

graphic. Doctor crashed on me a few times after I had treated several patients in a row.

### THE BOTTOM LINE

Tiggly Words is a user-friendly learning tool for young children. The apps all possess a similar aesthetic that combines cartoon-like characters with real-world objects and textures. A small set of Tiggly Words kits and tablets would make for an engaging, student-directed vowel practice station, and future apps or updates to existing apps (like adding more letter com-

bbinations to Tiggly Tales) would help extend the life of the product. The audio and video capture features of Tiggly Tales, in particular, bring replay value and interdisciplinary possibilities to this app set. I'm encouraged by Tiggly's attention to media creation and look forward to seeing what teachers and students do with it.—*Chad Sansing*



## Five Resources for Global News

DO YOUR STUDENTS KNOW where to find news from around the world? Exposing them to multiple perspectives of events and issues helps students develop critical thinking skills and become more globally aware citizens.

Here are five free websites featuring international news and media content that I've found to be of great interest to teachers and students in my work as the librarian for Primary Source, a nonprofit organization devoted to advancing global education in schools. Share these quality resources with your own students and teacher peers and feature them on your library website.

### WORLD NEWS

**Global Voices** ([globalvoicesonline.org](http://globalvoicesonline.org))

A website written, translated, and curated by more than 800 citizen journalists and media experts, Global Voices is an excellent resource offering local, and often underreported, stories. Searchable by topic or region, the site is available in 43 languages.

**Newsmap** ([newsmap.jp](http://newsmap.jp))

Visit Newsmap for real-time, trending news in 15 countries. It's color-coded based on the topic (technology, business, sports, etc.). Turn countries and topics "on" or "off" based on how much information you want to see. With news stories displayed in each country's language, Newsmap will also help language learners practice their reading skills. A project of design engineer Marcos Wekamp.

**TV News Archive** ([archive.org/details/tv](http://archive.org/details/tv))

For televised news clips from 2009 to the present, TV News

Archive, created by the Internet Archive, contains clips from over 700,000 shows. Use this site with students to compare and contrast how certain events are reported across media outlets. Results can be filtered by date, outlet, and language. The timeline slider allows users to capture news reports from specific dates. A persistent link for the timeline tool can be added to websites.

### REGIONAL NEWS SOURCES

**Al-Monitor** ([www.al-monitor.com/pulse/home.html](http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/home.html))

The Al-Monitor site features news about the Middle East translated into English from Hebrew, Turkish, Persian, and Arabic. Topics covered include culture and society, business, and politics. Browse the site by "Pulse"—for example, the Egypt Pulse or Syria Pulse—for country-specific headlines. The Week in Review features an interactive timeline of stories and highlights the previous week's top stories.

**AllAfrica** ([allafrica.com](http://allafrica.com))

Here you'll find aggregated news from over 130 African news outlets and content from the reporters of allAfrica. This resource enables students to read and learn about Africa from African perspectives. The country pages can be an excellent way to compare top headlines across national lines, demonstrating the diversity of Africa and its people. Ideal for use by middle and high school students.—*Jennifer Hanson*

For additional world news resources, check out: BBC NewsRound ([www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news)), Newsela ([newsela.com](http://newsela.com)), and PBS NewsHour Extra ([www.pbs.org/newshour/extra](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra)).