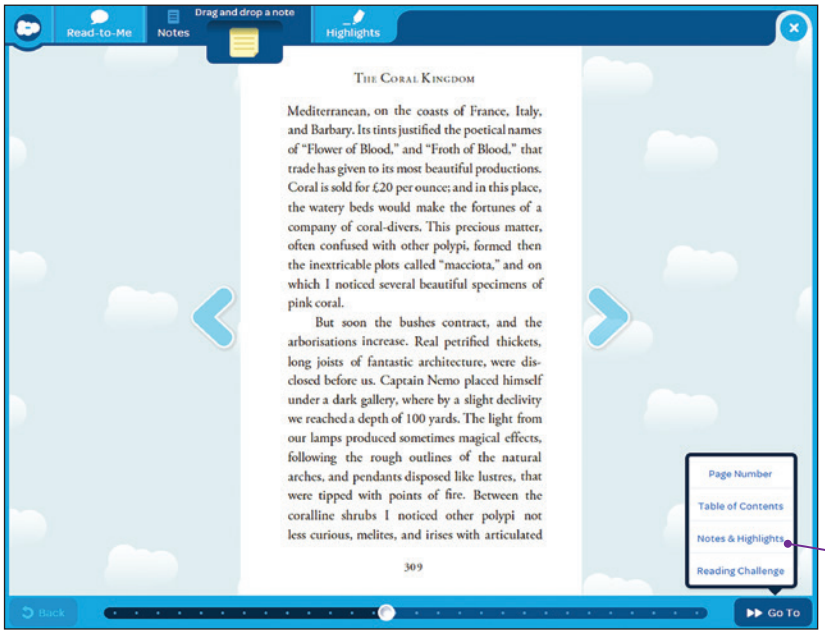
1. To "pick up" the note, touch and hold it on a tablet, or click and hold it on a computer.
2. Drop the note in its new position. You can't move a note to another page.

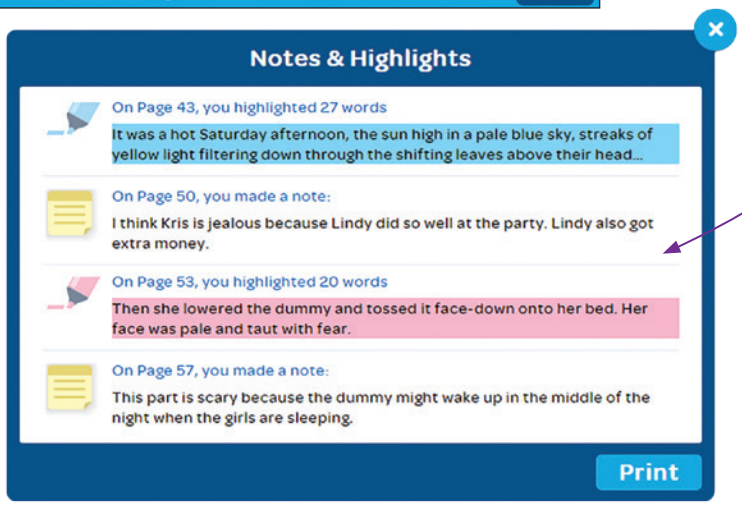
Reading eBooks

SEE ALL YOUR NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

You can see all of your notes and highlights in one place.

1. With the toolbar open, select "Go To" in the lower right corner.
2. Select "Notes & Highlights"
3. With this pop-up open, select any note or highlight to jump to the page on which it was made.





PRINTING NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

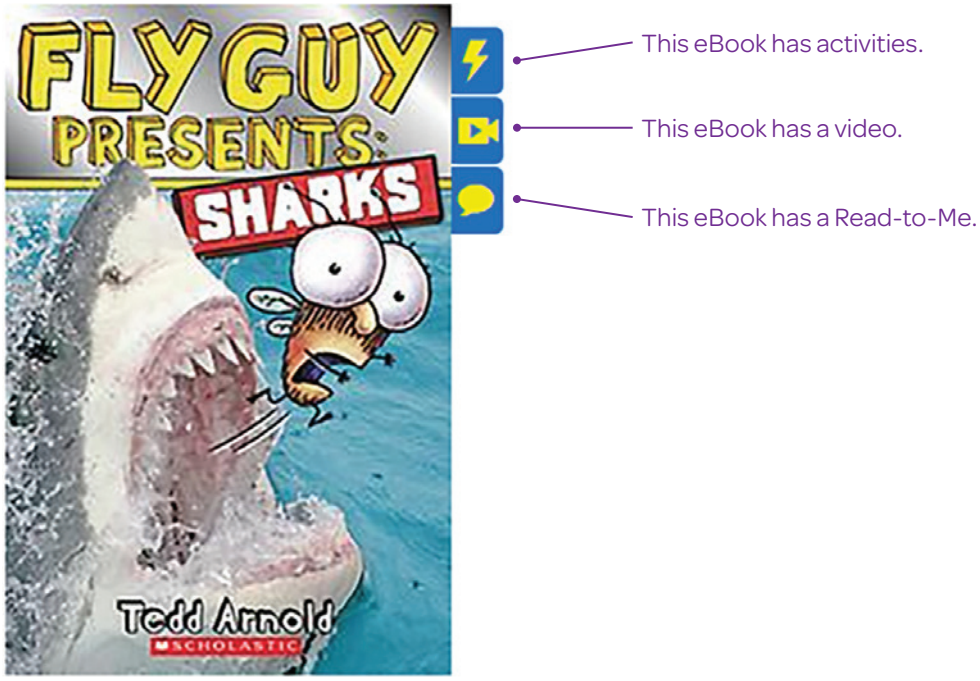
In the "Notes & Highlights" pop-up, select *Print* to print out all of your notes and highlights.

TIP: Notes and highlights are a great way for students to complete assignments. You might ask your students to highlight metaphors within the story, or leave a note explaining how the text communicates a character's motivations.

Special Features and Enhancements

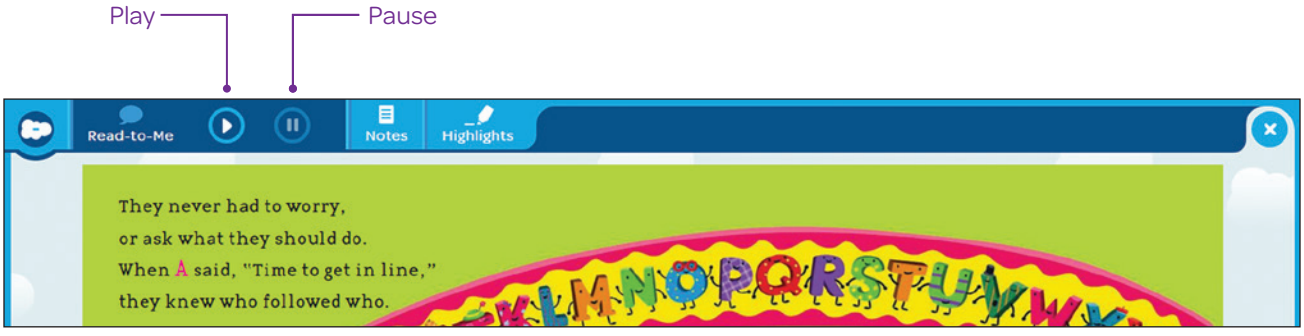
Storia's enhanced eBooks create an immersive literacy experience, increasing overall reading engagement in students.

With Reading Challenge Quizzes in every title and features such as Read-to-Me, video and other activities in a select number of eBooks, Storia's enhanced content helps students to engage with texts in new and exciting ways. eBooks with this special content are marked with an icon wherever they appear.



READ-TO-ME

Read-to-Me can be found in early readers and picture books to help students build pronunciation skills and listen for meaning. In eBooks that have a Read-to-Me, select *Read-to-Me* in the toolbar and then select the play button. The book text highlights as it is read out loud. You can pause the Read-to-Me in the middle of a page by selecting the pause button.

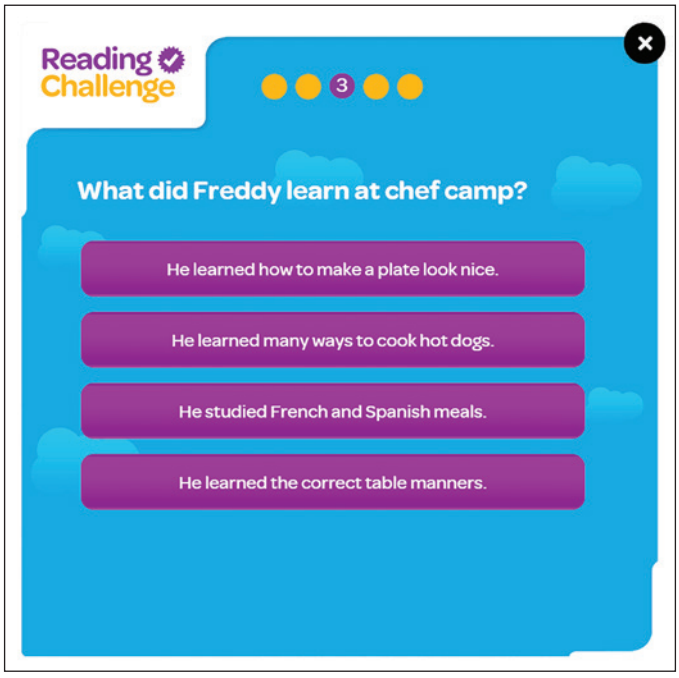


Special Features and Enhancements

READING CHALLENGE QUIZZES

Every Storia eBook includes a "Reading Challenge," a quiz consisting of three, five, or ten comprehension questions carefully calibrated to the grade, reading level, and content of the eBook. Reading Challenges can help you gauge your students' comprehension while providing a fun challenge for readers.

You can launch a reading challenge from the reading challenge button that appears at the end of each eBook, or by selecting *Reading Challenge* from the Go To menu.



TIP: Your students' success on the Reading Challenges is tracked in the reports in the teacher section.

Special Features and Enhancements

VIDEO

Some eBooks have embedded videos to support the themes or content of the eBook. Videos are marked within the pages of the eBook by a video button. Select this button to start the video.

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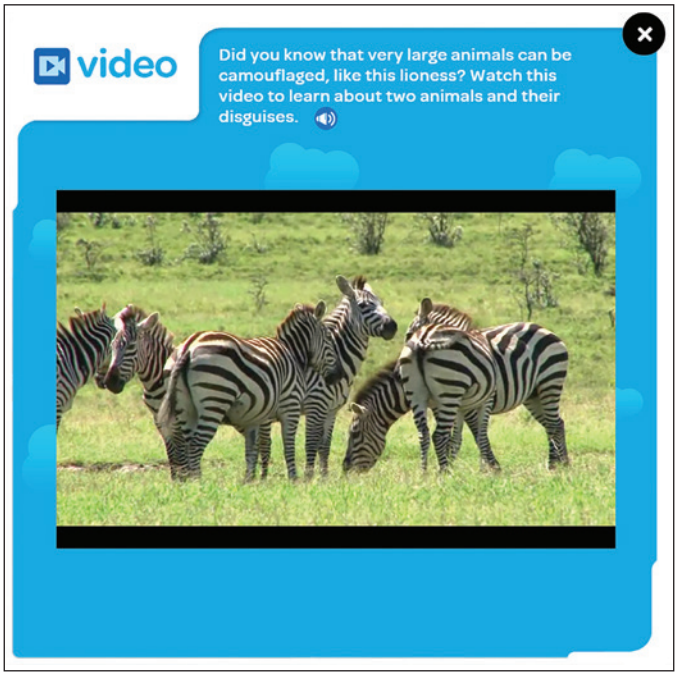
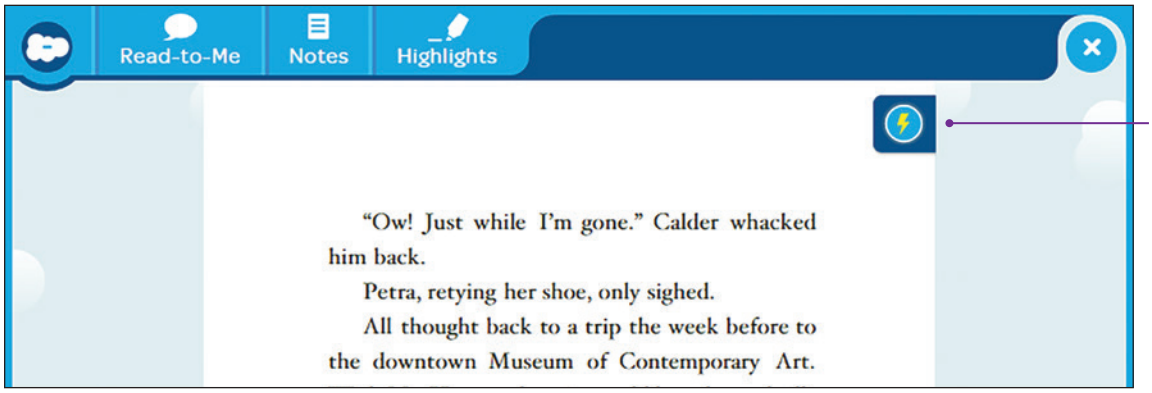


TIP: If you don't want your students to use Read-to-Me's, activities, or videos, you can go into your class settings to turn off any of these features.

Special Features and Enhancements

ACTIVITIES

Activities can be found in a selection of eBooks and are interactive features like word webs, drawing games, sequencing and many others, tailored to the content of each eBook. Activities are marked within the pages of the eBook by a lightning bolt. Select this bolt to start the activity.



Select the lightning bolt to launch an activity.

Reports

Storia School Edition offers a number of reports to help teachers track student reading habits. With reporting metrics ranging from student minutes read and eBooks completed to whole-class reading overviews, teachers can quickly and easily assess their students' reading progress in Storia.

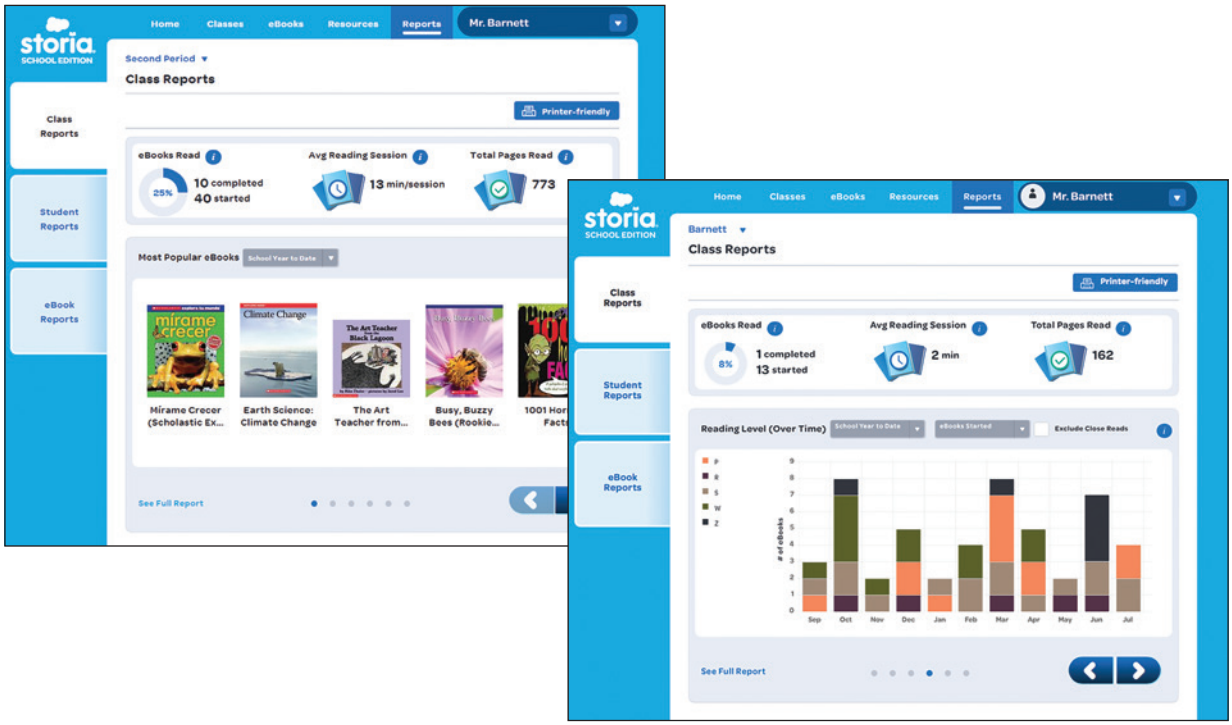
To get to reports, select *Reports* from the navigation at the top of the screen, and then select the type of report you want to see.

CLASS REPORTS

Class reports give you high-level information about how an entire class is using Storia over time.

Reports include:

- The total number of eBooks and pages read.
- The length of the average reading session.
- The most popular eBooks in the class.
- The number of eBooks at each reading level that your class has read over time.
- Words that have been looked up most often in the dictionary.



TIP: Many of the reports can be filtered by time frame, so you can see data for the "School Year to Date," "This Month," "This Week," or "Today."

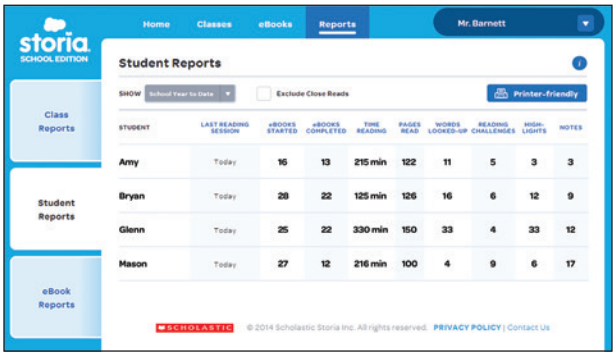
Reports

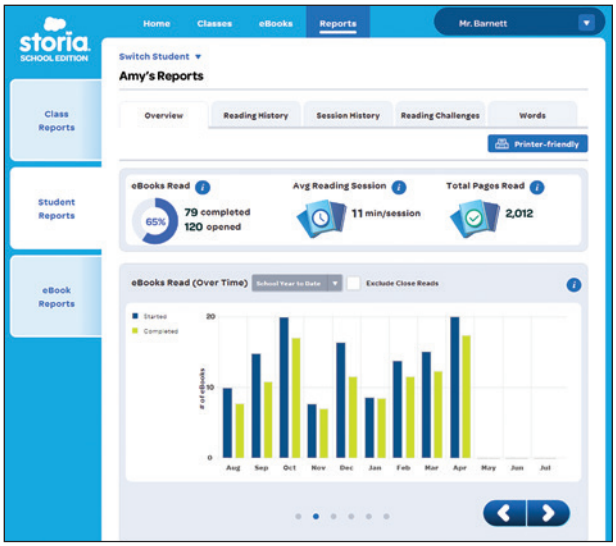
STUDENT REPORTS

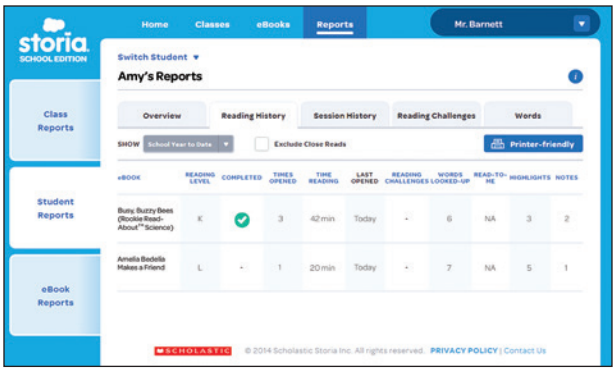
Student reports let you drill down into the reading activity of an individual student.

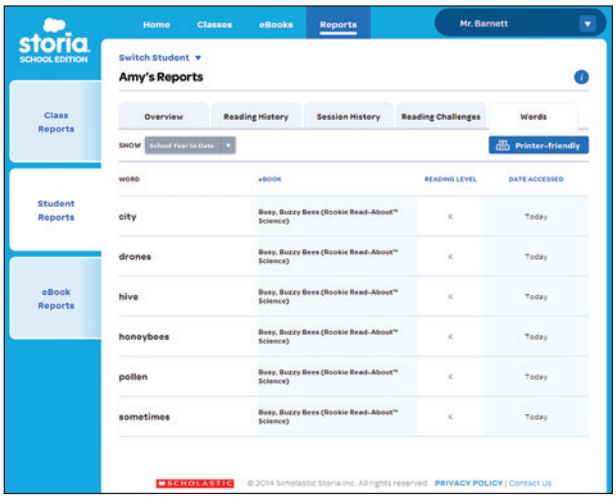
Reports include:

- Total number of eBooks and pages read.
- A complete reading session history.
- Performance on Reading Challenges.
- All words looked up in the dictionary.









TIP: Many of the reports have printer friendly versions. Select *Printer-friendly* to get this version.

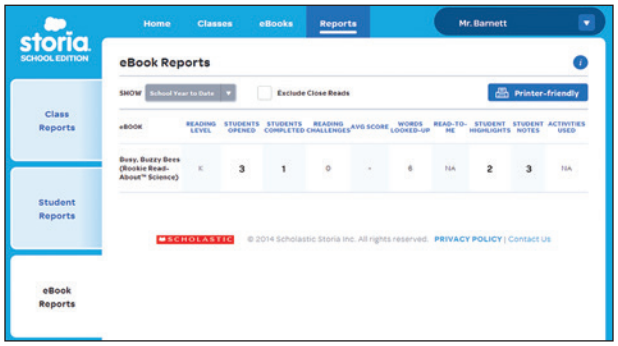
Reports

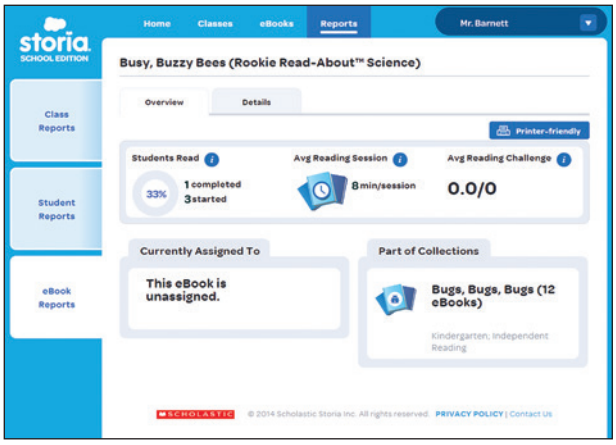
eBOOK REPORTS

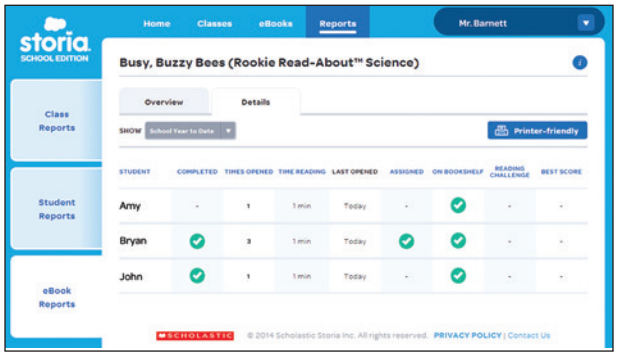
eBook reports let you see how specific eBooks are being used by your class.

Reports include:

- The total number of times that the eBook has been opened and completed.
- Which students have opened and completed the eBook.
- How students have done in the eBook's Reading Challenge.







TIP: Not sure what a report means? Many of the reports include a description of how the data is calculated, accessed via the ⓘ button.

Using Clever

Some schools use a service called Clever to automatically get student roster information from a school's existing student information system. This means that a few functions work differently than described in this User Guide.

SIGNING IN

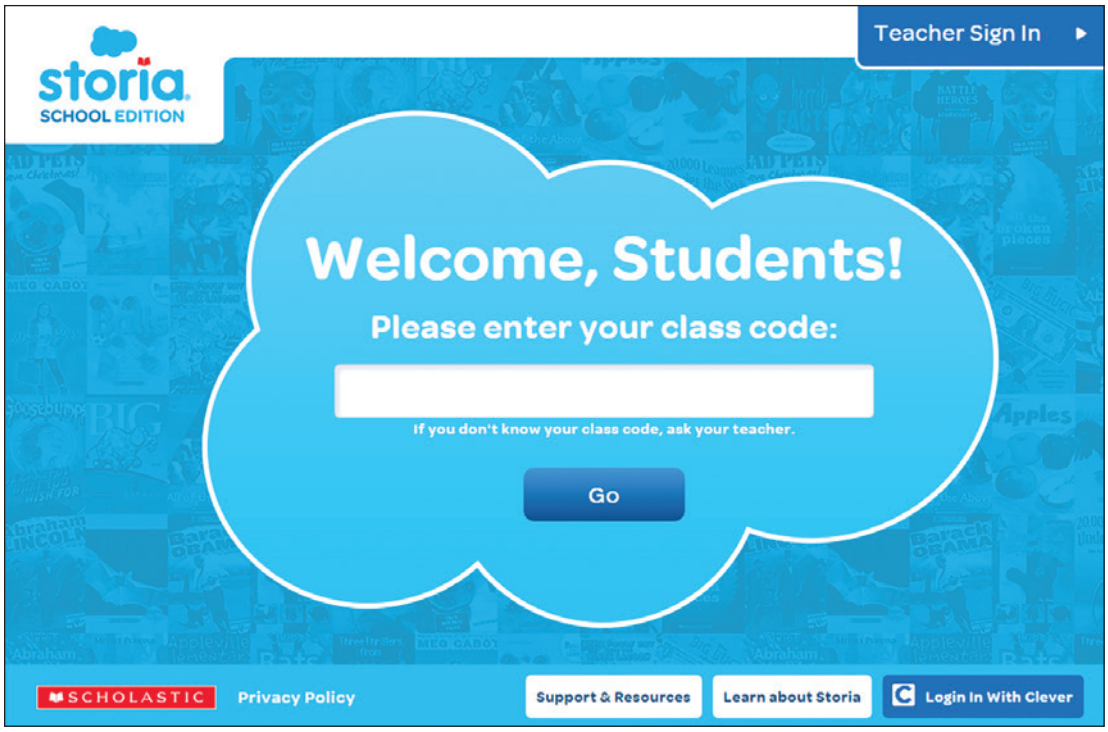
If your school uses Clever, you and your students won't sign into Storia through storiaschool.com. Instead, you'll go through a Clever "Instant Login" portal using your district username and password.

This also means that there are no class codes, and no ability to find or print usernames and passwords from within Storia (because these credentials belong to your district).

If you don't where to find your district's Instant Login portal, you can search for it here: clever.com/in/.

CLASS ROSTERS

In Clever schools, class and student data is pulled from your student information system, so you won't be able to update some of this information within Storia. You can still view your classes and students, see reading reports, create and share collections, assign eBooks, and create groups. You cannot, however, add, delete, or rename classes or students. If any class or student information is incorrect, you'll need to update this information in your student information system, and the changes will then be resynced with Storia.



Find your district's Clever Instant Login portal.

Support & Resources

You can visit Storia's Support & Resources site for great tips from teachers about how they use Storia their classrooms, how-to videos, and help with troubleshooting technical problems.

Go to scholastic.com/storia-school/resources, or select the *Support & Resources* button on the Storia home screen.

Watch how-to videos.

Get tips from other teachers who are using Storia.

System Requirements

Storia runs in your Web browser and works on most current computers and tablets. In order to use Storia, you'll need one of the following platforms:

Windows Desktops and Laptops:

- Windows XP, Vista SP2, Windows 7, or Windows 8
- Internet Explorer 9+, Chrome 33+, or Firefox 31+
- 1.6 gigahertz (GHz) or higher processor, 512 MB of RAM or higher, speakers or earphones for audio features
- Windows 8 touchscreen devices are not supported

Mac Desktops and Laptops:

- Macintosh OS X 10.6 or higher
- Safari 6.2.3+, Chrome 33+, or Firefox 31+
- 1.6 gigahertz (GHz) or higher processor, 512 MB of RAM or higher, speakers or earphones for audio features

Chromebooks:

- Chrome 33 or higher

Android Tablets:

- Android 4.1 or higher
- Chrome 33 or higher
- Kindle Fire HDX 7" (3rd gen), all Kindle Fire 4th gen, running the Silk browser
- Android phones are not supported

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iPad:

- iPad2 or higher
- iOS 7 or higher with Mobile Safari
- iPhones are not supported

All Platforms:

- 1024 x 768 minimum resolution
- Broadband connection capable of delivering an average of 100kbps per active device
- JavaScript and 3rd party cookies must be enabled

System requirements are subject to change.

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