



Information sheet 6
**READING ON
DIGITAL PLATFORMS**

YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T READ LESS, THEY READ DIFFERENTLY

Social media, text messages, information platforms, e-books, blogs...

New technologies are not just more opportunities to read, they are different ways of reading. With multimodal literacy, text combines with images, sound, and video to create different ways of obtaining information, learning, communicating, interacting, and entertaining oneself. And they all involve reading.

READING ON DIGITAL PLATFORMS Includes...



DIGITAL READING ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO DEVELOPING LITERACY SKILLS

While these new reading habits occur on different media and are changing both how we read and our very perception of reading, they are no less beneficial to the development of literacy skills. Technology is part of young people's everyday life, so it has the benefit of offering frequent opportunities to read that are directly related to their interests—two key factors in people's motivation to read.

7 ideas for combining reading and technology



Make a short film inspired by a written work

-  Read and analyze the work
-  Develop the story for the short film
-  Write the script
-  Shoot the short film
-  Edit the footage

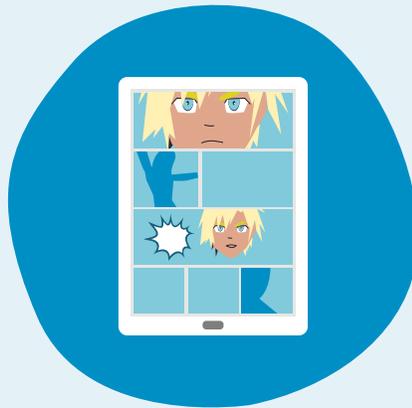


Make an information poster for an exhibition kiosk

-  Do research
-  Select content to include
-  Adapt the information
-  Write the texts
-  Select images
-  Create the poster's graphic design

Adapt a literary work into a digital comic book

-  Read and analyze the work
-  Select the content to adapt
-  Create a story outline
-  Write the text
-  Select images
-  Edit texts and images together



Make a PowerPoint presentation on a work or an artist

-  Do research on the work or artist
-  Select content to include
-  Make a presentation outline
-  Write the texts
-  Select images
-  Put the presentation together



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Activity that requires reading



Activity that requires writing



Activity that requires spoken language

Make an audiobook for students starting elementary school

- Study children's books
- Create characters
- Develop a story
- Write the texts
- Record the texts
- Do the sound editing of the book



Make a video game based on a book chapter

- Read the chapter
- Define the game sequence and objectives
- Determine the bank of actions
- Create the game characters
- Create a game storyboard
- Program the game



Make a podcast about a science topic

- Research the topic
- Select the content to include
- Make an outline of the episode
- Write the texts
- Record the texts
- Do the sound editing of the podcast



And also... use social media, instant messaging, blogs, wikis, and other online tools.

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