

# Collaborative Web Tools for Digital Learners

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WRITING & RESEARCH			
<b>Diigo*</b>	<a href="http://www.diigo.com">www.diigo.com</a>	Bookmark, highlight, and annotate web pages; share them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Critical literacy</li> </ul>
<b>Pearltrees*</b>	<a href="http://www.pearltrees.com">www.pearltrees.com</a>	Create a sequence of web links for your students to follow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casual or formal web research</li> </ul>
<b>Zotero</b>	<a href="http://www.zotero.com">www.zotero.com</a>	Collect, manage, cite, and share research sources (in Firefox)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize &amp; share web research</li> </ul>
<b>Google Scholar</b>	<a href="http://scholar.google.com">scholar.google.com</a>	Search for scholarly literature across disciplines and sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Tool</li> </ul>
<b>Feedly*</b>	<a href="http://www.feedly.com">www.feedly.com</a>	RSS reader that allows users to subscribe to websites, blogs, podcasts, etc., and organize content in one central location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quick way to stay on top of websites you like to follow</li> </ul>
<b>Google Docs*</b>	<a href="http://docs.google.com">docs.google.com</a>	Collaborate live and share documents, presentations, more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative documents</li> <li>• Writing instruction</li> <li>• Student papers and projects</li> </ul>
<b>StoryBird</b>	<a href="http://www.storybird.com">www.storybird.com</a>	Create and edit storybooks with text and artwork with multiple contributors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative writing</li> <li>• Foreign languages</li> <li>• ELL/ESL</li> </ul>
<b>Protagonize</b>	<a href="http://www.protagonize.com">www.protagonize.com</a>	Online environment for writing collaborative fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative writing</li> <li>• Fanfiction</li> <li>• Peer/Teacher review</li> </ul>
<b>Wordle</b>	<a href="http://www.wordle.net">www.wordle.net</a>	Create word clouds by typing or pasting bodies of text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key terms</li> <li>• Vocabulary</li> </ul>
<b>Tagxedo</b>	<a href="http://www.tagxedo.com">www.tagxedo.com</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Word use in student writing</li> </ul>
<b>VocabGrabber</b>	<a href="http://www.visualthesaurus.com/vocabgrabber">www.visualthesaurus.com/vocabgrabber</a>	Paste in a body of text; the site extracts important vocabulary and analyzes use, subject, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocabulary</li> <li>• Word mapping</li> <li>• Visual thesaurus</li> </ul>
<b>FUR.LY</b>	<a href="http://fur.ly">fur.ly</a>	Web address (URL) shortener (also multiples) with stats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing long web addresses</li> </ul>
STUDENT RESPONSE/FEEDBACK			
<b>Poll Everywhere*</b>	<a href="http://www.polleverywhere.com">www.polleverywhere.com</a>	Student/Audience response system using text messaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Icebreakers</li> <li>• Brainstorming</li> </ul>
<b>Socrative</b>	<a href="http://www.socrative.com">www.socrative.com</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Concepts</li> <li>• Prior knowledge</li> </ul>
<b>Padlet*</b>	<a href="http://www.padlet.com">www.padlet.com</a>	Online corkboard; use with mobile devices & SMART Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test Reviews</li> <li>• Content Recap</li> </ul>
<b>Google Docs*</b>	<a href="http://docs.google.com">docs.google.com</a>	Create online surveys, forms, quizzes, and spreadsheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace worksheets forever</li> </ul>
<b>PollDaddy</b>	<a href="http://www.polldaddy.com">www.polldaddy.com</a>	Another online survey tool with a variety of useful features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data collection/visualization</li> </ul>
<b>Google Voice*</b>	<a href="http://www.google.com/voice">www.google.com/voice</a>	Free calling tools with advanced voicemail, text, etc. Get an additional number or choose to use your current one. Setup a new number to go straight to voicemail, so students can call in assignments, etc. <a href="http://bit.ly/voiceduc">http://bit.ly/voiceduc</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech &amp; foreign language students call in oral assignments to voicemail</li> <li>• Band students call in playing tests</li> <li>• Broadcast info to students</li> </ul>
CONCEPT MAPPING			
<b>MindMeister</b>	<a href="http://www.mindmeister.com">www.mindmeister.com</a>	Online collaborative mind mapping and brainstorming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept Mapping</li> </ul>
<b>Gliffy</b>	<a href="http://www.gliffy.com">www.gliffy.com</a>	Another concept mapping tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagramming</li> </ul>

PRESENTATIONS & TIMELINES			
<b>VoiceThread*</b>	<a href="http://www.voicethread.com">www.voicethread.com</a>	Have a discussion around different types of media (pics, docs, videos, slideshows); telephone, text, webcam, mic, file upload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent Examples: <a href="http://bit.ly/vtexamples">http://bit.ly/vtexamples</a></li> </ul>
<b>Prezi</b>	<a href="http://www.prezi.com">www.prezi.com</a>	Immersive presentation tool; more than a slideshow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student presentations</li> <li>Advance organizers</li> </ul>
<b>Glogster</b>	<a href="http://edu.glogster.com">edu.glogster.com</a>	Create digital posters enhanced with various media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student projects for any class</li> <li>Excellent lesson plans for all subjects <a href="http://bit.ly/gloglessonplans">http://bit.ly/gloglessonplans</a></li> </ul>
<b>Flickr</b>	<a href="http://www.flickr.com">www.flickr.com</a>	Create and share online photo albums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use cell phones to take pics documenting field experiences or collect artifacts; upload to Flickr</li> </ul>
<b>Picasa</b>	<a href="http://picasa.google.com">picasa.google.com</a>		
<b>Dipity</b>	<a href="http://www.dipity.com">www.dipity.com</a>	Create interactive timelines, place on a map, and attach pics, sound bytes, video clips, and web links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Example from Dipity: <a href="http://bit.ly/bandtimeline">http://bit.ly/bandtimeline</a></li> </ul>
<b>xTimeline</b>	<a href="http://www.xtimeline.com">www.xtimeline.com</a>	Simpler interactive timeline	
FILE MANAGEMENT & SHARING			
<b>Dropbox</b>	<a href="http://www.dropbox.com">www.dropbox.com</a>	Store, transfer, share, and receive files of all types (especially large files) "in the cloud" using any computer, tablet, or smartphone with an Internet connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep track of your files without carrying USB flash drives</li> <li>Allow students to submit large project files to a shared folder</li> </ul>
<b>SugarSync*</b>	<a href="http://www.sugarsync.com">www.sugarsync.com</a>		
<b>SlideShare</b>	<a href="http://www.slideshare.com">www.slideshare.com</a>	Post slideshows and documents for easy sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a permanent place to share slideshows with a public link</li> </ul>
BLOGS, WIKIS, PODCASTING, WEB CONTENT			
<b>ScreenCast-O-Matic*</b>	<a href="http://www.screencast-o-matic.com">www.screencast-o-matic.com</a>	Capture anything on your computer screen, add narration, overlay webcam and graphics; download or post online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrations</li> <li>Quick Instructional podcasts</li> </ul>
<b>LiveBinders*</b>	<a href="http://www.livebinders.com">www.livebinders.com</a>	3-Ring binder for the web	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize live websites by topic</li> </ul>
<b>Google Sites</b>	<a href="http://sites.google.com">sites.google.com</a>	<i>Easily</i> create collaborative websites/wikis; all Google tools fully integrate into these wikis!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student proj's</li> <li>Data collection</li> <li>Jigsaw activity</li> <li>Class website</li> </ul>
<b>Wikispaces</b>	<a href="http://www.wikispaces.com">www.wikispaces.com</a>	Another site for create a wiki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflection</li> <li>Learning logs</li> <li>Discussions</li> <li>Collaboration</li> </ul>
<b>Blogger</b>	<a href="http://www.blogger.com">www.blogger.com</a>	Blog (online journal) tool	
<b>WordPress</b>	<a href="http://www.wordpress.com">www.wordpress.com</a>	Another leading blog tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborative research</li> <li>Establish a hashtag (#)</li> <li>Tweet significant information</li> <li>Leverage the social web</li> </ul>
<b>Twitter*</b>	<a href="http://www.twitter.com">www.twitter.com</a>	Microsharing/blogging tool	
<b>Paper.li*</b>	<a href="http://paper.li">paper.li</a>	Automated daily digest of tweets by topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student projects</li> </ul>
<b>TweetDeck</b>	<a href="http://www.tweetdeck.com">www.tweetdeck.com</a>	Desktop and mobile Twitter client that helps with feed management, backchanneling, hashtags, and accounts	
<b>Podbean</b>	<a href="http://www.podbean.com">www.podbean.com</a>	Podcasting platform	

## MULTIMEDIA

<b>KeepVid</b>	<a href="http://www.keepvid.com">www.keepvid.com</a>	Download online videos to view offline (always observe copyright laws and terms of service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Download at home; bring to school</li> <li>Avoid Internet glitches during class</li> </ul>
<b>Zamzar</b>	<a href="http://www.zamzar.com">www.zamzar.com</a>	Download and/or convert videos, sound files, documents (always observe copyright laws and terms of service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Download at home; bring to school</li> <li>File conversion</li> </ul>
<b>TubeChop*</b>	<a href="http://www.tubechop.com">www.tubechop.com</a>	Select a portion of a YouTube video and embed, link, share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use only the essential pieces of video clips during instruction</li> </ul>
<b>ViewPure</b>	<a href="http://www.viewpure.com">www.viewpure.com</a>	Removes ads and comments from YouTube videos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure safety and appropriateness</li> </ul>
<b>Dragontape</b>	<a href="http://www.dragontape.com">www.dragontape.com</a>	Create mashups of YouTube videos (also for iPad/iPhone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pull out the content you really need</li> </ul>
<b>Animoto</b>	<a href="http://www.animoto.com">www.animoto.com</a>	Completely web-based video creation; no software to install	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create book trailers</li> </ul>
<b>MorgueFile</b>	<a href="http://www.morguefile.com">www.morguefile.com</a>	Free images to use in multimedia projects and presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sources for generally copyright-free public images</li> </ul>
<b>Fotopedia</b>	<a href="http://www.fotopedia.com">www.fotopedia.com</a>		
<b>Microsoft Office</b>	<a href="http://office.microsoft.com">office.microsoft.com</a>		
<b>GoAnimate</b>	<a href="http://www.goanimate.com">www.goanimate.com</a>	Create highly customized animated videos with narration using a library of stock characters and graphics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance online courses with unique instructional clips and dialogues.</li> </ul>
<b>Google Lit Trips (Google Maps)</b>	<a href="http://googlelitrrips.org">googlelitrrips.org</a>	Google Earth virtual tours that visit locations from literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take (or make) virtual lit field trips</li> </ul>
<b>Aviary</b>	<a href="http://aviary.com">aviary.com</a>	Online content creation tools – Amazing! Create and edit images, effects, websites, music, audio, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student multimedia projects</li> </ul>
<b>Audacity</b>	<a href="http://audacity.sourceforge.net">audacity.sourceforge.net</a>	Free, open-source software for recording and editing audio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record brief lectures to post online</li> <li>Student multimedia projects</li> </ul>

## LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

<b>Google Plus*</b>	<a href="http://plus.google.com">plus.google.com</a>	Google's social networking platform that boasts a high level of privacy control and great potential for education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quickly meet in a video conference</li> <li>Share articles, sites, announcements</li> <li>Easy to target and group contacts</li> </ul>
<b>Edmodo</b>	<a href="http://www.edmodo.com">www.edmodo.com</a>	Free, private social platform specifically for education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share ideas, files, events, assignments, and more</li> </ul>
<b>Schoology</b>	<a href="http://www.schoology.com">www.schoology.com</a>	Free, fully-featured, cloud-hosted learning management system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free alternative to paid options</li> <li>Very familiar interface</li> </ul>
<b>Moodle</b>	<a href="http://www.moodle.org">www.moodle.org</a>	Open-source learning management system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainstream LMS option</li> </ul>
<b>CourseSites</b>	<a href="http://www.coursesites.com">www.coursesites.com</a>	Free version of Blackboard; allows up to five courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainstream, free, familiar</li> </ul>

## AUGMENTED REALITY & LOCATION AWARENESS

<b>Foursquare</b>	<a href="http://www.foursquare.com">www.foursquare.com</a>	Social app for smartphones for "checking in" at locations and events and earning awards in the form of points and badges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manage student attendance</li> <li>Track student field work</li> </ul>
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