



# Digital Review Guide

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# About This Guide

*Benchmark Universe™* is a web-based digital platform for educators, administrators, students, and caregivers that provides 24/7 access to all materials in *Benchmark Workshop* from school or home.

This guide will walk you through the basic navigation of your library as well as how to locate key digital resources you will need for your review, including:

- Interactive Teacher's Resource System
- Interactive E-Books
- ePocket Chart
- Assessments

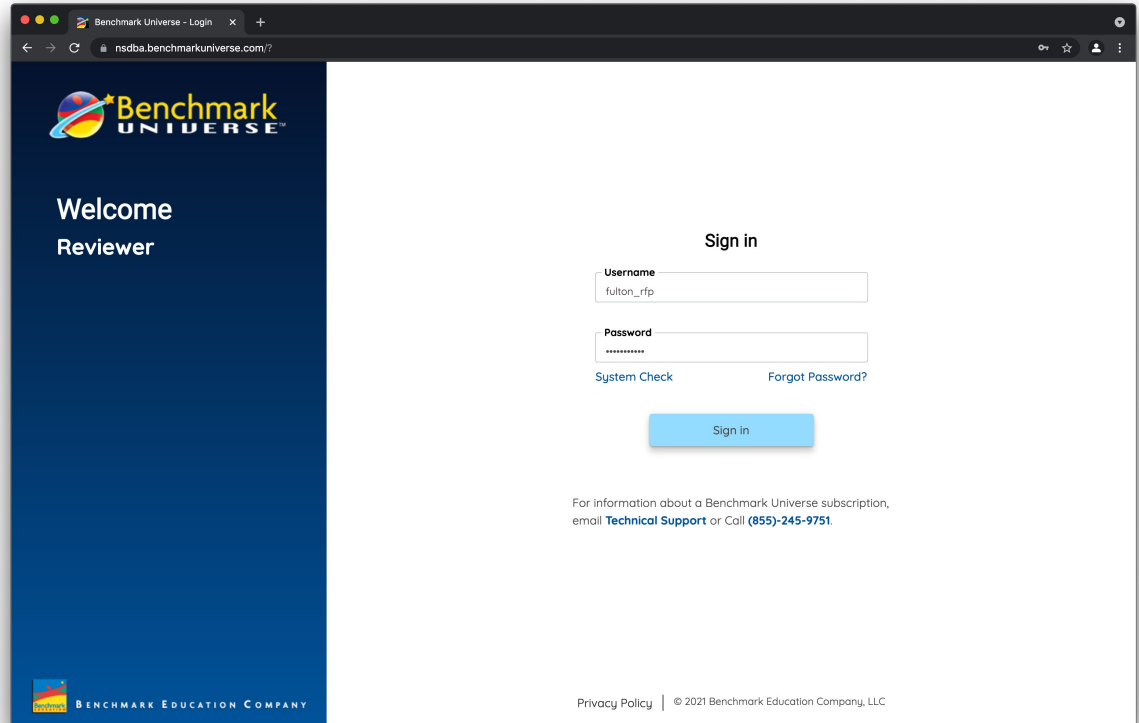


# Educator Log In

To begin your review, log in to Benchmark Education's digital platform, **Benchmark Universe**.

A unique URL, username, and password has been set up specifically for you.

**Google Chrome** is the recommended browser, however, the platform is compatible with all modern and updated web browsers.

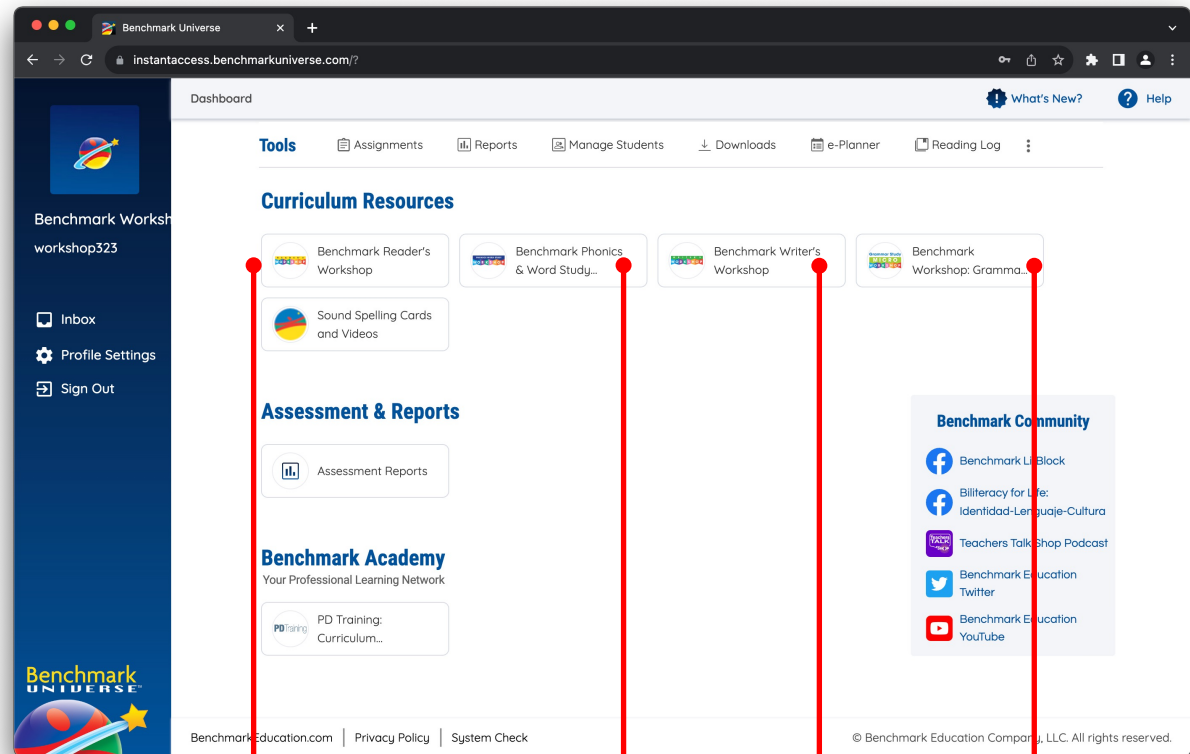
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# Locate the Digital Libraries

*Benchmark Workshop* is available in both print and digital formats. There are also digital-only resources such as music, videos, and an ePocket Chart that are available. All resources are found in the program's digital library, which is accessible directly from the dashboard.

**Benchmark Workshop** is comprised of modules that combine to offer a **comprehensive** and **complete** ELA solution. Each module has an icon on the dashboard.



**Reader's  
Workshop  
library**

**Phonics & Word  
Study Workshop  
library**

**Writer's Workshop  
and Grammar  
Micro-Workshop  
libraries**

# Navigating the Libraries

The digital libraries organize resources by type. Scroll through each library to browse all resources in each workshop—or use the filters and search bar to find specific resources.

Use the library dropdown menu to switch between workshop resources.  
*Shown here: Reader's Workshop*

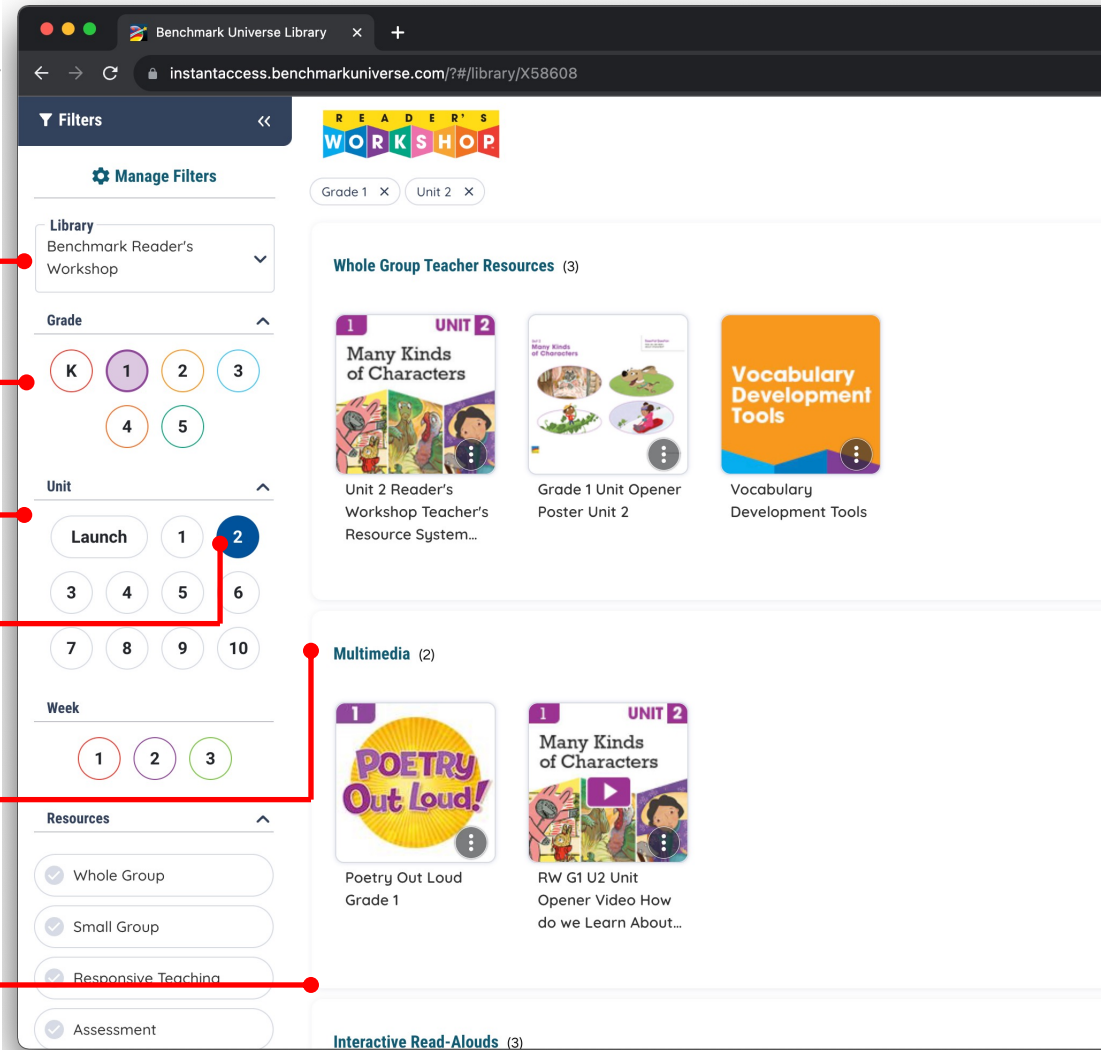
Use the grade-level filter to see resources for a specific grade level.

Additionally, you can filter by unit, week, or resource type.

Once a filter is selected, it will become highlighted. To deselect the filter, click it again.

Resources are grouped by type with headings.

Continue scrolling to explore all resources that align to the filters that you've selected. (Shown here: Reader's Workshop Grade 1, Unit 2)



The screenshot shows the Benchmark Universe Library interface. The browser address bar displays "instantaccess.benchmarkuniverse.com/?#/library/X58608". The page features a "Filters" sidebar on the left and a main content area on the right.

**Filters Sidebar:**

- Library:** Benchmark Reader's Workshop (dropdown menu)
- Grade:** K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (Grade 1 is highlighted)
- Unit:** Launch, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (Unit 2 is highlighted)
- Week:** 1, 2, 3 (Week 2 is highlighted)
- Resources:** Whole Group, Small Group, Responsive Teaching, Assessment (All are checked)

**Main Content Area:**

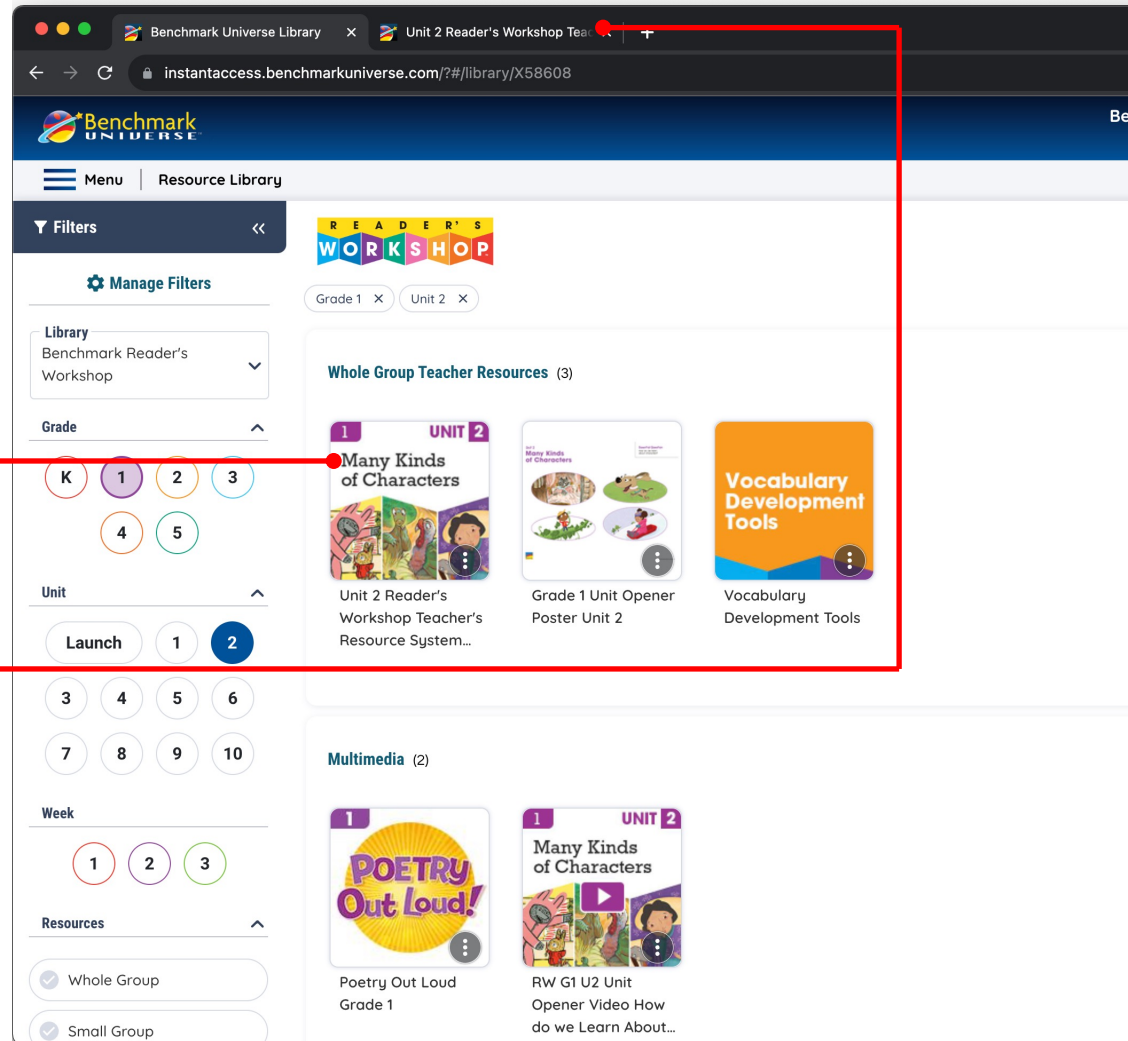
- READER'S WORKSHOP** header
- Grade 1** and **Unit 2** filters
- Whole Group Teacher Resources (3):**
  - Unit 2 Reader's Workshop Teacher's Resource System...
  - Grade 1 Unit Opener Poster Unit 2
  - Vocabulary Development Tools
- Multimedia (2):**
  - Poetry Out Loud Grade 1
  - RW G1 U2 Unit Opener Video How do we Learn About...
- Interactive Read-Alouds (3)**

# Launching Resources

Each component can be launched by simply clicking on it. The resources load in a new tab. That way, you always have the library available on the first tab.

To launch a resource, click on its cover image.

Resources will launch in a new tab. The digital library remains on the first tab.

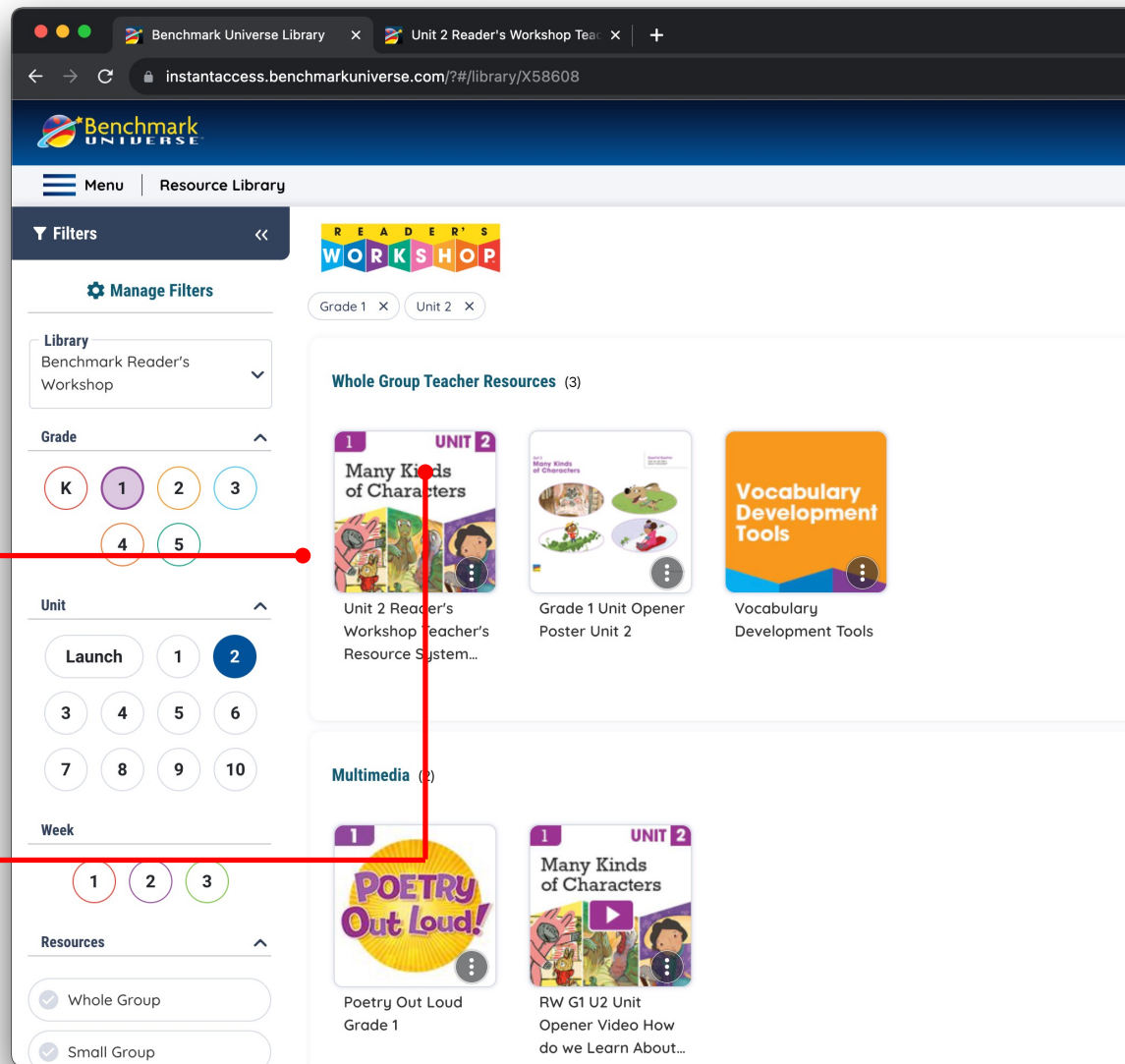


# Teacher's Resource System

The Teacher's Resource System (TRS) maps the instructional path of the program and includes teacher instruction. This is a key resource in the review process and is referenced in the correlations. There is one set of TRS's for each Benchmark Workshop Module.

Your digital **Teacher's Resource System** is your main Teacher's Edition. There is one for every unit of instruction and every module – Reader's, Phonics, Writer's, and Grammar.

Click on the TRS cover image to open it. It will launch in a new tab.



The screenshot displays the Benchmark Universe Library interface. The top navigation bar includes a 'Menu' button and a 'Resource Library' tab. Below the navigation bar, there are filters for 'Grade' and 'Unit'. The 'Grade' filter shows options for K, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, with '2' selected. The 'Unit' filter shows options for Launch, 1, and 2, with '2' selected. The 'Resources' section at the bottom has checkboxes for 'Whole Group' and 'Small Group', both of which are checked. The main content area displays a grid of resource cards. The first card is titled 'Many Kinds of Characters' and is labeled 'UNIT 2'. It features a cover image with a red dot indicating a clickable area. Below the cover image, the text reads 'Unit 2 Reader's Workshop Teacher's Resource System...'. Other cards visible include 'Vocabulary Development Tools', 'Poetry Out Loud!', and 'RW G1 U2 Unit Opener Video How do we Learn About...'. A red line connects the text in the callout boxes to the TRS cover image and the 'Unit 2' filter button.

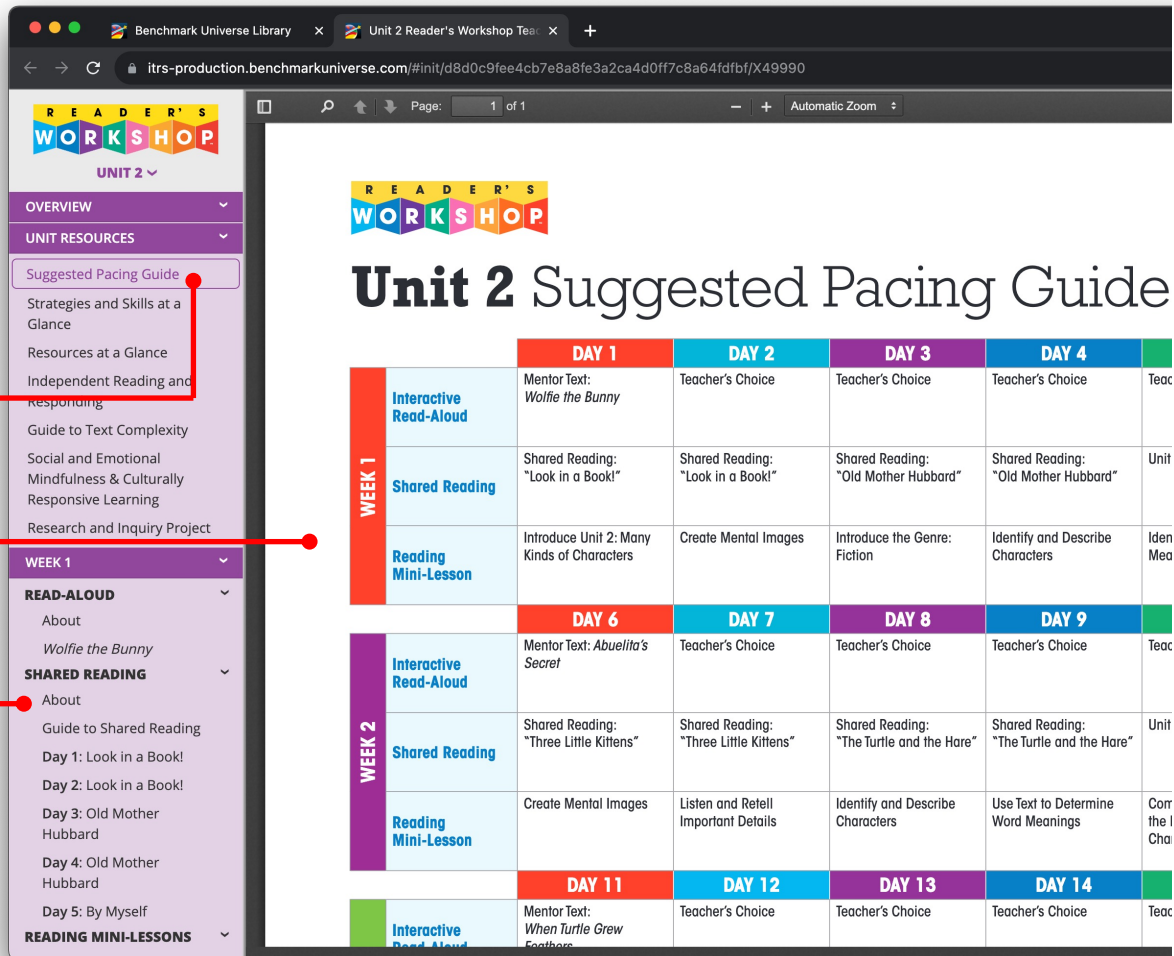
# Navigating the Reader's Workshop Teacher's Resource System

The *Benchmark Reader's Workshop* Teacher's Resource System (TRS) is set up like a mini-website. Instead of scrolling through a very large PDF, the contents of the TRS are broken into sections, which are navigable through an interactive web page.

Navigate to the sections of the TRS using the sections on the left.

Content is displayed in the main area of the page.

Reading Workshop mini-lessons are organized by week into Read-Aloud, Shared Reading, and Reading Mini-Lessons



**Unit 2 Suggested Pacing Guide**

		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	
WEEK 1	Interactive Read-Aloud	Mentor Text: <i>Wolffie the Bunny</i>	Teacher's Choice	Teacher's Choice	Teacher's Choice	Teac
	Shared Reading	Shared Reading: "Look in a Book!"	Shared Reading: "Look in a Book!"	Shared Reading: "Old Mother Hubbard"	Shared Reading: "Old Mother Hubbard"	Unit
	Reading Mini-Lesson	Introduce Unit 2: Many Kinds of Characters	Create Mental Images	Introduce the Genre: Fiction	Identify and Describe Characters	Iden Mea
		DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8	DAY 9	
WEEK 2	Interactive Read-Aloud	Mentor Text: <i>Abuelita's Secret</i>	Teacher's Choice	Teacher's Choice	Teacher's Choice	Teac
	Shared Reading	Shared Reading: "Three Little Kittens"	Shared Reading: "Three Little Kittens"	Shared Reading: "The Turtle and the Hare"	Shared Reading: "The Turtle and the Hare"	Unit
	Reading Mini-Lesson	Create Mental Images	Listen and Retell Important Details	Identify and Describe Characters	Use Text to Determine Word Meanings	Corr the l Cho
		DAY 11	DAY 12	DAY 13	DAY 14	
	Interactive Read-Aloud	Mentor Text: <i>When Turtle Grew Feathered</i>	Teacher's Choice	Teacher's Choice	Teacher's Choice	Teac



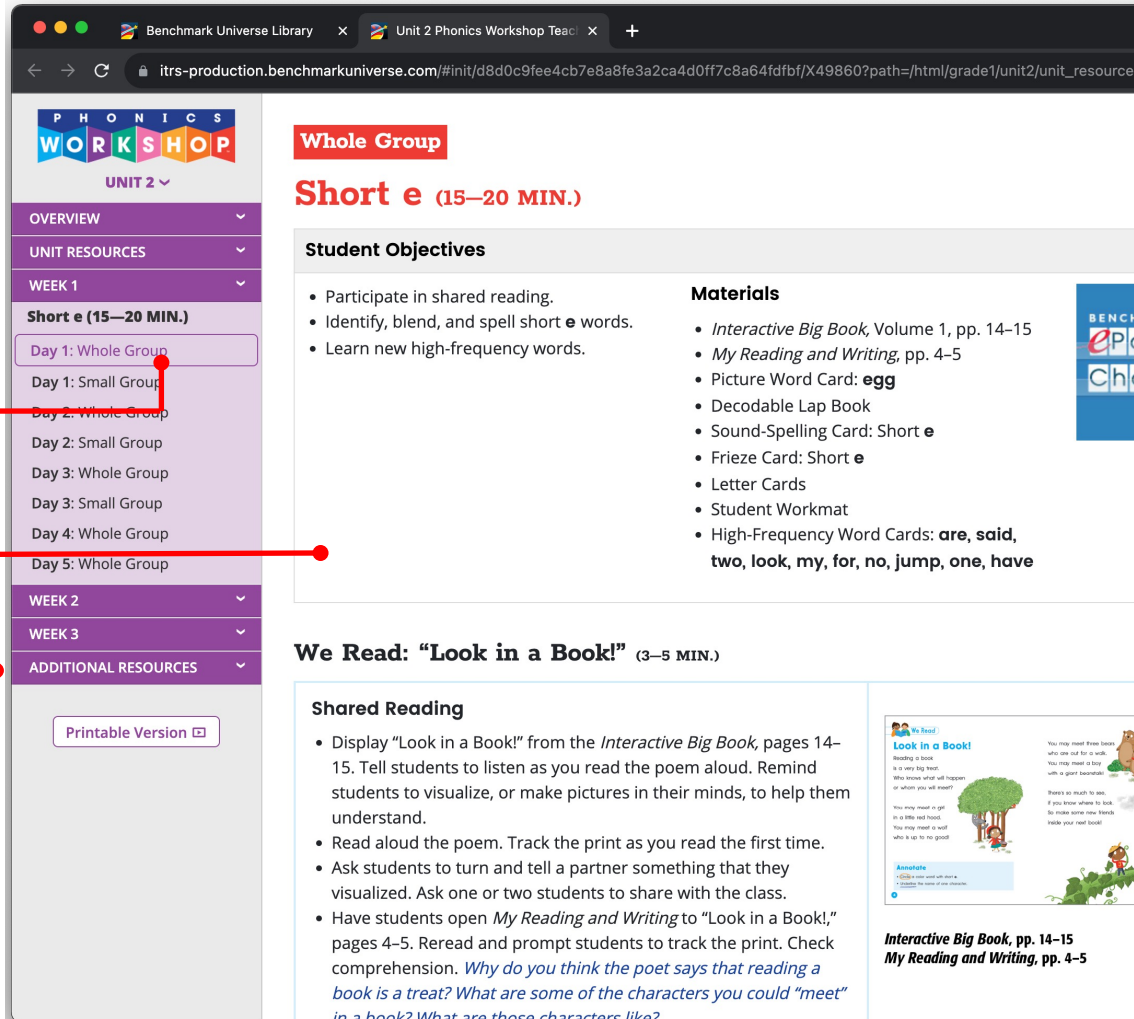
# Navigating the Phonics Workshop Teacher's Resource System

The *Benchmark Phonics and Word Study Workshop* Teacher's Resource System (TRS) is set up like a mini-website. Instead of scrolling through a very large PDF, the contents of the TRS are broken into sections, which are navigable through an interactive web page.

Daily instruction is provided and accessible using the navigation on the left.

Content is displayed in the main area of the page.

Click on the Additional Resources section to access Cumulative Unit Assessments for Phonics.



**PHONICS WORKSHOP**  
UNIT 2

OVERVIEW  
UNIT RESOURCES  
WEEK 1  
**Short e (15—20 MIN.)**  
Day 1: Whole Group  
Day 1: Small Group  
Day 2: Whole Group  
Day 2: Small Group  
Day 3: Whole Group  
Day 3: Small Group  
Day 4: Whole Group  
Day 5: Whole Group  
WEEK 2  
WEEK 3  
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Printable Version

**Whole Group**  
**Short e (15—20 MIN.)**

**Student Objectives**

- Participate in shared reading.
- Identify, blend, and spell short **e** words.
- Learn new high-frequency words.

**Materials**

- Interactive Big Book*, Volume 1, pp. 14–15
- My Reading and Writing*, pp. 4–5
- Picture Word Card: **egg**
- Decodable Lap Book
- Sound-Spelling Card: Short **e**
- Frieze Card: Short **e**
- Letter Cards
- Student Workmat
- High-Frequency Word Cards: **are, said, two, look, my, for, no, jump, one, have**

**We Read: “Look in a Book!” (3—5 MIN.)**

**Shared Reading**

- Display “Look in a Book!” from the *Interactive Big Book*, pages 14–15. Tell students to listen as you read the poem aloud. Remind students to visualize, or make pictures in their minds, to help them understand.
- Read aloud the poem. Track the print as you read the first time.
- Ask students to turn and tell a partner something that they visualized. Ask one or two students to share with the class.
- Have students open *My Reading and Writing* to “Look in a Book!,” pages 4–5. Reread and prompt students to track the print. Check comprehension. *Why do you think the poet says that reading a book is a treat? What are some of the characters you could “meet” in a book? What are those characters like?*

*Look in a Book!*  
Reading is a treat  
It is a very big treat  
Who knows what will happen  
or when you will meet?  
You may meet a girl  
in a blue and pink  
You may meet a boy  
who is up to his eyes!

*Interactive Big Book*, pp. 14–15  
*My Reading and Writing*, pp. 4–5

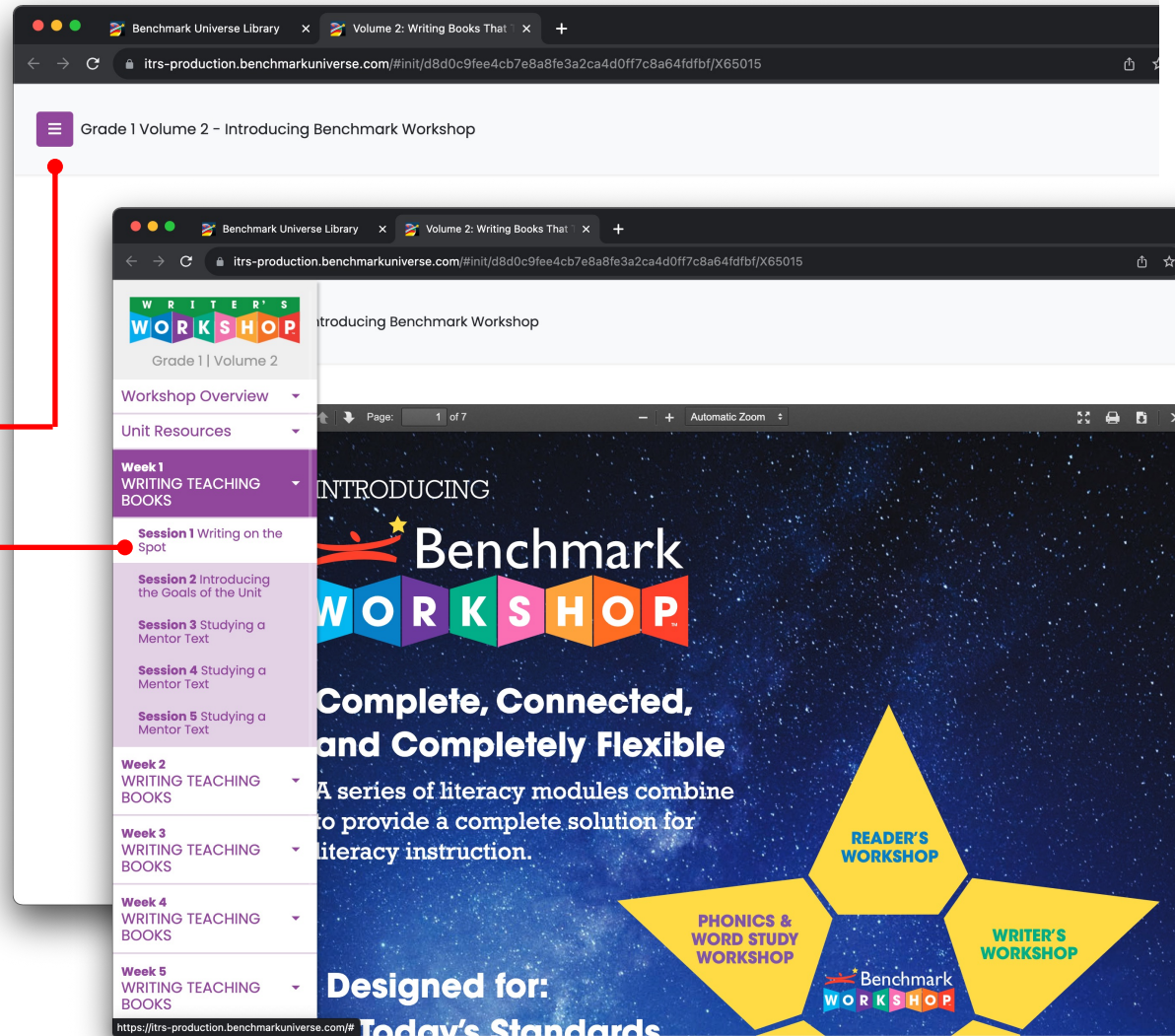


# Navigating the Writer's Workshop Teacher's Resource System

The *Benchmark Writer's Workshop* Teacher's Resource System (TRS) is set up like a mini-website. It is in a slightly different structure than the rest of the workshops. The navigation needs to be revealed by clicking on the menu icon in the top left corner of the page.

First, click on the menu icon to navigate the TRS for the volume.

Navigate each volume using the menu on the left. Each week is broken into daily sessions of instruction.



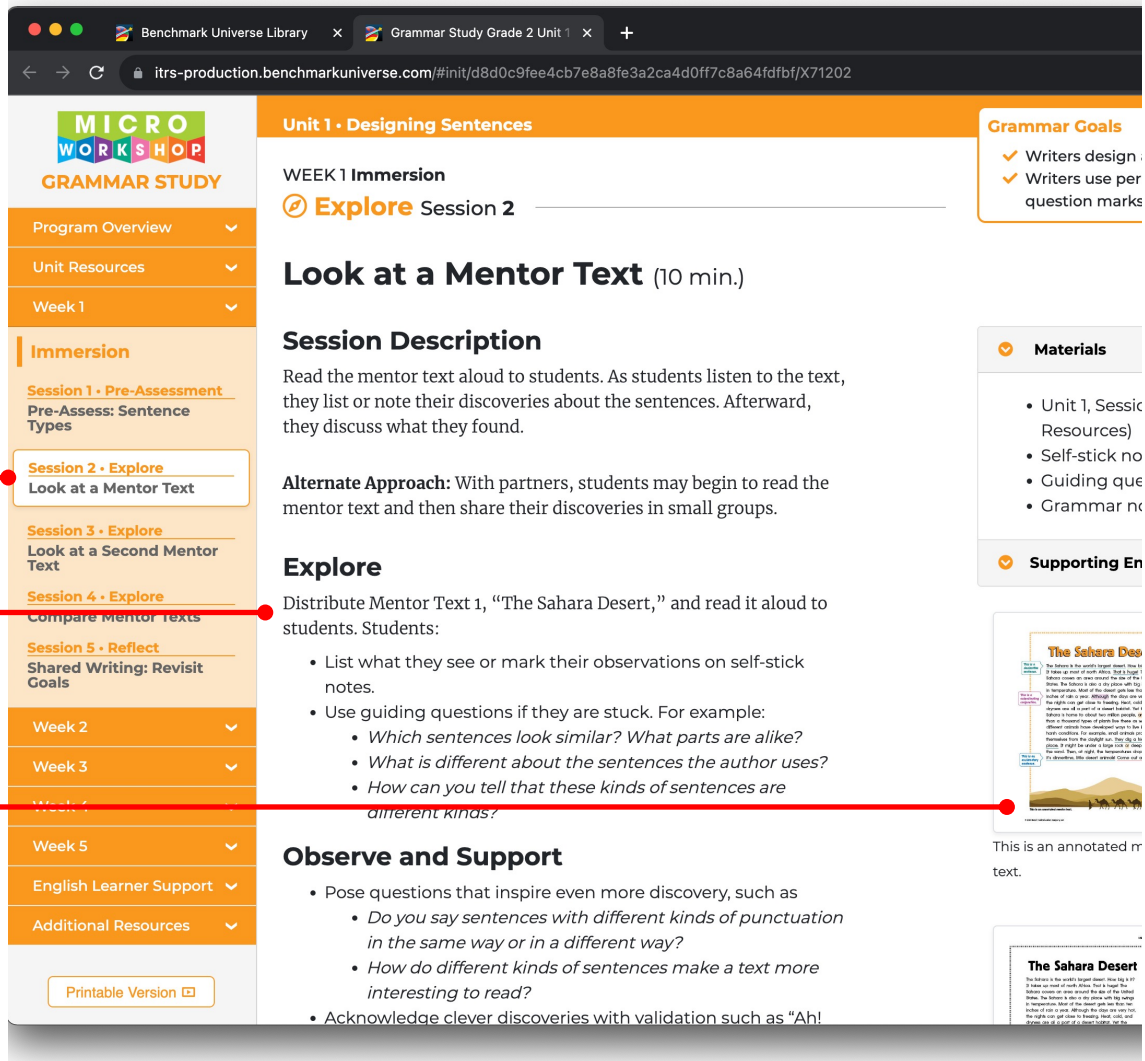
# Navigating the Grammar Micro-Workshop Teacher's Resource System

The *Benchmark Grammar Micro-Workshop Teacher's Resource System (TRS)* is set up like a mini-website. Instead of needing to scroll through a very large PDF, the contents of the TRS are broken into sections, which are navigable through an interactive web page.

Navigate by using the menu on the left

Grammar is taught in context and in service of writing and includes mentor texts.

Click on images to enlarge resources.



**Unit 1 • Designing Sentences**

**WEEK 1 Immersion**

**Explore Session 2**

**Look at a Mentor Text (10 min.)**

**Session Description**

Read the mentor text aloud to students. As students listen to the text, they list or note their discoveries about the sentences. Afterward, they discuss what they found.

**Alternate Approach:** With partners, students may begin to read the mentor text and then share their discoveries in small groups.

**Explore**

Distribute Mentor Text 1, “The Sahara Desert,” and read it aloud to students. Students:

- List what they see or mark their observations on self-stick notes.
- Use guiding questions if they are stuck. For example:
  - Which sentences look similar? What parts are alike?
  - What is different about the sentences the author uses?
  - How can you tell that these kinds of sentences are different kinds?

**Observe and Support**

- Pose questions that inspire even more discovery, such as
  - Do you say sentences with different kinds of punctuation in the same way or in a different way?
  - How do different kinds of sentences make a text more interesting to read?
- Acknowledge clever discoveries with validation such as “Ah!

**Grammar Goals**

- ✓ Writers design
- ✓ Writers use per question marks

**Materials**

- Unit 1, Session Resources)
- Self-stick no
- Guiding que
- Grammar no

**Supporting Evidence**

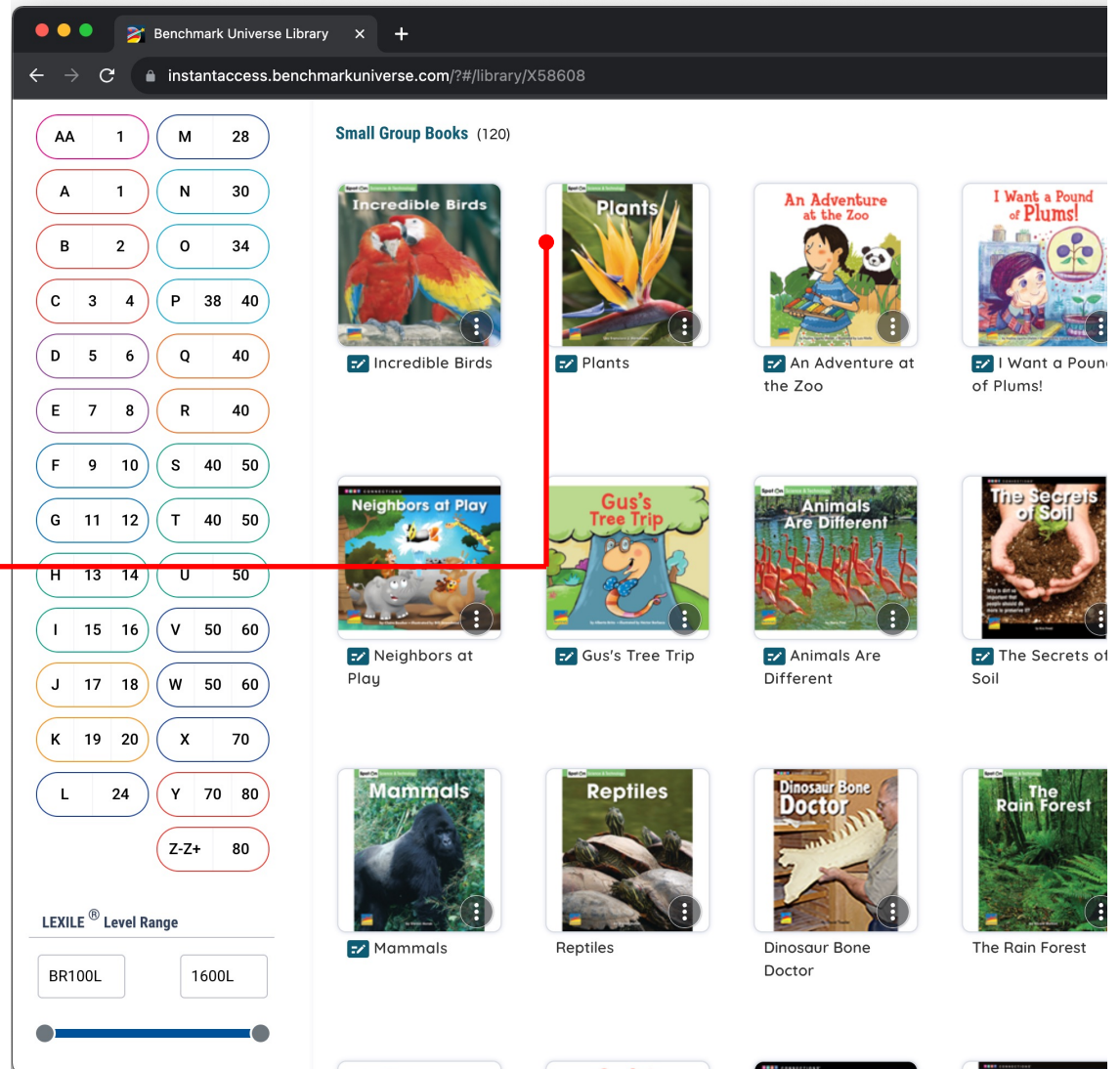
- The Sahara Desert

# Interactive E-Books

In the digital library, every Mentor Text, big book, decodable text, and small-group text is available as a customizable, audio-enabled interactive e-book!

E-books are assignable so that students can read them any time and anywhere they have an Internet connection. They are great for learning centers, remote learning, and independent reading time.

To launch an e-book, click on its cover image. It will launch in a new tab.



The screenshot shows the Benchmark Universe Library interface. On the left, there is a Lexile® Level Range filter with a slider and buttons for BR100L and 1600L. The main area displays a grid of e-books under the heading "Small Group Books (120)". The e-books are arranged in a 4x3 grid. A red line points from the text box to the "Plants" e-book cover.

Lexile Level	Count
AA	1
A	1
B	2
C	3
D	5
E	7
F	9
G	11
H	13
I	15
J	17
K	19
L	24
M	28
N	30
O	34
P	38
Q	40
R	40
S	40
T	40
U	50
V	50
W	50
X	70
Y	70
Z-Z+	80

**Small Group Books (120)**

- Incredible Birds
- Plants
- An Adventure at the Zoo
- I Want a Pound of Plums!
- Neighbors at Play
- Gus's Tree Trip
- Animals Are Different
- The Secrets of Soil
- Mammals
- Reptiles
- Dinosaur Bone Doctor
- The Rain Forest



# Interactive E-Books, continued

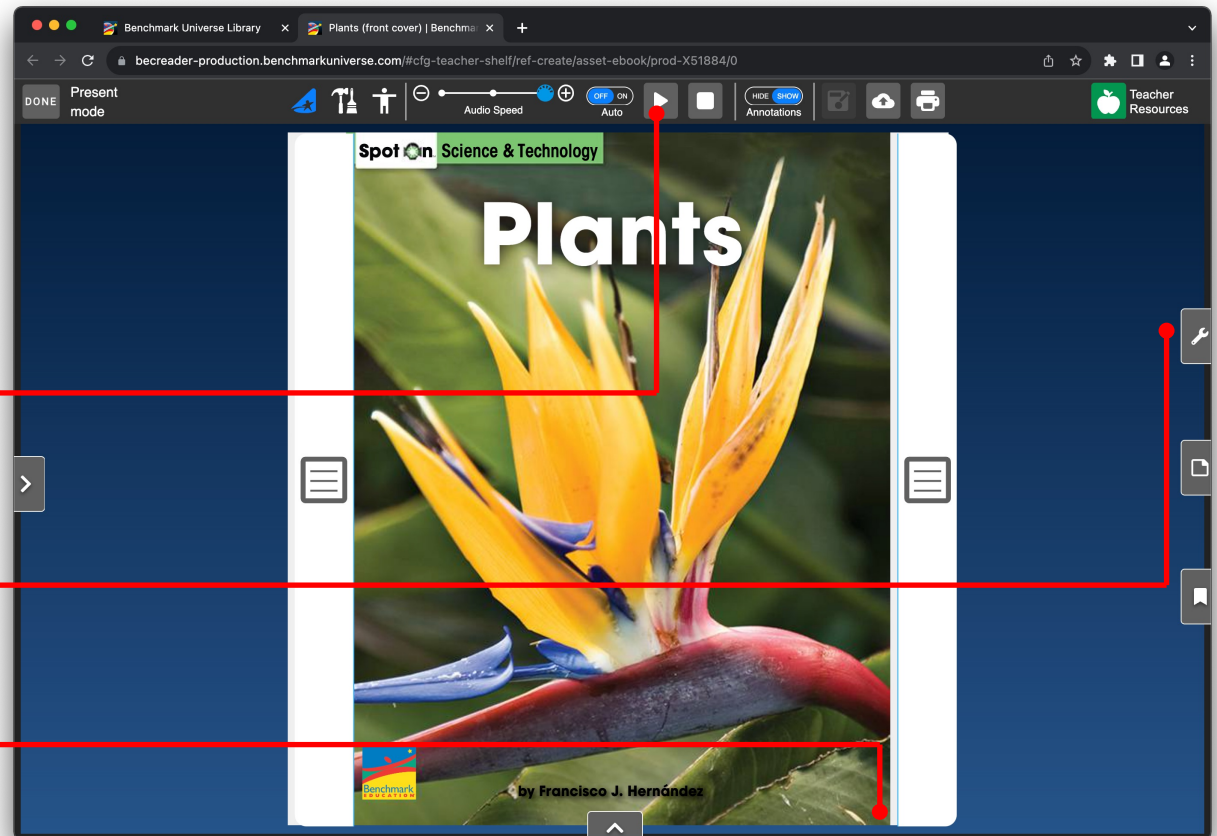
Every e-book includes synchronized audio read aloud by a fluent reader at adjustable speeds. A robust set of tools is available to annotate the text, embed videos from the web, and more. Through assignments, teachers can view students notes, response to questions, and comment on their work digitally.

Click the Play button to listen to synchronized read-aloud audio.

Click the Tools icon to access annotation and zoom tools.

Hover mouse or swipe left (touch device) to advance the page.

Jump to any page or add new pages/embed video in Edit Mode.



# Finding the ePocket Chart

*Benchmark Phonics and Word Study Workshop* includes a digital resource that supports phonological and phonemic awareness, letter/sound correspondence, word study, and more.

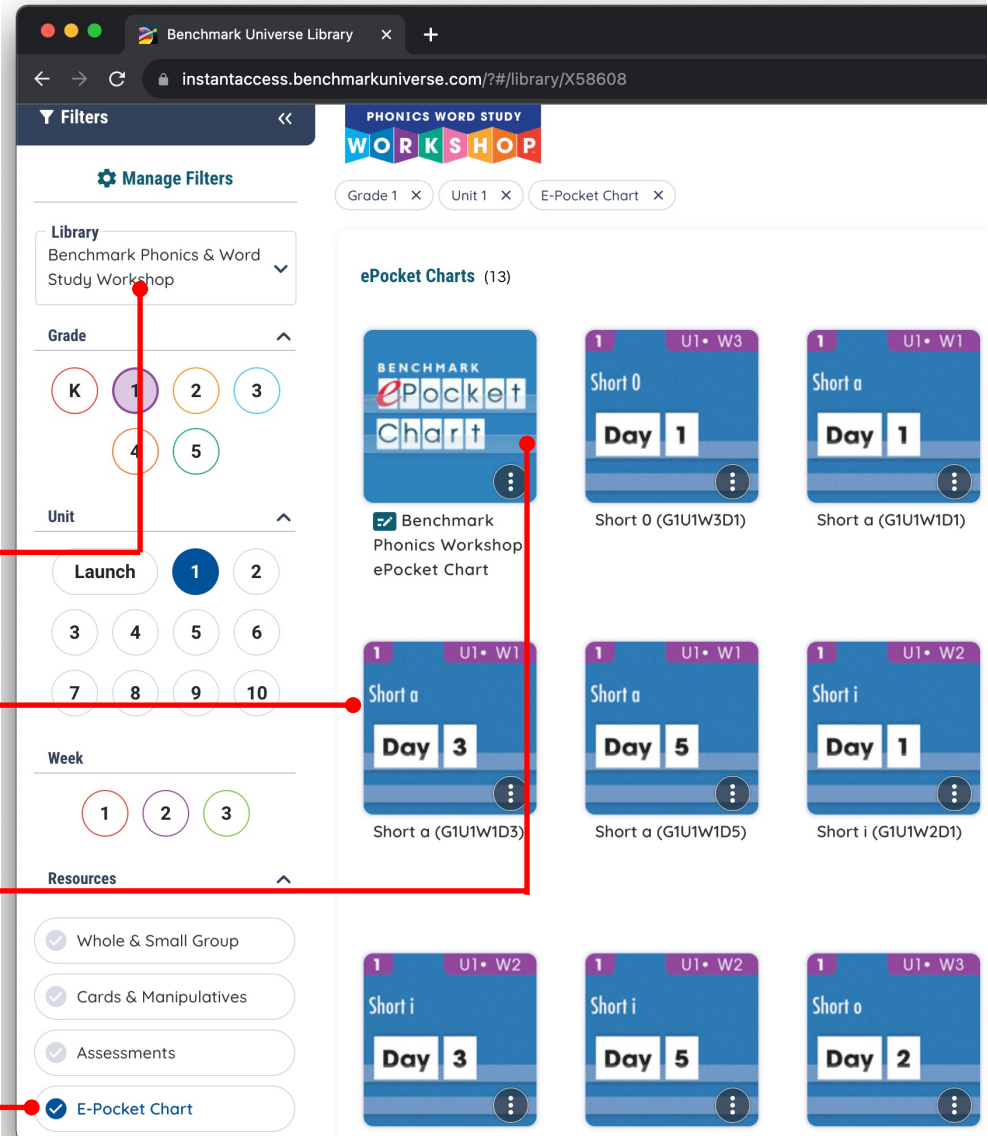
The ePocket Chart is an interactive version of the classic physical pocket chart and comes pre-loaded with images, cards, and tools to build your own cards. The ePocket Chart is compatible with interactive whiteboards, tablets, laptops, desktops, and other devices used in classrooms, and can even be assigned to students for remote teaching.

Choose Phonics & Word Study Workshop from the library dropdown menu.

Grades K, 1, and 2 include pre-loaded, pre-set pocket charts for each day's phonics lesson!

There is also an ePocket Chart that includes all cards and resources across the entire workshop.

Use the ePocket Chart filter to quickly find the ePocket Chart.



The screenshot shows the Benchmark Universe Library interface. The top navigation bar includes the Benchmark Universe Library logo and a search bar. The main content area is titled "PHONICS WORD STUDY WORKSHOP" and features a "Filters" section on the left. The "Filters" section includes a "Library" dropdown menu set to "Benchmark Phonics & Word Study Workshop", a "Grade" dropdown menu set to "1", and a "Unit" dropdown menu set to "1". The "Resources" section on the left has four checkboxes: "Whole & Small Group", "Cards & Manipulatives", "Assessments", and "E-Pocket Chart", with the "E-Pocket Chart" checkbox selected. The main content area displays a grid of "ePocket Charts" (13 total). The first row shows "Short 0 (G1U1W3D1)" and "Short a (G1U1W1D1)". The second row shows "Short a (G1U1W1D3)", "Short a (G1U1W1D5)", and "Short i (G1U1W2D1)". The third row shows "Short i (G1U1W2D3)", "Short i (G1U1W2D5)", and "Short o (G1U1W3D3)". Each ePocket Chart card includes a "Launch" button and a "Day" number.

# Using the ePocket Chart



ePocket Chart Overview:

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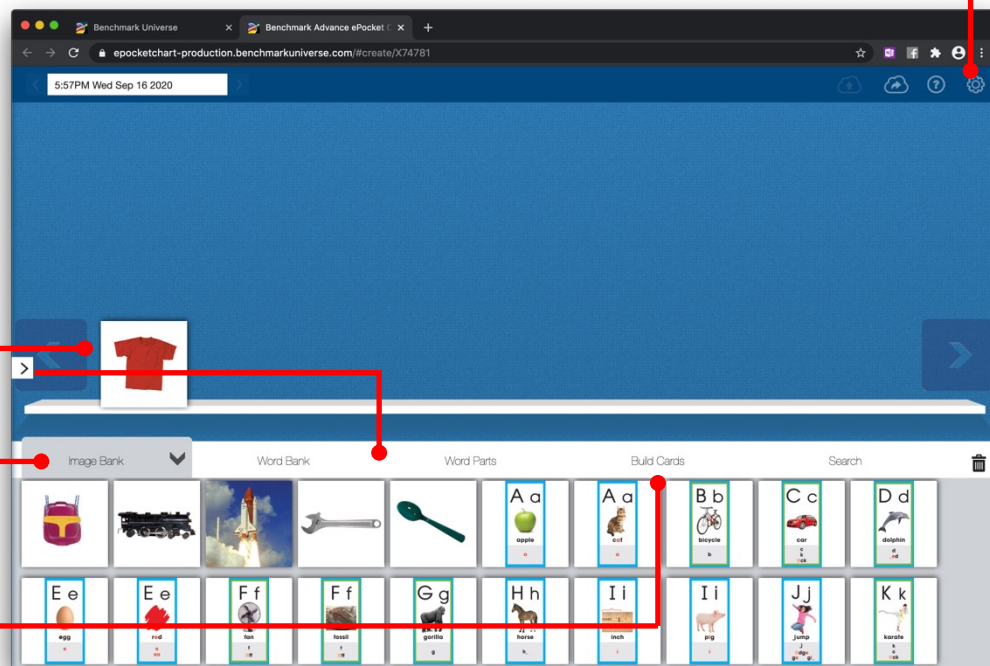
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Use Settings to change modes:  
Free Workspace, Elkonin Boxes,  
or Pocket Chart.

Drag and drop resources from the  
banks to the tray.

ePocket Chart Banks: Click once to reveal  
and then click again to hide the banks.

Use the built-in keyboard to create your  
own cards in the Build Cards bank.





# Finding Assessments

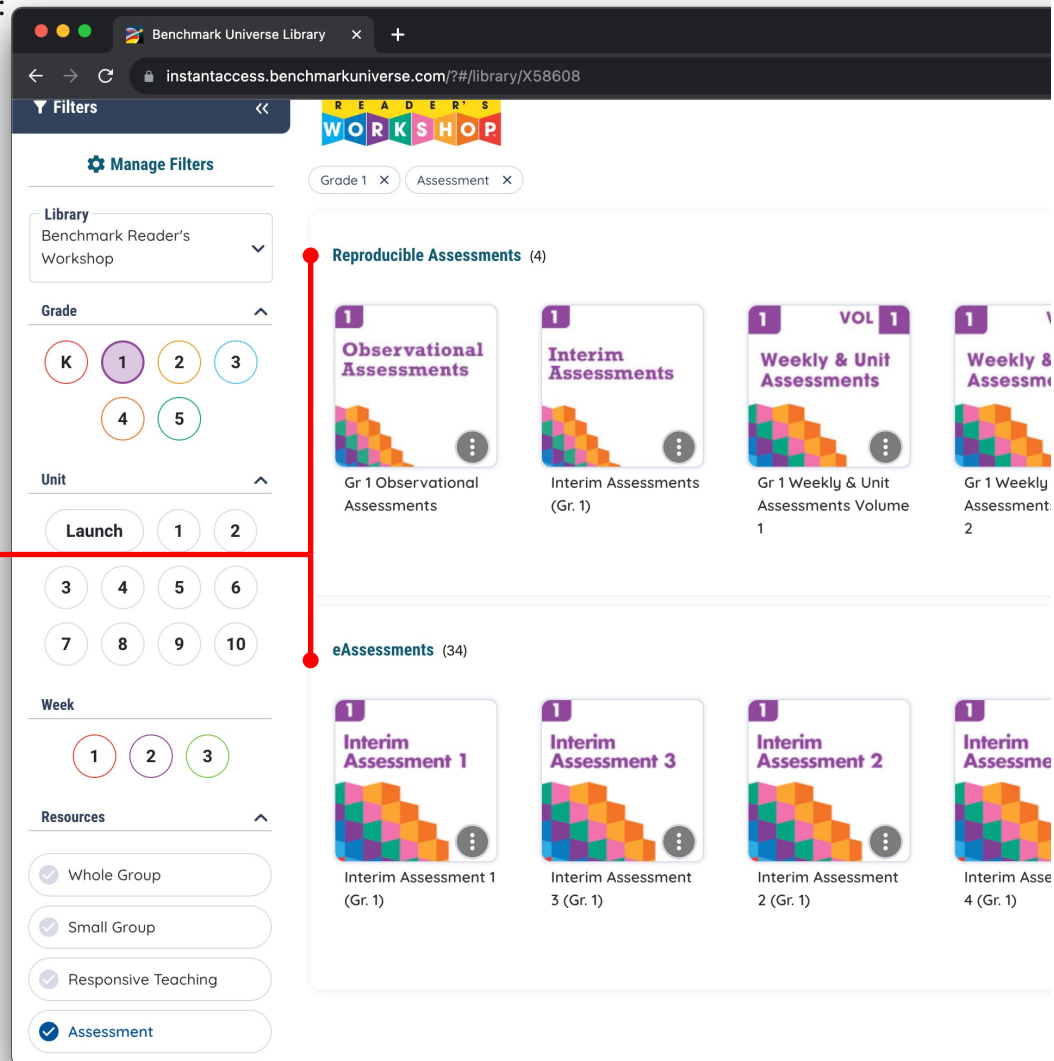


Assessments and Reports Overview:  
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Benchmark Workshop includes a variety of formative and summative assessments available in digital and reproducible formats.

Assessments are available in Reproducible format as well as eAssessments – including Weekly, Unit, and Interim Assessments.

Click the Assessment filter to see the assessments included with the program.



The screenshot shows the Benchmark Universe Library interface. On the left, the 'Manage Filters' sidebar is visible. The 'Library' dropdown is set to 'Benchmark Reader's Workshop'. Under 'Grade', '1' is selected. Under 'Unit', '1' is selected. Under 'Week', '1' is selected. In the 'Resources' section, 'Assessment' is checked. On the right, the main content area displays 'Reproducible Assessments (4)' and 'eAssessments (34)'. The reproducible assessments include 'Observational Assessments', 'Interim Assessments (Gr. 1)', 'Gr 1 Weekly & Unit Assessments Volume 1', and 'Gr 1 Weekly Assessment 2'. The eAssessments include 'Interim Assessment 1 (Gr. 1)', 'Interim Assessment 3 (Gr. 1)', 'Interim Assessment 2 (Gr. 1)', and 'Interim Assessment 4 (Gr. 1)'.

# eAssessments



Assessments and Reports Overview:

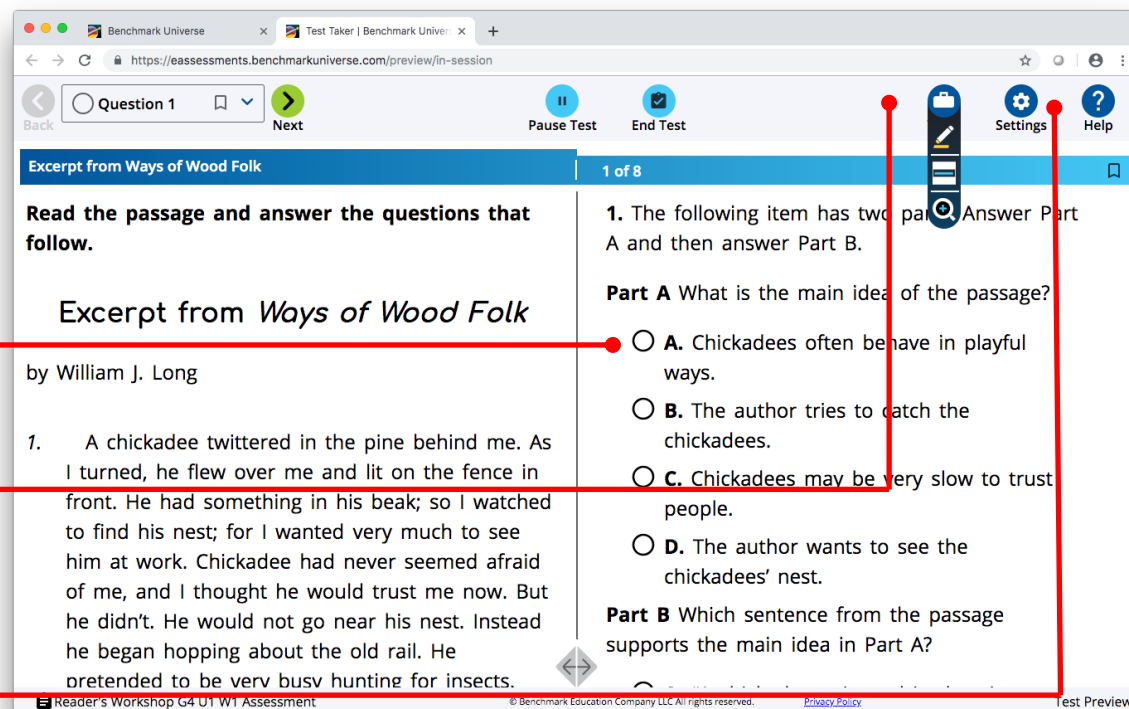
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Benchmark Workshop includes eAssessments in a test-taking environment that mirrors state assessments.

Questions include multi-part and tech-enhanced item types.

Tools such as highlighters, zoom, and line readers are available for students.

Settings allow for making accommodations for text size and color contrast.



# Reports



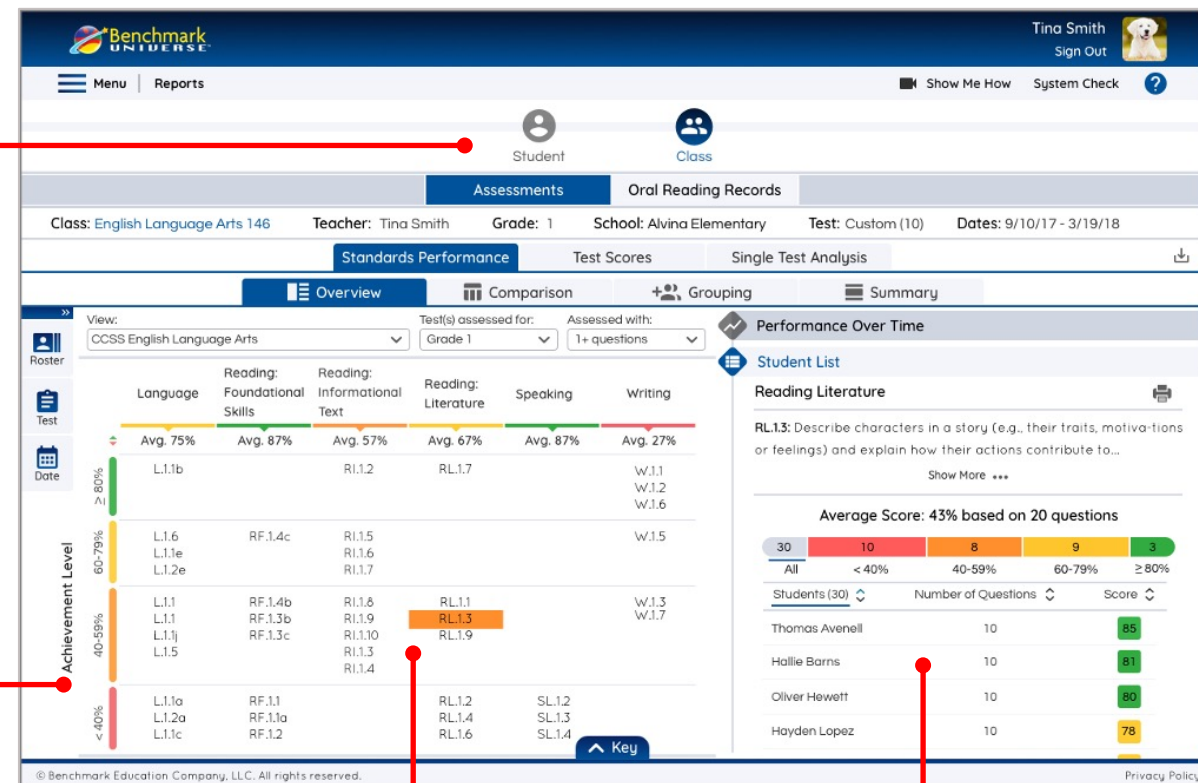
Assessments and Reports Overview:

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Results from eAssessments are provided in a robust reporting environment with standards-based reports.

Reports available at the district, school, teacher, and student levels.

Quickly identify standards with which the entire class is struggling.



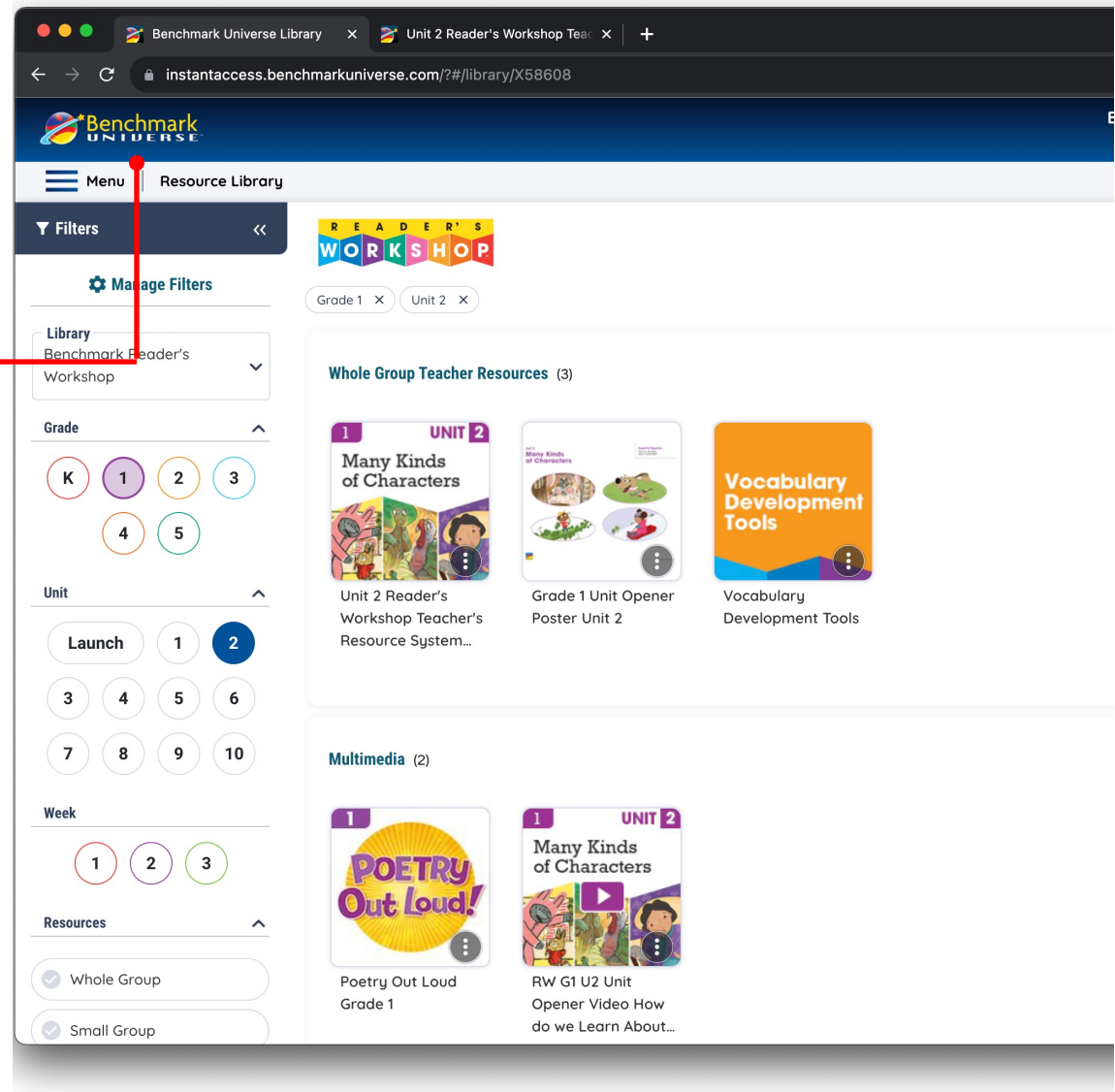
Click a standard to see individual student performance.

See individual students' performance on selected standard to inform grouping and reteaching.

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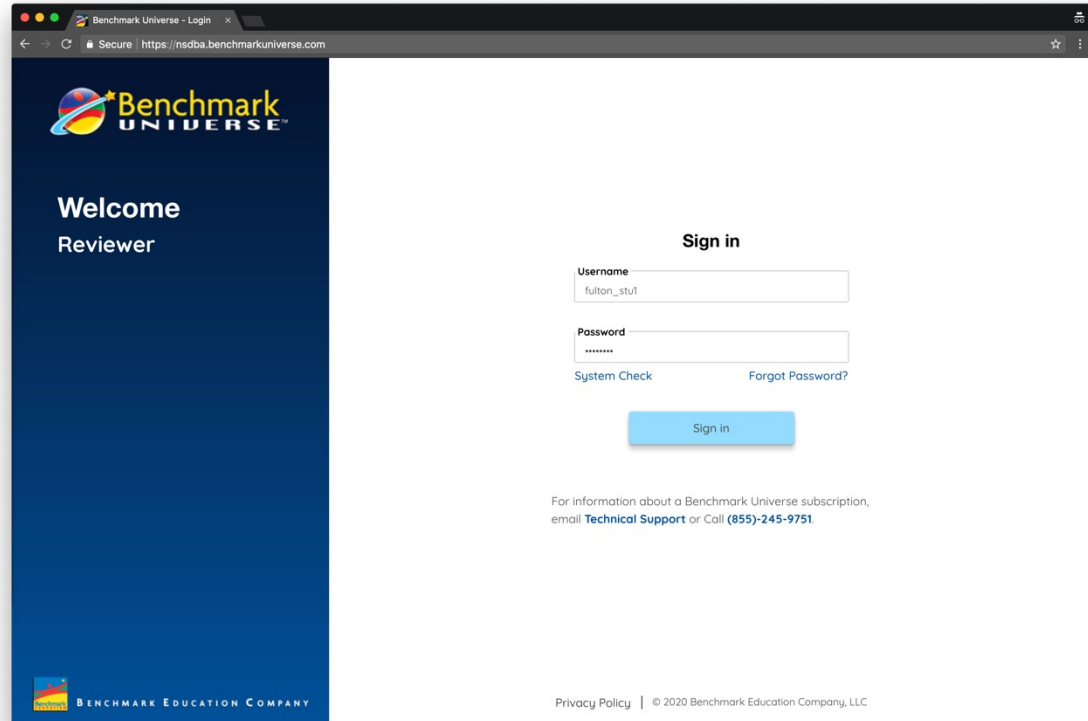
# Student Login

As a reviewer, you can also explore the student experience in Benchmark Universe.

Students have access to their resources as well as anything that was assigned by the teacher.

**Sign Out** of your Educator access and then use the same URL to sign in as a student.

**Note:** If you wish to remain signed in as a teacher, use a different browser or Incognito Mode in a new window to sign in as a student.

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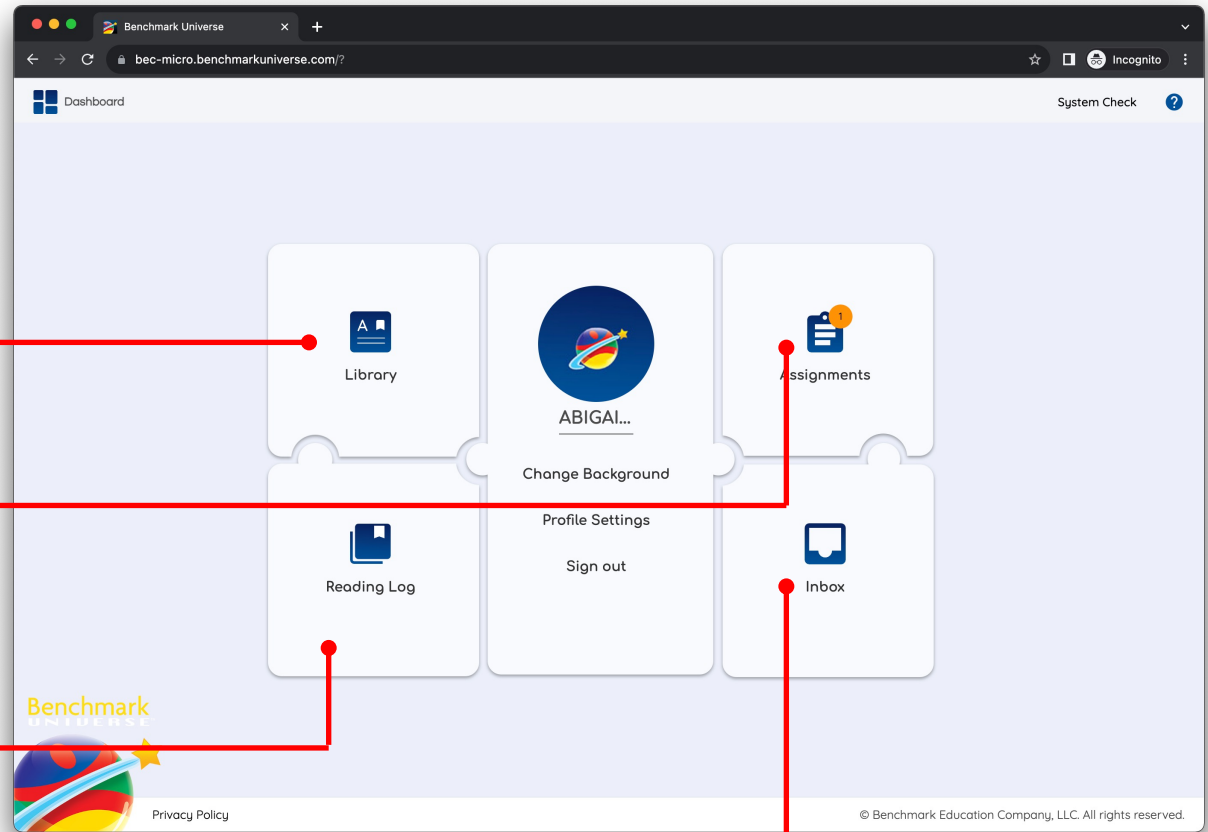
# Student Dashboard

Students are provided with a dashboard that is focused on accessing their resources and assignments.

**Library** includes the student e-books.

**Assignments** shows teacher-assigned work for students, including reading, assessments, videos, and more.

**Reading Log** tracks texts that students have read on the platform to build a reading portfolio.



**Inbox** provides a way for students and teachers to communicate directly on the platform.



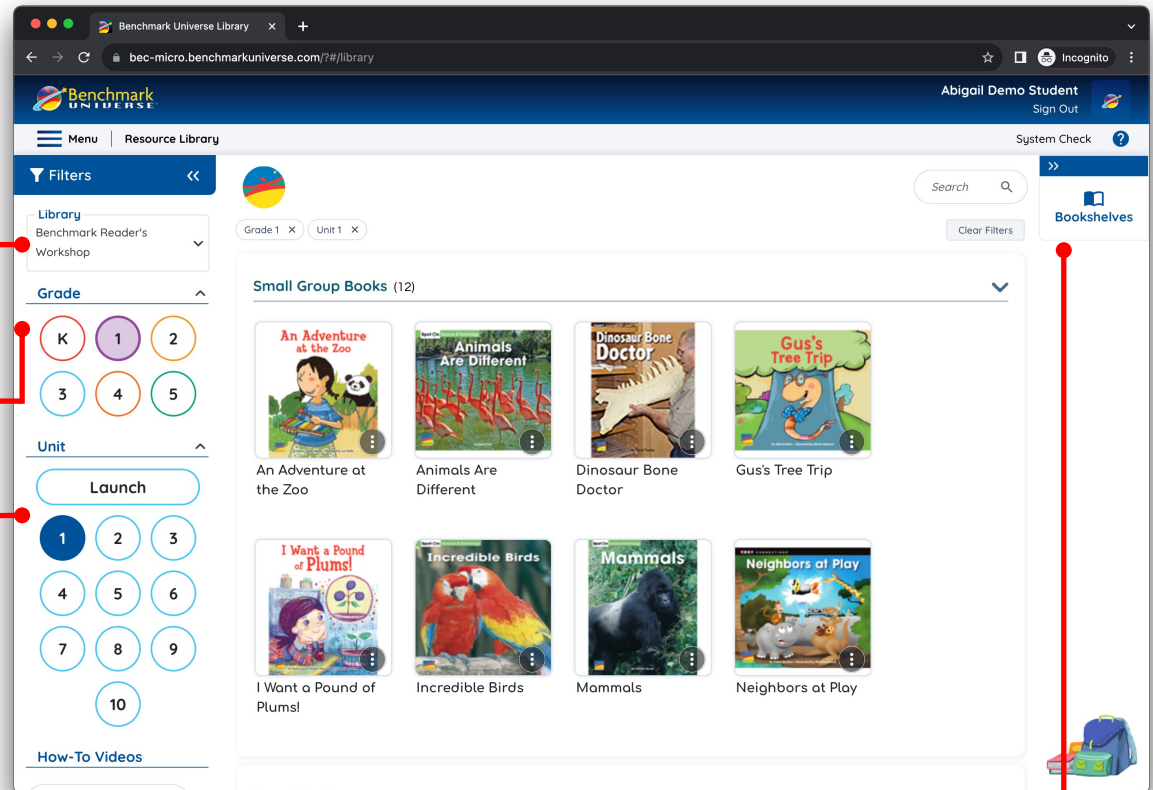
# Student Library

Students are provided with a user-friendly interface that allows them to filter to find their texts.

Use the dropdown menu to find resources from Reader's, Writer's, and Phonics and Word Study Workshops.

Select a grade level.

Select a unit to explore student texts and resources.

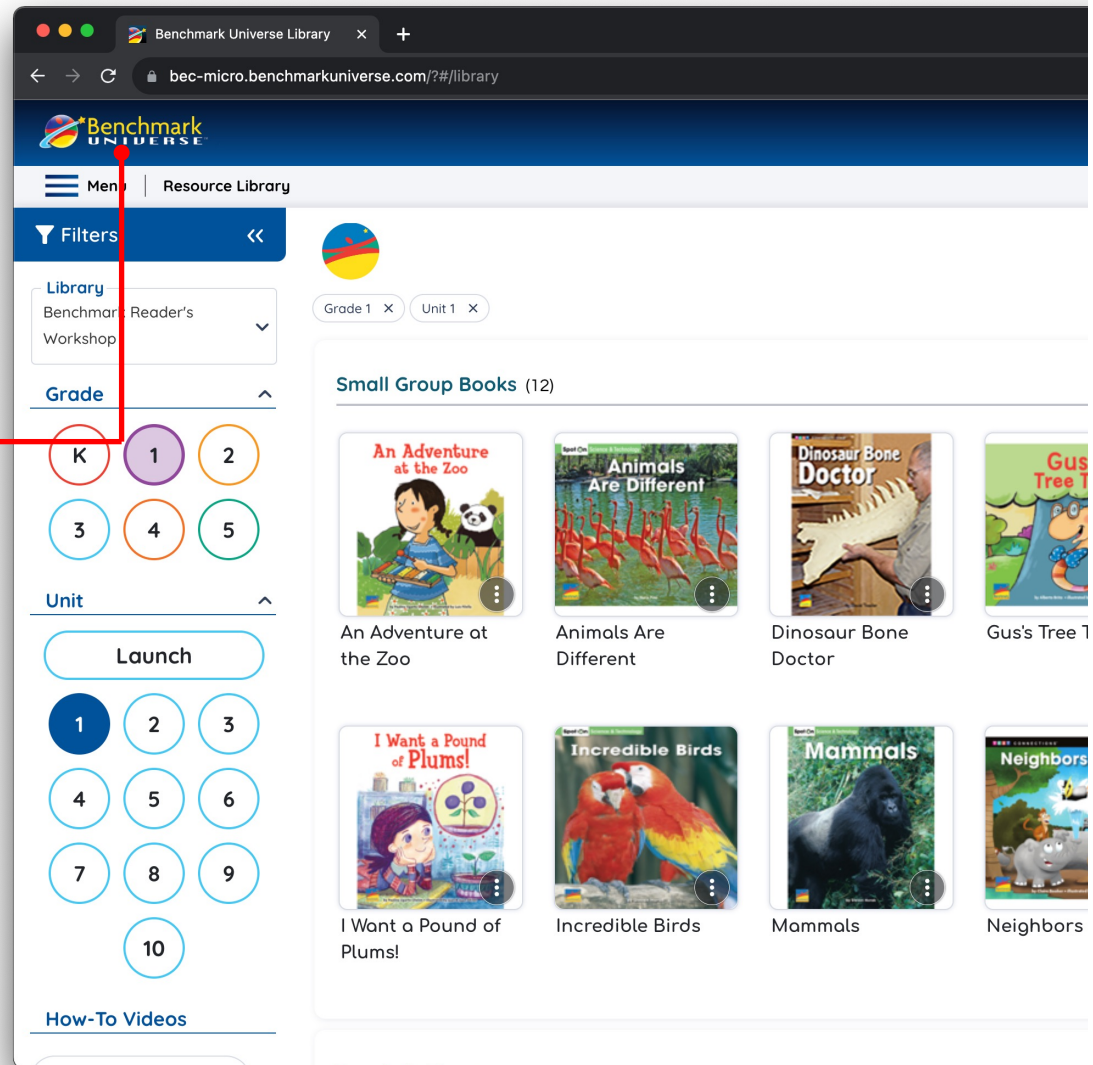


Students can build bookshelves of texts and resources for independent reading or research.

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