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- More than 370,000 full-text poems, both classic and contemporary
- More than 56,000 full-text short stories, both classic and contemporary
- More than 4,000 full-text dramatic works
- More than 2,600 audio recordings of poets reading their own works from Academy of American Poets, poets reading works of other poets and podcasts from The Poetry Foundation
- High-quality videos provided by Academy of American Poets and MacNeil/Lehrer Productions
- Nearly 450 explications of both classic and contemporary poems
- More than 1,000 e-books focused on poetry, drama and short stories
- Poetry showcases from The Paris Review highlighting current and emerging writers and their works

Support for Students and Educators

- Lesson plans aligned to NCTE and Common Core curriculum standards
- Infographics depicting short story plot points and poetry word clouds
- Text-to-Speech for HTML articles to assist struggling readers, auditory learners or those developing English-language proficiency
- Citation tool to help students format references
- Advanced search with Lexile® Reading Level and page length limiters to help address text complexity requirements
- Literary glossary