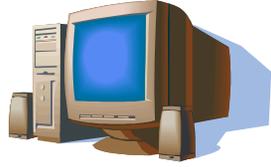


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Adolescent Literacy Facts:

- A. **Motivation** and **engagement** are important factors for adolescent readers. If students are not motivated to read, they will simply not benefit from reading instruction.
- B. Students often exhibit far more sophisticated reading when they are in situations away from the classroom. (Example: with complex computer games.)
- C. Students engaged in **computer-mediated communication (CMC)**, such as e-mail, posting messages, and online chats, **learned literacy skills** through social exchanges.
- D. CMC places expectations on participants to respond in **written formats that clearly and accurately convey thoughts**.
- E. Computerized interaction can encourage participation from students who tend to shy away from participating in face-to-face discussions, and can **facilitate the free expression of alternate views**.
- F. Participation in online activities develops communication skills and literacy skills that may not always be recognized in more formal educational settings.
- G. Adolescent literacy programs should include the integration of computer technologies into literacy instruction.

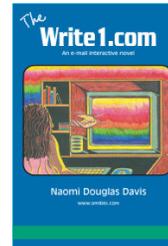
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