

Practical Ed Tech Podcast - Episode 24 - December 20, 2019

News & Notes:

- The features that Canva announced a couple of weeks ago have started to appear. Those include turning your graphics into videos and removing backgrounds from images with just one click. I published videos about both of those tools on my YouTube channel. You can get all the Pro features of Canva for free with your school-issued email address. Just head to canva.com/education/ for the details.
- President Trump has been impeached. Regardless of where you stand politically, it's a topic to note. Larry Ferlazzo has a good list of resources for teaching about the impeachment process. Tom Richey and Keith Hughes both have good videos on the topic.
- Cool new augmented reality tool called Display Land. Find it at [Display.land](https://display.land)
- Google published "Then and now: A Decade in Search."
- The new version of Google Books appears to be available to all users now.
- Biteable is a new online video creation tool. The UI is somewhere between Animoto simplicity and WeVideo's full functionality.
- Word Game is a new Chrome Extension that displays multiple choice vocabulary question whenever you open a new browser tab. Find it at wordgame.betafactory.tech
- Finally, it's winter break! Great time to get a head start on your New Year's resolutions.

Thoughts from my classroom:

- Finished my budget for next school year. Looking forward to getting some new/more equipment.
- Wiped the slate clean, literally, with my sophomore computer repair class. I had let them slack with clean-up and organization. Put in some new protocols and it seems to have made a difference. At least it feels that way. We'll see after break.

Q&A

I am desperately looking for an alternative to Preview for annotating text for our 6th graders who have Chromebooks. I searched your blog and read the info. about SeeSaw's Chrome extension. I'm wondering if we would need to have SeeSaw accounts already set up?

<https://www.freotech4teachers.com/2019/08/how-to-annotate-webpages-with-seesaws.html>

Would you know of other tools folks are using to annotate digital text on Chromebooks?

~Lori

I was sad to discover that Mozilla is ending the Goggles tool. I loved using that in my media literacy unit. Do you know of anything that works as simply as Goggles did?

Thanks

~Shelly

Hi Richard,

Love your work. I've been following it for years. Have you ever considered publishing a book? I bet there would be a good audience for it.

~Chris

Why two microphones?

~Kathy