France

Digital Resources and Children's Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

The Entire History of France in 23 minutes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FpeWSFTFRk

All about France: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kF_HR6rCEQ

Geography Now, France: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0QrBphsioM

10 Best Places to visit in France: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQXWv-do2-0

Paris City Video Guide: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gigbRUn6SfE

How was the Eiffel Tower Built? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9W8qkf96Hp8&list=PLI2ElcjJbBDARdc1xtfJohDncmurJuqFw&index=5&t=0s

The Magnificent Louvre with Rick Steves: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3P6M42aWo60


Grasse France, Perfume Capital of the World: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGX-b2yRkew

Paris France Café Culture: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jQ5sdfT_10

French Food, A beginners Guide: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8YyT3NjzDg

How to Make French Crepes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABfDv9OJuCI
Websites:
France https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France
Storming of the Bastille and the French Revolution:
Heritage Most Interesting Cities in France: https://about-france.com/cities/index.htm
French Family Culture and Vocabulary:
https://www.optilingo.com/blog/french/importance-of-family/
The 12 most Beautiful Regional, Traditional Festivals in France:
https://www.optilingo.com/blog/french/importance-of-family/
The Evolution of French Architecture: https://www.widewalls.ch/magazine/french-architecture
K-12 Education in France: https://about-france.com/primary-secondary-schools.htm
Cuisenaire Rods: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuisenaire_rods
Catholicism in France: https://rlp.hds.harvard.edu/faq/catholicism-france
Tour de France: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tour_de_France

Lesson Plans:
French Culture Lesson Plans and Resources: https://about-france.com/cities/index.htm
Geography, France Unit Study: https://about-france.com/cities/index.htm
Elementary Resources for Learning about France:
http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/france.html
French Fairy Tales: https://www.storyberries.com/category/fairy-tales/french-fairy-tales/
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<th>Title: Madeline</th>
<th>Author: Ludwig Bemelmans</th>
<th>Age Range: 3 - 7 years</th>
<th>Hardcover: 54 pages</th>
<th>Publisher: The Viking Press (January 1, 1967)</th>
<th>Language: English</th>
<th>ISBN-10: 0670445800</th>
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong> Madeline is a book series, part of the Madeline media franchise, originally created by Ludwig Bemelmans. The series follows the daily adventures of Madeline, a 7-year-old girl attending a boarding school in Paris with eleven other girls, under the care of their teacher, Miss Clavel.</td>
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<th>Title: This is Paris</th>
<th>Author: Miroslav Sasek</th>
<th>Age Range: 4 and up</th>
<th>Grade Level: Preschool - 12</th>
<th>Series: This is . . .</th>
<th>Hardcover: 64 pages</th>
<th>Publisher: Universe (April 24, 2004)</th>
<th>Language: English</th>
<th>ISBN-10: 0789310635</th>
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong> Written with the same wit and perception that distinguished his charming books on London, New York, and San Francisco, here this famous Czech painter presents his impressions of Paris in This Is Paris, first published in 1959 and now updated for the 21st century.</td>
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<th>Author: Kate Banks</th>
<th>Age Range: 4 - 7 years</th>
<th>Grade Level: Preschool - 2</th>
<th>Hardcover: 40 pages</th>
<th>Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR); 1st edition (March 2, 2004)</th>
<th>Language: English</th>
<th>ISBN-10: 0374399689</th>
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong> The cat and the old woman have lived happily together for many years in the stone house by the sea. But when the old woman dies, the cat is packed up with her belongings and sent north to the village where she was born. Soon he is forgotten. He walks the streets aimlessly until, spurred by memories and a longing to return to the place he knows and loves, the cat embarks on a journey to find the home he was taken away from.</td>
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Title: Crepes by Suzette
Author: Monica Wellington
Age Range: 3 - 7 years
Grade Level: Preschool and up
Hardcover: 32 pages
Publisher: Dutton Juvenile; 1 edition (March 8, 2004)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0525469346
Summary: Part story, part grand tour, Monica Wellington’s tale of a Parisian street-cart vendor will charm and inform. Suzette, the crêpe maker, sells her delicacies in one of the most beautiful cities in the world. As she goes from place to place, readers are treated to a variety of Parisian scenes and a series of customers inspired by figures in famous French paintings.

Title: Eloise in Paris
Author: Kay Thompson
Age Range: 4 - 8 years
Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3
Series: Eloise
Hardcover: 72 pages
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers; Reissue edition (May 1, 1999)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0689827040
Summary: Bonjour! Here’s the thing of it: Paris has just been discovered by Eloise the little girl from the Plaza... Here is what Eloise does in Paris: everything. The effect is rather extraordinaire. If you come to Paris with Eloise you will always be glad you did.
**Title:** Belinda in Paris  
**Author:** Amy Young  
**Age Range:** 3 and up  
**Grade Level:** Preschool and up  
**Hardcover:** 32 pages  
**Publisher:** Viking Juvenile (February 3, 2005)  
**Language:** English  
**ISBN-10:** 0670036935  
**Summary:** All of Paris was abuzz with the news—Belinda the ballerina was coming to town! But when Belinda's extra-large ballet shoes wind up in Pago Pago by mistake, she and a young ballerina must hit the streets to look for a new pair. Along the way, Belinda befriends a trio of Parisians, each with his or her own problem. Can Belinda save the day and still find ballet shoes before her performance that night? New and old fans alike will cheer magnifique! for Amy Young's big-footed (and big-hearted) ballerina, as she wins over the City of Lights.

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**Title:** Moi and Marie Antoinette  
**Author:** Lynn Cullen  
**Age Range:** 5 - 9 years  
**Grade Level:** Kindergarten - 3  
**Hardcover:** 32 pages  
**Publisher:** Bloomsbury USA Childrens; First Edition edition (September 19, 2006)  
**Language:** English  
**ISBN-10:** 1582349584  
**Summary:** Marie Antoinette was one of the most celebrated queens in history...but she was once a little girl, too. As told by her vain but devoted dog, Sebastian, here is the story of the young princess's life--from her childhood in Austria, to the elaborate preparations leading to her marriage to Louis XVI; from her unhappy rise to power in turbulent times, to the birth of her own children. Lynn Cullen's spirited text sheds light on a side of Marie Antoinette few have seen--that of a vulnerable young girl thrust into a role much bigger than she could have imagined. Stunning illustrations by Amy Young capture the grandeur of life in 18th century Versailles and the touching intimacy of a child's lasting love for her pet.
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<td>Author: Lonely Planet</td>
<td>Author: Nicola Wright</td>
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<td>Age Range: 8 - 12 years</td>
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<td>Paperback: 96 pages</td>
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<td>Publisher: Lonely Planet; 1 edition (October 1, 2011)</td>
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<td>ISBN-10: 1742208177</td>
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<td>Summary: This is not a guidebook. And it is definitely 'not-for-parents'. It is the real, inside story about one of the world's most famous cities - Paris. In this book you'll hear fascinating tales about creepy stone gargoyles, ghostly railway stations, huge castles and amazingly pampered pets.</td>
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<td>Summary: Children ages 8 through 12 enjoy a guided tour of France, with French landmarks, culture, history, foods, and much more. The text is in English, but many of the illustrations are bilingual--and the last six pages present an introduction to French words and phrases.</td>
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