


Creating Content Items on the Net Texts Website

While the foundation of Net Texts is built on free, open source educational materials, we by no means want to cut out the great wealth of copyrighted information on the internet. This is why we have provided you with the content Item option. The content Item is used to link out to copyrighted information that would otherwise not be included in the Net Texts library of Items. Please keep in mind that students must have an internet connection in order to use this type of Item.

When you are creating a content Item, the first field you will see on your screen is the Credit box. Whatever you put in this box is what will show up on your student's iPad screen. You have to put the http:// link to the chosen material in this box somewhere as a Hyperlink.

To make text a hyperlink, [Like This](#), it is very simple. First type whatever text you like, highlight it, then click on the hyperlink icon () located on the upper right hand side of the credit box. When you click this button (make sure your text is highlighted beforehand) it will ask you to insert the URL. This is where you can cut, copy, and paste the website you want to link out to. After clicking 'Ok', your highlighted text should turn blue and be underlined. You can always test links by saving the item, then viewing it, and making sure the link is 'clickable'.

Copyright information for content Items is crucial. 'Source' refers to the name of the website. (PBSOnline, The New York City Department of Education, etc.). The 'Copyright' field refers to the exact copyright that you have found on the website. The easiest way to fill this in is to cut copy and paste it right from the website. It might look something like this: © 2011 The New York City Department of Education. And finally, for the http:// link, we need the exact webpage you are linking out to. If you are linking out to multiple pages in one item, please see the next paragraph. Here is an example of a single link content Item: <http://admin.net-texts.com/itemView.aspx?id=620>

We encourage you to put more than one link in a content Item. If you have three copyrighted websites that you wish to use on To Kill A Mockingbird characters, you can list all three in the same content Item. Not only will this help you stay organized, it will also keep the students' iPads free of clutter. If you are using multiple links in one content item, please state the copyright for each link in the Credit box. Then for the Source, Copyright, and http:// link, please put 'Multiple Sources'. Here is an example of a Content item with multiple links: <http://admin.net-texts.com/itemView.aspx?id=619>

The description box is just like the description box on any other Item. This is where you will enter a short description of the links above and how they might be used. Any information you think other teachers would want to know about your Item. If you are using multiple links, we again ask that you put the copyright information for each into the description box as well.

Please keep in mind that Adobe Flash does not work on the iPad. Be sure to check that the websites you want to link out to are not flash based. Unfortunately this is something we cannot get around.

The Credit box is very versatile can be used in many ways. We have provided a text editor that is much like Microsoft Word. You can change the font size, style, and color as well as underline and embolden text. We encourage you to be creative with this space. You can start with a link and underneath it list questions that students will need to answer after they finish reading. Here is a good example: <http://admin.net-texts.com/itemView.aspx?id=205>