EVO: ePerfect eTextbook 2014 Tools

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TOOL / PLATFORM	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES	LINEAR (L) / NON-LINEAR (N)	VIDEO EMBED	OTHER FEATURES	OFFLINE OPTION	COST
Blog	Great aggregator. Visually enticing. Can be used for communication. Very customizable. Can host pretty much any content including video, apps, games, etc...	The scrolling down format is not handy. It gets modified during the learning experience then lives on.	N	✓		No, but you can back it up & transfer. Tools available to make it into a PDF.	Free options

Edmodo	Great for teacher-student (or student-student) communication and very friendly looking. Content and output can easily be organized in folders and are downloadable.	It's a closed space.	**N**	✓			No	Free options
Wiki	Perfect for collaboration and a great content aggregator. It can be re-used practically endlessly. Public or private. Documents are easily downloadable and editable; there is a revision history.	The navigation is not very intuitive: it may be difficult for non-technological students. Not remarkable from a visual point of view.	**N**	✓			No, but you can save as a PDF.	Free options
LiveBinder	Similar to a Wiki, but the navigation is more intuitive. Great aggregator.	Not remarkable from a visual point of view.	**N**	✓			No	Free options
Freemind	Visually enticing.	You need the (downloadable free) software to read it, even though it can be exported as a (textual) HTML file, retaining its active links (but no images).	**N**				Yes	Free
Mind maps generally	Visually enticing. Must give you the possibility to have links, images, video, audio...	Very often not free.	**N**				Usually	
ThingLink	Visually beautiful, it can be embedded.	The navigation tends not to be intuitive.	**N**	✓				Free options

Posters (i.e. Glogster)	Visually enticing and a good choice as an aggregator of content.	Very often the fully implemented version is not free.	**N**	✓		Yes but not the embeds	Free options
Linoit (canvas)	Fresh and flexible. Good as a starting point for further exploration, as it aggregates files, videos, images, links.	Hosts only short notes. great mobile app	**N**	✓		Save as a PDF	Free options
Padlet (canvas)	similar to linot but easier to embed images & links	size of notes doesn't seem limited			does not seem to have an app		Free
Smore, Tackk,Band Flyers	Visually nice to introduce something else, not a tool in itself.	The free version is very simple and cannot be customized. It scrolls down endlessly - not handy	**L**	✓		Save as a PDF or jpg	Free options
Glossi (now Slipp), Jilster, Yudu, (magazines)	They can be visually very interesting, but they can't be compared to media aggregators. Good for the students' output or as a narrative introduction.	Not flexible. Internal navigation (via thumbnails or table of contents) not always possible.	**L**	✓			Free options
Simplebookl et, Issuu, Scribd etc. ♇	Lovely turning-page effect. Good for the students' output or as a narrative introduction.	Not flexible. Internal navigation (via thumbnails or table of contents) not always possible.	**L**	✓		Save as a PDF	Free options
Glossi (now Slipp)	--Browser-based -- Insert images from desktop, URL & Google search -- Can add scrollbar -- Able to save as "unlisted" = not public,	-- No "undo" or "redo" buttons, so save often! Good idea to create a "clone" often to deal		✓	-- Allows for different templates in every page, including our own -- Allows moving pages around by drag-and-drop	Don't think so	Free

	just for people you share link with -- Nice layout -- Move pages with arrows or PgUp/Dn -- Embeddable in a blog or website -- Can be shared on social networks http://glossi.com	with this problem -- Editing images is limited -- Cannot create clickable images			-- Can insert images & links		
Edu 2.0	Online lessons, assignments, forums, wikis, classrooms and schools. It allows you to embed all codes, create portfolios, assess, manage absences, include syllabus and so forth. Powerful elearning platform. https://www.edu20.org/	It is a closed learning platform, but you can turn your classes into 'Open ones' with no code registration needed, but sign-up is essential.	As you like: N and L	✓	The Free version accepts all types of embed codes, attached files … The pro version extends to scorms and badges	Don't think so	Free up to 2000 students
iPages	It allows you to upload images, video clips, clickable links, blank boxes where users can fill in with their own productions, You can export it as pdf or epub	Only available for IOS		yes	yes		19, 99 U$
Haiku	You can embed just about anything. Very flexible design options. Easy to organize. Intuitive. Check out my first attempts: https://caryacademy.haikulearning.com/margit_lanze/wl_nh_ger-1/cms_page/view	Haven't found one yet.	N	✓	Scorms, gradebook integration, embedded wikis, Activegrade integration for standards based grading	No	Free options
Weebly	Very user friendly with options for embedding nearly anything	Works across platforms		Yes	Can upload PDfs, documents or links Offers a blog		Free option, Pro very good

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