

TeachingBooks and Book Connections Accessibility Conformance Report

Revised Section 508 Edition

VPAT® Version 2.3 (Revised) – April 2019

Name of Product/Version: TeachingBooks and Book Connections

Product Description: TeachingBooks and Book Connections are a multidisciplinary database of 171,000+ full-text digital resources that are professionally curated to enrich the reading of children’s and young adult books (fiction and nonfiction). They offer primary-source reference materials, supplemental instructional support, reader’s advisory tools, study aids, and professional development opportunities that personalize and enhance connections to books and authors for all readers. Please note that TeachingBooks and Book Connections are identical because both services are run by the same people and use the exact same programming and infrastructure. TeachingBooks.net LLC is the parent organization. For all policies, please treat TeachingBooks and Book Connections as interchangeable.

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Notes: TeachingBooks and Book Connections are primarily a web product and are only evaluated as such.

In reviewing WCAG 2.0 Success Criterion and completing VPAT 2.3, we determine that our interface and content accessibility fairly supports WCAG Level A and Level AA guidelines. Please note that we did not evaluate the Level AAA guidelines.

A few accessibility highlights include:

- Text-based buttons that can be read by browsers
- Keyboarding capabilities so that site navigation can be facilitated without a mouse
- A “skip to content” button that appears when a user begins tabbing
- Offering captions and transcripts as text alternatives for audio and video files
- Graphics accompanied by descriptive copy that can be read by browsers
- Images, video files, audio files, plug-ins, etc. that all have alt text
- Contrast ratio of text and images carefully considered
- “Read-along” capabilities that highlight transcriptions of audio files in sync with timed recordings
- Captions and transcripts for essentially all audio book excerpts and originally created materials, including Meet-the-Author Movies and Author Name Pronunciations
- Stationary/static images on the website that do not flash or strobe
- Google Translate that adjusts essentially all text on each webpage (including captions, printable bookmarks, and more) to more than 100 languages.

Please know that we are always open to learning about and trying to conform to the provisions and standards of WCAG 2.0 Level AA guidelines. A few recent projects include...

- Adding more resources in American Sign Language to our collection
- Improving the consistency of the layout across the website
- Striving to acquire more 3rd party materials so that we can transcribe and consistently present the audio in accessible formats
- Continue testing the February release of Book Connections. It is new as of this VPAT, and has many subtleties that require careful examination and testing. Within Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA, there are specific items that will be addressed, too.

Evaluation Methods Used: Testing is based on general product knowledge

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0	Level A Yes Level AA Yes Level AAA (Not evaluated)
Revised Section 508 standards published January 18, 2017 and corrected January 22, 2018	Yes

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows, with our clarification about how TeachingBooks interpreted them in light of user experience.

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation. User experience fully achieves the criterion.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion. User experience fully achieves the criterion, with exceptions that appear in the note.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion. User does not experience this criterion, as elaborated in the note.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can be used only in WCAG 2.0 Level AAA.

WCAG 2.0 Report

Tables 1 and 2 also document conformance with:

- Chapter 5 – 501.1 Scope, 504.2 Content Creation or Editing
- Chapter 6 – 602.3 Electronic Support Documentation

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.0 Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<p><u>1.1.1 Non-text Content</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p><u>1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded)</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Partially Supports	Transcripts are available for original English-language TeachingBooks audio and video materials and audio book readings. Audio interviews generally do not have transcripts. Videos from third party sources may or may not include captions provided by the content authors.
<p><u>1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Partially Supports	Original English-language TeachingBooks audio and video materials, as well as almost all audio book readings, include transcripts that are time-coded and highlight as read aloud. Users can interact by jumping to any spot in the video or audio component, and follow text and audio in sync. In general, audio interviews do not have this function and videos from third party sources may or may not include captions provided by the content authors.
<p><u>1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Partially Supports	Audio book excerpts that have been transcribed and contain sounds that require description include description in the text. Please note that because TeachingBook.net videos are edited for brevity, there are very few pauses in which it would be possible to include a meaningful audio description of the setting. Illustrator videos inevitably involve the illustrator describing their process, which is what the visual content of the videos depict. Adding audio description to such a resource would risk either redundancy to what the illustrator is saying, or a view of the work that is not the

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
		<p>illustrator’s, the latter of which is contrary to the TeachingBooks.net philosophy of allowing book creators to speak for themselves.</p> <p>TeachingBooks’ audio is often authors and illustrators describing their work, and sounds or images other than the spoken word rarely exist.</p> <p>Also note that TeachingBooks embeds videos from a wide variety of sources and does not have the resources to provide audio description for them.</p>
<p><u>1.3.1 Info and Relationships</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	<p>With the February 2020 version of the site, our programmers reviewed the programming specifics found at: https://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG21/quickref/?versions=2.0&showtechniques=131#gr-content-structure-separation-programmatic</p>
<p><u>1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p><u>1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p><u>1.4.1 Use of Color</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 	Supports	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
<p>1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	Sounds are played only on user request.
<p>2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	With the February 2020 version of the site, our testing of this continues and will be adjusted on the various pages and templates.
<p>2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p>2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Not Applicable	
<p>2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 	Not Applicable	TeachingBooks does not use moving, blinking, scrolling, or auto-updating information, other than audio playing that is initiated by the user, and pause and stop are options.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
<p><u>2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	The TeachingBooks web design does not in itself contain any flashing content. However, TeachingBooks does not evaluate embedded videos from other sources for this requirement.
<p><u>2.4.1 Bypass Blocks</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs 	Supports	
<p><u>2.4.2 Page Titled</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p><u>2.4.3 Focus Order</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p><u>2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context)</u> (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 	Supports	

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 602.3 (Support Docs) 		
<p>3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p>3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p>3.2.2 On Input (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p>3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	With the February 2020 version of the site, our testing of this continues and will be adjusted on the various pages and templates.
<p>3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
4.1.1 Parsing (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	With the February 2020 version of the site, our programmers will review the programming specifics found at: https://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG21/quickref/?versions=2.0&showtechniques=411#qr-ensure-compat-parses
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	With the February 2020 version of the site, our programmers will review the programming specifics (including changing from anonymous to Educator/Professional signin) found at: https://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG21/quickref/?versions=2.0&showtechniques=412#qr-ensure-compat-parses

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

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Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) • 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Not Applicable	TeachingBooks.net website does not provide live video or audio content.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 (Web)(Software) • 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 	Does Not Support	Audio book excerpts that have been transcribed and contain sounds that require description include description in the text. Regarding this criterion of videos, there is text that describes a summary of what is included, and transcripts are accessible for one to read and preview. But audio tracks are not produced to summarize the content of a video.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 602.3 (Support Docs) 		<p>Also note that TeachingBooks embeds videos from a wide variety of sources and does not have the resources to provide audio description for them. TeachingBooks does provide a summary sentence of text articulating what is in the video.</p>
<p>1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p>1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p>1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	<p>With the February 2020 version of the site, our programmers will review the programming specifics found at:</p> <p>https://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG21/quickref/?versions=2.0&showtechniques=125%2C412%2C145#images-of-text</p>
<p>2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 	Supports	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs 		
<p>2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p>2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p>3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	When content is in non-English language, the descriptions and/or titles identify the language of the content. Similarly, when Google Translate is activated, the language used for the display is defined in the header.
<p>3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to:</p> <p>Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 	Supports	

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs 		
<p><u>3.2.4 Consistent Identification</u> (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) – Does not apply to non-web software 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) – Does not apply to non-web docs 	Supports	
<p><u>3.3.3 Error Suggestion</u> (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	
<p><u>3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data)</u> (Level AA)</p> <p>Also applies to: Revised Section 508</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501 (Web)(Software) 504.2 (Authoring Tool) 602.3 (Support Docs) 	Supports	<p>Note: the only transactions of this nature on TeachingBooks is the online order form to purchase a license – only needed by one person per license if they choose to use the online form. And once on this page, the previews and correction tools are in place.</p>

Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA

Notes: TeachingBooks did not evaluate this. TeachingBooks is only submitting details only for Level A and Level AA criteria.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.6 Sign Language (Prerecorded) (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
1.2.7 Extended Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
1.2.8 Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
1.2.9 Audio-only (Live) (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
1.4.6 Contrast Enhanced (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
1.4.7 Low or No Background Audio (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
1.4.8 Visual Presentation (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
1.4.9 Images of Text (No Exception) Control (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
2.1.3 Keyboard (No Exception) (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
2.2.3 No Timing (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
2.2.4 Interruptions (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
2.2.5 Re-authenticating (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
2.3.2 Three Flashes (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
2.4.8 Location (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
2.4.9 Link Purpose (Link Only) (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
2.4.10 Section Headings (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
3.1.3 Unusual Words (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
3.1.4 Abbreviations (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
3.1.5 Reading Level (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
3.1.6 Pronunciation (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
3.2.5 Change on Request (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:
3.3.5 Help (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply	Web:	Web:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<p>3.3.6 Error Prevention (All) (Level AAA) Also applies to: Revised Section 508 – Does not apply</p>	<p>Web:</p>	<p>Web:</p>

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Chapter 3: [Functional Performance Criteria \(FPC\)](#)

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Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
302.1 Without Vision	Supports	No descriptive audio for video content
302.2 With Limited Vision	Supports	
302.3 Without Perception of Color	Supports	
302.4 Without Hearing	Partially Supports	Original English-language TeachingBooks audio and video materials include transcripts, that can be previewed, and highlight while the words are spoken. Audio book readings up to 5 minutes long are generally include transcripts and this highlighting/read along tool. Audio interviews do not have transcripts. Videos from third party sources may or may not include captions provided by the content authors.
302.5 With Limited Hearing	Partially Supports	See remarks for 302.4
302.6 Without Speech	Not Applicable	No speech is required to use TeachingBooks
302.7 With Limited Manipulation	Supports	
302.8 With Limited Reach and Strength	Supports	
302.9 With Limited Language, Cognitive, and Learning Abilities	Not Evaluated	

Chapter 4: [Hardware](#)

Notes: Does not apply.

Chapter 5: [Software](#)

Notes: Does not apply.

Chapter 6: [Support Documentation and Services](#)

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
601.1 Scope	Heading cell – no response required	Heading cell – no response required
602 Support Documentation	Heading cell – no response required	Heading cell – no response required
602.2 Accessibility and Compatibility Features	Not Applicable	TeachingBooks believes that Chapters 4 and 5 do not apply to its web service, as outlined https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/communications-and-it/about-the-ict-refresh/final-rule/text-of-the-standards-and-guidelines#602-support-documentation
602.3 Electronic Support Documentation	See WCAG 2.0 section	See information in WCAG 2.0 section
602.4 Alternate Formats for Non-Electronic Support Documentation	Supports	Live help for TeachingBooks is available via email, phone, and tele conferencing.
603 Support Services	Heading cell – no response required	Heading cell – no response required
603.2 Information on Accessibility and Compatibility Features	Supports	Staff are informed of ways to help, and who to contact.
603.3 Accommodation of Communication Needs	Supports	TeachingBooks does not have special phone or technologies to accommodate all types of user communications.

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