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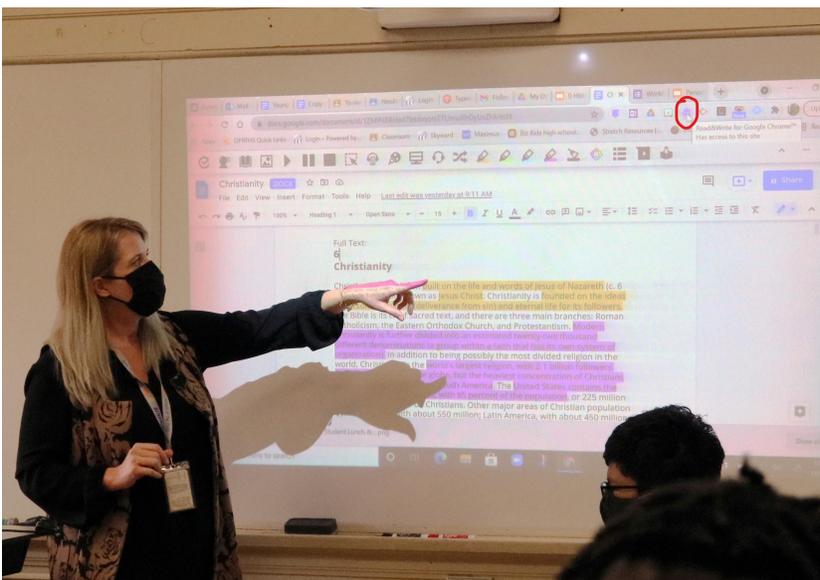
Read&Write for Google Provides Accessibility for All Learners

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Every student has strengths and weaknesses when it comes to learning. Some students have formal plans to receive what's called *assistive technology* through the Special Education department, providing them with devices or software that help them learn more effectively.

But some assistive technology is incredibly useful for all students, not just those with special needs. At OPRFHS, Read&Write for

Google is an assistive technology that all students have at their fingertips; they just need to click on the purple puzzle piece at the top of their Chrome browser. (It's circled in red in the photo above, where Ms. Myland is demonstrating Read&Write for a World Studies class.)



With the school's premium subscription, students have access to a menu of powerful reading and writing tools that allow them to:

- Listen to words, passages, and entire documents read aloud.
- Look up words with a text or picture dictionary.
- Use a language translator.
- Record voice notes for themselves.
- Collect highlights from websites into a Google doc.
- Use the speech-to-text feature to dictate Google Docs or Google Slides.
- Use a screen mask to illuminate just the line of text they're currently reading.
- Eliminate distractions by removing ads and other copy from websites.
- Much more!

Every student, regardless of academic performance, can benefit from receiving information in multiple formats, and having Read&Write universally available makes that possible.

“Assistive technology coordinator Lisa Vincent came to our World Studies class to demonstrate Read&Write for all learners in our space,” teacher Matt Maloney says. “Of the 40 students in the class, only a handful had ever used it before. After the presentation, the majority of students said they would use this feature to help with more difficult texts, creating outlines, or helping with their argumentative writing.”

Additionally, providing an accessibility tool for all can reduce the stigma that English Language Learner (ELL) or students receiving special education services may feel about using their accommodations.

Students interested in using Read & Write, can [click here](#) for an overview; even more info is available by [clicking here](#).

Students looking for additional assistance Read&Write or other tech resources can visit the Student Help Desk in the Makerspace or email shd@oprfs.org.