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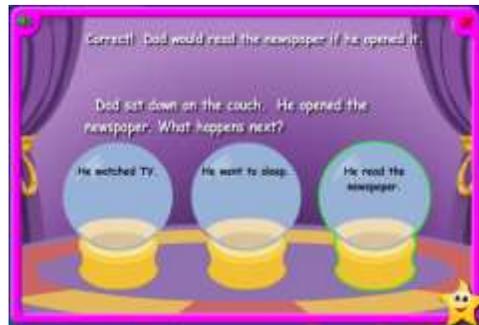
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## *New K-2 Lesson!*

### *Story Clues*

A new K-2 StarrMatica Lesson was launched last month: *Story Clues*. To access the new lesson, login to your teacher account and choose the K-2 button. Then choose the Reading castle and *Story Clues* as your topic. Be sure to check out one of our favorites listed below.



### *Crystal Ball Predicting*

*Look into the crystal balls and choose the best prediction of what happens next.*

## *New Social Studies Content*

### *Christopher Columbus, The Pilgrims, and Immigration*

Last month resources in three new Social Studies topics were added: *Christopher Columbus, The Pilgrims, and Immigration*. To access these resources, login to your teacher account and choose the search button, or choose the links tab in your classroom management account. Under the topics search, choose the *History* topic group. Be sure to check out one of our favorites listed below.



### [Who Do You Want to Be?](#)

*Become the virtual immigrant of your choosing and make your voyage to America.*



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# Scoring Updates

Last month, updates were made to the way K-2 student scores are displayed. When viewing an individual student's scores, you are now able to click on every activity and view data for every attempt a student has made.

Click the name of an activity.

Reading							
Activity	Max Score	First Attempt	Best Attempt				
Cause and Effect							
<a href="#">Cause and Effect Pit Crew - Level 2</a>	10	7	70%	10	100%	2	
<a href="#">Cause and Effect Pit Crew - Level 1</a>	10	5	50%	10	100%	2	
<a href="#">Clue Words Flagger</a>	10	6	60%	10	100%	2	
<a href="#">Game: StarrMatica Speedway - Level 1</a>	10	11	100%	11	100%	1	
<a href="#">Cause and Effect Test</a>	10	5	50%	10	100%	2	
<a href="#">Clue Words Test</a>	10	7	70%	10	100%	2	

View the completion date and score for each attempt.

Cause and Effect Pit Crew - Level 2					
Attempt	Date	Max Score	Result		
3	02/22/2013	10	7	70%	
2	02/22/2013	10	10	100%	
1	02/13/2013	10	7	70%	

## What Are You Searching For?

Is there a topic you teach that you would like digital content to support, but it is not yet available in StarrMatica's library? Let us know by emailing [info@starmatica.com](mailto:info@starmatica.com)



We add new content every month and want that content to be what is most relevant to your classroom. Next month content will be added for *Westward Expansion*, *Insects*, *Animals* and \_\_\_\_\_. You fill in the blank!

## Cool Web Tool

Do you ever want your students to do online research but find that web pages are too difficult for them to read? Rewordify to the rescue! Rewordify is an online tool that simplifies texts by replacing difficult vocabulary words with easier synonyms. Just paste in a difficult English sentence, paragraph, or more, or enter a web page URL and see an easier version specifically highlighted to help build vocabulary.

<http://rewordify.com>

**Rewordify.com**  
Understand what you read.  
[Home](#) [Details](#) [Read](#) [Settings](#) [Contact](#)

Enter English text or a web site to simplify:

[Rewordify text](#)

## Teacher Feature: Carol Broadnax

Meet Carol Broadnax. She teaches at Highland Catholic School in Saint Paul, MN. She works with small groups of students in grades K-6 to provide math and language arts enrichment for advanced students. She has an interactive whiteboard, classroom laptop and iPad, as well as a set of student response clickers. She also has access to the school's computer lab, mobile computer and iPad carts. She checks these out several times a week for various groups. Carol has been using StarrMatica in her classroom for the past five years. Here is how she uses our content in her own words:



***StarrMatica is extremely helpful in allowing me to quickly locate content that relates to specific state standards. This is very useful since I do not use textbooks in my classroom and I typically present content that is a grade level or two above the students' actual grade. I am able to locate engaging materials and target them directly to my students' skill levels.***

*My students love the interactive lessons which I use to introduce new concepts. I follow this up with the practice and resource activities during the units I teach. I also use the virtual manipulatives quite a bit.*

***StarrMatica helps my students extend and broaden their learning and it is very efficient for my needs. I am always confident that the materials are of the highest quality.***

### ***Why You Should Like and Follow Us***

Have you [liked us on Facebook](#) or [followed us on Twitter](#) yet? We share digital content resources via social media that aren't found anywhere else on StarrMatica. Last month our friends and followers learned about an amazing [animated online story about Christopher Columbus](#), a cool Social Studies resource that allows you to [create a customized map](#), and creative templates for you to [make a town in your classroom](#).

*Need help finding that perfect digital resource? Email or call StarrMatica's digital content experts. We would be happy to help!*

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*Digital Content to  
Celebrate Thanksgiving*



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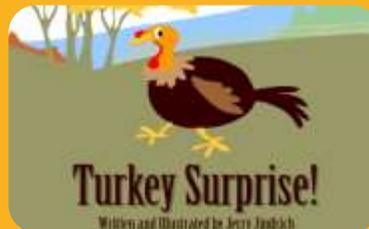
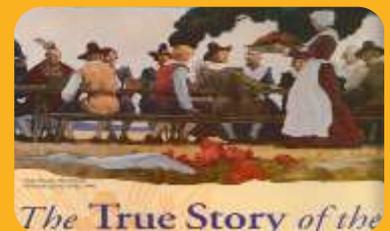
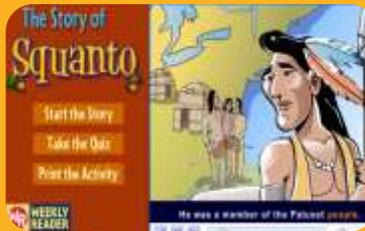
# Journey through the History of the Holiday



## Enjoy a Game



# Read a Story



# Create a Project

