SPARCC Technology Integration Updates
ELA, ELL and Languages

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If you have resources to share, please feel to send them to Eric Curts at eric.curts@apps.sparcc.org

Summer 2023

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General

- **Threads** - Resource Link - Connect with educators on the new social media platform from Instagram
- **ISTE Google Updates** - Resource Link - 16 updates and new features for Google for Education announced at the 2023 ISTE Conference.
- **Chrome Extensions** - Resource Link - Finding, installing, pinning, using, and managing extensions, and a list of 150+ recommended extensions.
- **AI Guidelines** - Resource Link - 10 questions to answer to help develop AI guidelines for your class.

April 2023

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General

- **QuestionWell** - Resource Link - Free tool to create AI-generate multiple-choice questions from a text.
- **Schoolytics** - Resource Link - Interactive data dashboard tool for Google Classroom. Free version lets teachers connect up to 10 of their classes and get detailed reports
- **FigJam** - Resource Link - Online diagramming tool that is free for schools.
- **Google Bard Overview for Educators** - Resource Link - 10-minute video on how to access Google's new AI chatbot called Bard, how to use Bard, and examples for how Bard can be used in education.

March 2023

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- **Book Creator Poetry Competition** - Resource Link - During the month of April 2023, Book Creator is running a poetry competition for students.
- **Verbal Workout** - Resource Link - Free website with interactive exercises for commonly taught MS and HS books.
- **The Achievery** - Resource Link - Clips from popular movies, TV shows, and cartoons from Warner Bros. and Cartoon Network, paired with lessons and learning activities.
- **Wordwall** - Resource Link - Create 18 types of custom interactive activities for your students for free, and use any of the 54 million+ activities already created.
- **Literal** - Resource Link - Over 500 free books presented in an interactive format resembling text messages in a group chat.
- **Making and Taking Tours with Google Earth** - Resource Link - In this 45-minute recorded webinar we explore how you and your students can create virtual tours with Google Earth.

General

- **Taboo AI** - Resource Link - Play the Taboo word guessing game with an AI. Great for content knowledge, as well as vocabulary skills.
- **Scribble Diffusion** - Resource Link - Free AI-powered web app that lets you draw a rough sketch and add a text prompt, to bring your doodles to life.
- **Curipod** - Resource Link - Create interactive lessons with content and question types including poll, word cloud, drawing, and open question. Create your own lesson, or use AI to generate individual activities or an entire lesson.
- **Stickity** - Resource Link - Free add-on for Google Docs and Slides that lets you add digital stickers from a large collection including Expectations, Content Support, Feedback, Buttons, Steps & Levels, Timers, Borders, Attention Getters, and Fun & Games.
- **Google Sheets for Educators** - Resource Link - 50-minute training on "Google Sheets for Educators" covering topics including view options, freezing rows and columns, sorting data, filtering data, formulas, charts and graphs, sparklines, conditional formatting, and even pivot tables.
- **What's New in Google - March 2023** - Resource Link - For an easy way to catch up on everything new in Google for Education from the last month, check out the recorded video, detailed agenda, and all the links from the GEG-Ohio March 2023 Meeting.

February 2023

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- **Mote for Multilingual Learners** - Resource Link - Recorded webinar on using the Mote extension with multilingual learners on Google Docs, Slides, Forms, and more.
- **TeachersFirst Reading Treks** - Resource Link - A free collection of virtual field trips based on a piece of literature or text, from grades K through 12.

General

- **Online Puzzlemaker** - Resource Link - Free puzzle generation tool for word search, criss-cross, math puzzles, and more, using your own word lists.

- **Conker** - Resource Link - AI tool for generating Google Forms quizzes from a topic or your own source material.
- **Giant Steps** - Resource Link - Free gamified practice tool from the makers of Pear Deck with independent practice and collaborative games.
- **Free Media Resources** - Resource Link - 50+ sites with free media resources for projects including photos, clipart, icons, GIFs, fonts, sound effects, music, videos, and design templates.

January 2023

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- **Padlet Collection of Picture Books** - Resource Link - Information on picture books for teachers and students. Organized by categories such as Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, Creativity, Curiosity, Equity, Empathy, and much more.
- **Teachflix** - Resource Link - Collection of vetted educational videos for use with your students, with categories including math, music and art, science, history, English language arts, physical education, read alouds, computer science, SEL, world language, virtual field trips, digital citizenship, and more.
- **WordsTool** - Resource Link - Free online tool to create and share vocabulary exercises with students.
- **TalkingPoints** - Resource Link - Free tool for teachers and parents to message each other in their preferred language. Translates messages both ways in over 145 languages.
- **Storyvoice** - Resource Link - Free interactive, live read-aloud show where authors and illustrators read, draw, and connect live with a global listening audience.

General

- **Infinity Whiteboard** - Resource Link - Free online whiteboard with no login required. Share with others to collaborate with a simple code. Add PDFs or images to annotate on top of.
- **Chat Animator** - Resource Link - Create realistic fake text chat animations that simulate messaging apps. Great for stories, explaining a concept, having characters or historical figures chat.
- **KeepTheScore** - Resource Link - Online tool to track points for class leaderboards, activities, competitions, goals, teams, sports, and more. Free version for up to 50 players, unlimited boards, CSV download.

December 2022

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- **GlotDojo** - Resource Link - Free translation extension with many of the common translation features, but with a couple extra unique features including: Multiple subtitles for videos so you can view up to three different translations simultaneously, and option to view images of any selected word (along with normal translation and pronunciation).
- **TinyWow AI Text Tools** - Resource Link - Totally free AI-powered writing tool. No sign-up needed, and no limit on quantity created. Enter your text and have the AI generate an improved version. Specific tools include essay writer, content improver, paragraph completer, name generator, and much more.
- **SwiftRead** - Resource Link - This Chrome extension is designed to help anyone read faster than their current speed. Additionally it may help the reader stay focused and on the reading task.

General

- **Beep** - Resource Link - Free Chrome extension for teachers and students to record and leave voice notes in Google Docs, Slides, Forms, Sheets, Classroom, and Gmail. Unlimited number of recordings for up to 3 minutes long each.
- **ClipChamp** - Resource Link - Free online video editor that includes: Unlimited watermark-free exports, Up to 1080p(HD) export resolution, Free audio, image, & video stock, Free filters & effects, Import media from Google Drive, Google Photos, local drive, and more, Record media with camera and/or screen recording, Works on Chromebooks, Windows, and Mac.
- **Yippity** - Resource Link - Yippity is a free online tool that uses AI to help you study. Enter the text or web link for your study material. The AI will create a list of questions and answers from the text. You can now quiz yourself to see how well you know the content.
- **Font Space** - Resource Link - Over 100,000 free fonts to use for any of your projects. Search through the fonts, or browse by style and collections. Choose a font, type in your text, and download the image or simply copy and paste it into your Google project.
- **Google Chrome video series** - Resource Link - New collection of 12 short tutorial videos on tips and tricks to get the most out of your use of the Google Chrome web browser.

November 2022

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- **DeepL** - Resource link - Free Chrome extension that translates any text you are reading, translates any text you are writing, and is over 3 times more accurate than other translation tools.
- **New Google Sheets Timeline Creator** - Resource Link - Students can now create and share interactive timelines right in Google Sheets that include titles, descriptions, dates, links, colors, groups and more.
- **GZM Classroom** - Resource Link - Free serialized audio dramas and other shows, aimed at middle grade students, with teacher resources including listening guides, explore board, and choice boards

General

- **Unhook** - Resource link - Free Chrome extension to clean up YouTube by removing distractions including video sidebar, recommended videos, live chat, playlist, end screen video suggestions, user comments, video info, autoplay, annotations, and more.
- **"What I Am Thankful For" Turkey** - Resource Link - Google Slides template for students to create a digital turkey showing what they are grateful for.
- **Image Candy** - Resource Link - Free online image editing tools including Background remover, Meme generator, Crop image, Rotate image, Add text, Video to GIF, and more!
- **Pine Tools** - Resource Link - Great collection of useful free online tools for images, texts, lists, numbers, dates and times, colors, files, math, randomness, videos, and more.
- **Bouncy Balls** - Resource Link - Monitor noise level in classroom, adjust the sensitivity & quantity of balls, choose theme (plastic, emoji, numbers, bubbles, or eyeballs).
- **TextGiraffe** - Resource Link - This free website lets you create text graphics & logos in 100's of styles from whatever text you type in. You can download the final result as a PNG image in five sizes from micro to extra large.

October 2022

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- **Quazel** - Resource Link - With Quazel you learn a new language simply by talking like you would to your friend. The AI analyzes how you speak and reacts to anything you say.
- **Smithsonian Learning Lab** - Resource Link - Free, interactive platform for teachers and students with over 6 million authentic digital resources for social studies, language arts, science, math, arts, and more.
- **Consensus** - Resource Link - Free online search tool that uses AI to analyze your research question and return key findings from hundreds of millions of peer-reviewed scientific papers.
- **Illustrate to Educate** - Resource Link - YouTube channel with lots of short, illustrated whiteboard videos on a wide range of educational topics including social studies, science, finance, current events, technology, and more.
- **Read.gov** - Resource Link - Website from the Library of Congress for people of all ages to discover the fascinating people, places and events that await you whenever you read.
- **Read Kiddo Read** - Resource Link - Large collection of book reviews and suggestions to encourage children to read, with categories for Ages 0-8, 6+, 8+, and 10+ as well as categories including Fantasy & Other Worlds, Real World Fiction, Action/Adventure/Mystery, and more.
- **4 Googley Halloween Activities** - Resource Link - Halloween-themed educational activities with Google tools including Build a Jack-O-Lantern with Google Slides, Halloween Rebus Stories with Emojis and Google Docs, Halloween Drag and Drop Poetry with Google Drawings, and Skittles and Google Sheets Math Activities.

General

- **Instagram Template** - Resource Link - Free Google Slides template to mimic Instagram posts, including 6 different layouts, along with directions.
- **Msgif** - Resource Link - Msgif is a GIF generator that converts a message you type into a GIF animation. Once you download it you can share it on social media, chat apps or wherever you want.
- **DrawKit** - Resource Link - Hand-drawn illustrations and icon resources for use in any project, including a large collection of free images.
- **AnswerGarden** - Resource Link - Free interactive feedback tool where you post a topic, students submit answers, and their responses form a growing word cloud. Includes settings for session management.
- **Mixkit** - Resource Link - Free stock videos, stock music, and sound effects to download and use in any project with no attribution or sign-up required.
- **Cloud Audio Recorder** - Resource Link - Free unlimited online audio and voice recorder that can capture any sound from your computer microphone and save it to your computer or your Google Drive.
- **CocoMaterial** - Resource Link - Thousands of free hand-drawn illustrations covering a wide range of topics for use in any of your projects.

September 2022

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- **8 Engaging ELA Activities for Google Docs** - Resource Link - Creative Docs projects including blackout poetry, cloze reading, CYOA stories, writing with emojis, graphic organizers, and more.
- **Google Dataset Search** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Dataset Search is a search engine for datasets. Using a simple keyword search, users can discover almost 25 million datasets hosted in thousands of repositories across the Web, on nearly any subject that interests you.
- **Read Along** - Resource Link - This free website from Google helps kids learn to read independently through hundreds of leveled stories, with the help of a reading assistant, Diya, who listens to the student read out loud and helps them when they get stuck.

- **Google Expeditions** - Resource Link - Although Expeditions is no longer a VR experience, hundreds of these virtual tours are now available as interactive virtual field trips in Google Arts and Culture, with content for any subject area.
- **Newspaper Clipping Generator** - Resource Link - Create a custom newspaper clipping by entering the name of your paper, date, headline, and body of the story, then download the generated image to use.
- **Akinator** - Resource Link - Think of a person (real or fictional) or an object or an animal, then the AI will ask you questions about it to try to guess what you chose. Excellent way to test and expand your knowledge on the subject you chose.
- **Turtle Diary** - Resource Link - Free website with 1000+ educational games and learning activities for Pre-K through 5th grade in math, language arts, science, geography, and more.
- **PBS Learning Media** - Resource Link - Free collection of curated, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lessons plans, and more across all subject areas and grade levels.

General

- **ClassroomQ** - Resource Link - Free web tool for schools where students can add their name to a virtual queue to indicate they need help and ask questions, and the teacher can organize and track the student questions.
- **YouTube Can Do That** - Resource Link - 18 tips and tricks to get the most out of YouTube for you and your students.
- **Creating a Soundboard with Google Slides** - Resource Link - How to make your own digital soundboard for class using Google Slides and free audio resources.
- **What's New in Google: August 2022** - Resource Link - All of the updates from the last month for Google Workspace for Education, along with lots of practical ideas on using Google tools in school.
- **Kapwing Pro** - Resource Link - Kapwing Pro video editor now free for students and educators to create learning opportunities, edit video projects, and collaborate on digital content all in one place.
- **QR Code Monkey** - Resource Link - Free and easy website to create and download QR Codes for any content, as well as customizing the colors, images, and design.
- **Easy Notecards** - Resource Link - Create interactive notecards, with the option to link the cards to specific books and chapters that they pertain to.
- **Magic Eraser** - Resource Link - Remove unwanted items from any image using this AI-powered online photo editor.
- **Background Eraser** - Resource Link - Remove the background from any image using this AI-powered online photo editor.
- **Flex Cards** - Resource Link - Flippity has a new Google Sheets template for "Flex Cards" which are flashcards with up to 10 sides.
- **TinyWow** - Resource Link - Free website with loads of tools for editing and converting PDFs, images, videos, files, and more, as well as background removers, meme makers, QR code generators, and more.
- **Heyzine** - Resource Link - Create online flipbooks from PDFs with page turn effects, add links, audio, video, forms, and web embeds. Free for up to 5 flipbooks.
- **Font Meme** - Resource Link - Create text graphics and logos with featured text styles, inspired by current design trends and pop culture.
- **Avatar Maker** - Resource Link - Free Chrome extension to create a character of yourself (or anyone) by choosing colors, hairstyles, hats, glasses, mouth, eyes, clothes and more.
- **Creator Mix** - Resource Link - Free background music for YouTube, podcasts, and more.
- **Tide extension** - Resource link - Chrome extension to help you stay focused with a focus timer, immersive mode, focus stats, and natural ambient sounds.

Summer 2022

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- **Quill Reading for Evidence** - Resource Link, Resource Link - This free tool provides reading texts for students and then engages them through open-ended writing prompts, while AI automatically evaluates their responses to coach students on how to strengthen their writing and better represent the key ideas from the text.
- **TypeLit** - Resource Link - Free online site to practice your keyboard skills by typing the text from over 60 famous works of literature, including books in multiple languages.
- **Google Pronunciation Tool** - Resource Link - How to use Google's search tool to listen to, see, and practice how any word is pronounced.
- **EmojiMix** - Resource link - This interactive site uses Google's "Emoji Kitchen" project to let you pick any two emojis and mash them up into a new image. Great for writing prompts, discussions, and creative fun.
- **Notable People** - Resource Link - This interactive globe lets you zoom into any place on Earth to see notable people who were born there including those from culture, discovery, science, leadership, sports, and more.

General

- **Strip Background** - Resource Link - Free website that lets you remove the background from any image, and then optionally replace the background with a solid color or another background image, with no size limitations.
- **No Sign Up Tools** - Resource Link - Curated collection of web-based products that don't require an account or registration
- **Kassel Labs** - Resource Link - Create custom intro videos in the style of Star Wars, Stranger Things, Westworld, Game of Thrones, and Breaking Bad.
- **GIFcap** - Resource Link - Free web-based tool to create animated GIFs from your screen recording.
- **EZGIF** - Resource Link - This website provides a simple online GIF maker and toolset for basic animated GIF editing. You can create, resize, crop, reverse, optimize, and apply some effects to GIFs.

April 2022

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- **Manga Out Of The Box** - Resource Link - Google Arts & Culture collection to explore the history and culture of Japanese comics.
- **Aloud** - Resource Link - Google tool for creators to quickly and easily dub their videos into multiple languages for free.
- **FlipSimu Dice Roller** - Resource Link - Interactive random dice roller with up to three dice with standard dots, or customizable text or images.
- **EmojiMix** - Resource link - This interactive site uses Google's "Emoji Kitchen" project to let you pick any two emojis and mash them up into a new image. Great for writing prompts, discussions, and creative fun.

General

- **Jamboard Templates** - Resource Link - Over 1,300 Jamboard templates organized by subject area, grade level, and topics.
- **Tech With Littles** - Resource Link - Technology activities and tools for younger students.
- **ScreenPal** - Resource Link - Free Chrome extension to record a quick video message and insert it into most any text box or comment field online.
- **Chromebooks Can Do That?!** - Resource Link - Recorded webinar about lesser-known helpful tips, tricks, and tools for getting the most out of your Chromebooks including camera tools, screen capture and recording, multiple desks, offline use, keyboard shortcuts, Android apps, and more.

- **Chromebook Accessibility Tools** - Resource Link - Recorded webinar about how to use the accessibility tools built right into Chromebooks including features for text to speech, alternative input, readability, navigation, and more.
- **Marvelous Mote Activities for Schools** - Resource Link - Recorded webinar and resources on using the Mote extension for audio feedback and learning activities.
- **I Love PDF** - Resource Link - Free collections of online PDF tools to merge, split, compress, convert, rotate, unlock and watermark PDFs with just a few clicks.
- **Canva Design Skills for Students** - Resource Link - Free 7-part video series to teach students (or anyone) how to use Canva for creativity and design.
- **Web Apps by 123apps** - Resource Link - Free collection of online tools for creating, editing, and converting video files, audio files, PDF's, and more.
- **Crowd Buzzer** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Free online tool for interactive game buzzers.
- **VRroom** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Free online tool for teachers to create a safe and controlled VR space for up to 30 students at a time to talk and interact virtually.

March 2022

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- **Wordle Inspired Games for the Classroom** - Resource Link - Collection of online games similar to Wordle, including ones where you can add your own words for students to solve, as well as math versions.
- **CLOZEit** - Resource Link - This add-on for Google Docs allows you to make any paragraph text as a fill-in-the-blanks activity, or also known as a cloze activity.
- **EDSITEment** - Resource Link - High-quality K-12 humanities education materials in the subject areas of history and social studies, literature and language arts, foreign languages, arts, and culture.
- **Self-Checking Translation Quiz** - Resource Link - This template lets you practice another language with color-coded feedback and hints as needed. Great for ELL's and all world language learners and teachers.
- **Readlee** - Resource Link - Free online tool that has students read aloud to the computer, and then generates a report for you on the student's reading progress.

General

- **Sketchpad** - Resource Link - Free online drawing tool with a large selection of brushes, stamps, clipart, text tools, and more.
- **Capture My Tweet** - Resource Link - Turn a tweet into a nice picture for sharing with a large selection of backgrounds and sizes.
- **GifRun** - Resource Link - Create and download an animated GIF from any spot in a YouTube video for up to 15 seconds, along with custom text.
- **StorySet** - Resource Link - Free site to customize, animate, and download illustrations as animated GIFs or videos for use in any project.
- **Floop** - Resource Link - Tool for teacher feedback on student work, guided peer feedback, and guided self-assessment. Free through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Animated Drawings** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Interactive tool that allows parents and guardians to convert two-dimensional children's drawings into fun animations.
- **Yellkey** - Resource Link - Create a temporary shortened URL with a common easy-to-use word that lasts from 5 minutes to 24 hours.
- **EmojiCopy** - Resource Link - Easy website to search for and copy emojis.
- **StreemTunes** - Resource Link - Free music in a variety of styles for students, educators, and content creators to use in school projects, presentations, streams, and more.
- **LottieFiles** - Resource Link - Add-on to add thousands of free GIFs and images to your Google Slides, Docs, and Sheets.

- **What's New in Google: March 2022** - Resource Link - All of the updates from the last month for Google Workspace for Education, along with lots of practical ideas on using Google tools in school.

December 2021

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- **Wide Open School: Reading & Writing** - Resource Link - Large collection of free, high-quality learning activities across subjects, from preschool to Grade 12.
- **Wide Open School: English Language Learners** - Resource Link - Large collection of free, high-quality learning activities across subjects, from preschool to Grade 12.
- **Huey the Bookbot** - Resource Link - Fun and easy AI that asks a few questions and then recommends books for kids based on their age, reading ability and interests.
- **ICT English Games** - Resource Link - Collection of free to play online educational language arts games aimed at children between 5 and 8 years old.

General

- **Life Books Thematic Units** - Resource Link - Cross-curricular, tech-integrated activities for Middle School based on the "Life Books" series.
- **Erase.bg** - Resource Link - Another website to remove the background from images. The benefit of this site compared to others is the ability to download the new image in high quality for free (up to 5,000x5,000 px)
- **SketchUp for Schools** - Resource Link - Free web-based 3D modeling tool for schools using Google Workspace for Education. Also includes curriculum and tutorial videos for all subjects.
- **URLEX** - Resource Link - Find out where a shortened link actually goes before you click on it with this free online URL expander tool.

November 2021

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- **ELL2.0 Dictionary** - Resource Link - The Google Sheets template allows the user to enter words, and then automatically generates translations, pronunciations, images, and definitions of those words.
- **ELL2.0** - Resource Link - Website with a large collection of resources, training videos, blog posts, slideshows, and more for teaching English Language Learners.

General

- **"What I Am Thankful For" Turkey** - Resource Link - Google Slides template for students to build a turkey where each of the feathers displays things they are thankful for.
- **What's New in Google** - November 2021 - Resource Link - All of the updates from the last month for Google Workspace for Education, along with lots of practical ideas on using Google tools in school.

October 2021

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- **The Oregon State Guide to Grammar** - Resource Link - YouTube series designed to help high school and college students make sense of difficult terms and confusing grammatical conventions, identify parts of speech and grammatical constructions, and advance their awareness of their own linguistic intuition.
- **Build a Jack-O-Lantern** - Resource Link - Google Slides activity for students to build a jack-o-lantern, practice tech skills, and do creative writing.
- **Halloween Drag and Drop Poetry** - Resource Link - Google Drawings template for students to create poetry with a Halloween theme.

General

- **Google's Applied Digital Skills** - Resource Link - 150+ free, video-based, ready-to-use digital skills lessons for student learning in any subject area or for your professional development.
- **Up-Goer Five Text Editor** - Resource Link - Tool where you can only write with the 1,000 most common words. Excellent way for students to try to explain any concept using just basic words.
- **Cleanup Pictures** - Resource Link - Free online tool that uses artificial intelligence to let you clean up a picture by removing any object in the image that you want to remove.

September 2021

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- **Toucan** - Resource Link - Learn a new language with this Chrome extension that automatically translates certain words and phrases on the page into the language you're trying to learn.
- **Edji** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Collaborative annotation tool that lets students leave text and audio comments on a reading passage, answer questions, and optionally see comments from classmates.

General

- **Whiteborb** - Resource Link - Simple interactive digital whiteboard for collaboration with no sign in required.
- **Rainbow Wordart** - Resource Link - Learn how to use the gradient feature to create rainbow wordart in Google Slides.
- **Self-Checking Google Sheets** - Resource Link - Template and directions for creating a self-checking Google Sheets review activity for any topic.
- **Ziplet** - Resource link, Resource link - Free tool for creating digital exit tickets and gathering feedback from students in a variety of ways.
- **LICEcap** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Free tool for Windows and Mac to quickly record and save animated GIFs.
- **Free 3D Icons** - Resource Link - Large collection of free 3D icons that you can use on your website or in any project, with no requirement for attribution.
- **What's New in Google** - Resource Link - Recorded video and detailed resource document from the September 2021 GEG-Ohio meeting with everything new in Google and loads of ideas for schools.

August 2021

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- **Sentence Diagramming Template** - Resource Link - Google Drawing graphic organizer for sentence diagramming
- **Newspaper Map** - Resource Link - Explore this world map with over 10,000 newspapers from around the world, with links to read each, as well as translations if needed.

General

- **Mind Map Tools** - Resource Link - Overview of 15 different tools for creating mind maps and flowcharts.
- **ChatterPix** - Resource Link - Free app for Android and iOS that lets you and your students create talking pictures. Fun way to explain a concept or tell a story.
- **Animation Desk** - Resource Link - Free tool for Windows, Android, or iOS for creating animated videos and GIFs to explain a concept or tell a story.
- **Note Ledge** - Resource Link - Free tool for creating sketchnotes and other drawings for Windows, Mac, Android, and iOS.

May 2021

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- **Emily Dickinson Slides Template** - Resource Link - Free interactive Google Slides resource all about Emily Dickinson and her poetry, complete with embedded Pear Deck activities.
- **Plotting Plots** - Resource Link - Explore themes, connections, and trends in novels by creating graphs showing the relative frequency of any four words from a book.
- **Kialo** - Resource Link - Free argument mapping and debate tool specifically designed for classroom use, where discussions are visualized as an interactive tree of pro and con arguments that support or challenge each thesis and subsequent claim.
- **Literacy Shed** - Resource Link - Free collection of high quality films and animations that can be used in the primary classroom to enhance the teaching of reading and writing, organized by topic or theme.

General

- **Docs Calendar Templates** - Resource Link - Google Docs templates for creating one-page calendars with event details for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Brainstormer** - Resource Link - Free online interactive brainstorming tool, with no registration, easy submission of ideas, time limit options, and anonymous voting at the end.

April 2021

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- **Bibcitation** - Resource Link - Free Chrome extension to generate citations for websites and journal articles in MLA, APA, Chicago, and more.
- **EarthCam** - Resource Link - Large collection of live webcams documenting bird nesting season, cities around the world, time-lapses, animals and zoos, landmarks, and more.
- **iThrive Sim** - Resource Link - Free online role-playing simulation games that address media literacy, history, civics education, and SEL for high school social studies and humanities students.
- **My Shakespeare** - Resource Link - Free media-rich, full-text online editions of Shakespeare's plays with interactive content, videos, contemporary translations, study tools, and more.

- **The Nonsense Laboratory** - Resource Link - Google Arts Experiment that uses AI to let you play with words by mixing words, spelling with different letters, making new words with mouth movements, and more.

General

- **Loru Games** - Resource Link - Free online games where you can create question sets for your students or use public question sets.
- **PlayingCards.io** - Resource Link - Site for students to collaboratively play lots of classic card games, with the option to build your own as well.
- **IconsMania** - Resource Link - Free editable icons, illustrations and clipart images, which are great for school use. Easy to edit and use in Google tools.
- **New Google Meet Layout** - Resource Link - Details and video walkthrough of the new layout and features coming to Google Meet in May.
- **I'm a Puzzle** - Resource Link - Free site to create interactive online puzzles with a picture you upload. Choose the game mode and difficulty, then share the link with students.

March 2021

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- **Projects for National Poetry Month** - Resource Link - Googley projects for creating poems including the "Verse by Verse" AI Tool, Drag-and-drop "Magnetic" Poetry, Random Writing Prompt Generators, Black-out Poetry, Templates for Haikus and "Pi Poems", and more.
- **Games to Learn English** - Resource Link - Dozens of free games to help students practice grammar, vocabulary, spelling, pronunciation, and more. Great for ELL or early learners.
- **Writing Videos** - Resource Link - YouTube playlist with 27 TED-Ed videos on writing skills and topics.
- **Formatting Bibliographies** - Resource Link - Seven free tools to help students format bibliographies.
- **Wordtune** - Resource Link - AI-powered Chrome extension that suggests alternate ways to phrase your sentences.
- **Reading Difficulty Power Tools** - Resource Link, YouTube video - Script for Google Docs to help teachers quickly analyze any document for difficult words and then either simplify these words or teach them.
- **Story Dice / Cubes** - 5 Dice Version, 9 Dice Version - Website to generate 5 or 9 random digital story dice.
- **VocabBoost** - Resource Link - Chrome extension to create drag and drop vocabulary tests from any online article, webpage, or other text.
- **National Poetry Month Resources** - Resource Link - Collection of sites, activities, and resources to help students connect with poetry.
- **Citation Generator** - Resource Link - Quickly generate citations for websites in Chicago, HAD, MLA, or APA format. Can also be added as a bookmarklet for easy access.
- **Google's Fact Check Tools** - Resource Link - Search tool from Google to browse and search for fact checks on any topic, provided by journalists and researchers.

General

- **Vmaker** - Resource Link - Another screencasting extension for teachers with free option for unlimited recordings.
- **Circly** - Resource Link - Free tool for creating interactive, collaborative graphic organizers using circles for grouping concepts.
- **Conundrums** - Resource Link - 14 episode learning series with activities which introduces the challenging idea that not all problems have a clear right answer.
- **GIFs from YouTube** - Resource Link - How to create a GIF from a YouTube video.
- **Wizer** - Resource Link - Create interactive digital worksheets from scratch or from existing worksheets.

- **GameChangineer** - Resource Link - A fun platform for creating video games in object-oriented English. Discover and practice logical reasoning, problem-solving, algorithmic design, critical and computational thinking.
- **Carrot2** - Resource Link - Search engine that organizes your results into topics to help students visualize and explore the results.
- **Preset Meet Breakout Rooms** - Resource Link - How to pre-organize your Google Meet Breakout Rooms and students using Google Calendar.
- **What's New in Google** - Resource Link - Recorded video and detailed resource document from the March 2021 GEG-Ohio meeting with everything new in Google and loads of ideas for schools.

February 2021

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- **Timeline Generator** - Resource Link - Free tool to take a Wikipedia article and automatically create a timeline from the dates and details, with the option to edit and share the result.
- **Self-Publishing on Amazon** - Resource Link - Step-by-step directions on how to self-publish a book on Amazon at no cost.
- **Newspaper Slides Template** - Resource Link - Free template for Google Slides to create a newspaper frontpage with headlines, stories, and images.
- **Reading Vine** - Resource Link - Free website with a large collection of reading passages and sets, across grade levels and subjects, for students to get personalized reading skills practice.

General

- **Keymash** - Resource Link - Free typing website with dozens of interactive keyboarding lessons, as well as competitive typing games.
- **Record to Slides** - Resource Link - Chrome extension that makes it super easy to record video from your webcam or screen share, and then insert that into Google Slides.
- **Knowt** - Resource Link - Automatically turn any text into flashcards or a quiz for review with this artificial intelligence tool.
- **Blooket** - Resource Link - Free online review game site with a variety of fun games for students, and options to create your own questions or use existing banks.
- **What's New in Google** - Resource Link - Recorded video and detailed resource document from the February 2021 GEG-Ohio meeting with everything new in Google and loads of ideas for schools.

January 2021

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- **Student Writing in Google Slides** - Resource Link - How to showcase students' written work by using a Google Slides magazine-style template.
- **Translating Google Meet** - Resource Link - How to translate Google Meet chat messages, live closed captions, and menus into any language.
- **PuzzGrid** - Resource Link - Play or create your own online word puzzles where you try to identify four sets of linked words and determine what they have in common.
- **Zenica** - Resource Link - Build and share your own virtual bookshelves, with personally selected books and descriptions.

General

- **Thinkio** - Resource Link - Free and easy website for teachers to upload and share PDF worksheets and other files which students can then type on, draw on, and turn in.
- **WhiteboardChat** - Resource Link - Free interactive whiteboard website where up to 100 students can have their own boards that you can view and interact with. Lots and lots of great features.
- **Saving Meet Chat and Captions** - Resource Link - How to save a Google Doc transcript of all the chat messages, live closed captions, and screenshots from a Google Meet.
- **Cloud Stop Motion** - Resource Link - Online stop motion animation tool with free accounts for schools, with powerful features including sound effects, music, title, credits, and more.
- **Google Meet Attendance Template (Enterprise)** - Resource Link - Free template to collect, organize, and summarize attendance from Google Meet for the entire school year (for Enterprise users).
- **Google Meet Attendance Template (Non-Enterprise)** - Resource Link - Free template to collect, organize, and summarize attendance from Google Meet for the entire school year (for Non-Enterprise users).
- **What's New in Google** - Resource Link - Recorded video and detailed resource document from the January 2021 GEG-Ohio meeting with everything new in Google and loads of ideas for schools.

December 2020

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- **Google Docs Citations** - Resource Link - Google Docs adds a tool to insert in-text citations and create a bibliography in the MLA, APA, or Chicago (author-date) styles.
- **Translating Google Meet Captions** - Resource Link - How to translate the live captions in Google Meet into any language you choose.
- **Free Audiobooks** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Google Play Books offers 20 free classic books as audiobooks with auto-generated narration.
- **Reference Sites for Students** - Resource Link - A collection of safe search engines and research websites for students.
- **Originality Reports in Google Classroom** - Resource Link - How you and your students can check for plagiarism and needed citations in their writing using the Originality Report feature in Google Classroom.

General

- **Edu-pal** - Resource Link - Chrome extension for polls and quizzes in Google Meet (may be helpful for schools without Enterprise version of Meet)
- **Scroobly** - Resource link - You can be a digital animator and bring your doodles to life with Google's new AI-powered tool Scroobly.
- **Chimera Painter** - Resource Link - AI-powered tool from Google to design your own fantastical creatures.
- **GIPHY Stickers** - Resource Link - Animated stickers that are great for adding to Google Slides presentations.
- **Teacher Made** - Resource Link - Easily convert PDF worksheets into interactive documents for students to complete digitally.
- **Google Meet Q&A** - Resource Link, Resource Link - How to use the Q&A feature in Meet, as well as alternatives for users without Enterprise.
- **Google Meet Breakout Rooms** - Resource Link, Resource Link - How to use the breakout room feature in Meet, as well as alternatives for users without Enterprise.
- **Google Classroom Rubrics** - Resource Link - How to use the rubric feature in Google Classroom for grading student work.
- **Wordwall** - Resource Link - Website for making fun review games, with free option.
- **RecordCast** - Resource Link - Free screen recorder and video editor for up to 30 minutes per video and 8 video projects at a time.

December 2019

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- **Civic Online Reasoning** - Resource Link - Free lessons and assessments that help you teach students to evaluate online information that affects them, their communities, and the world.

General

- **Canva for Education** - Resource Link - Canva now offering free premium accounts and tools for teachers and their classes for this powerful graphic design tool.
- **Image Annotator** - Resource Link - Interactive tool for users to upload an image, create hotspots with titles, descriptions, and links, and share with others.

November 2019

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- **World Language Resources for K-12** - Resource Link - Google Doc with large collection of world language digital resources, organized by topic
- **Learn with News** - Resource Link - Current event articles, each written at three different reading levels, including resources for difficult words, activities, vocabulary practice, conversation questions, and more.
- **Speechling** - Resource Link - Free site to practice a new language by listening to and recording phrases, as well as taking assessments.
- **Plagiarism video** - Resource Link - Video from CommonCraft explaining what plagiarism is and how to avoid it in your writing and other projects.
- **Charlala** - Resource Link - Language learning tool that lets students draw on their devices to answer questions, retell stories, play games, and more.
- **Google Search Pronunciation Practice** - Resource Link - Google Search on mobile now lets you practice pronouncing words. English now with Spanish coming soon.
- **Story Starters** - Resource Link - 7 online resources and tools to provide story starters for student writing

General

- **Trace** - Resource Link - Online tool from Stickermule to remove the background from an image. The new cut out image can be downloaded for use in digital projects.

October 2019

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- **15 Awesome Article Sites for Students** - Resource Link - Great sites for current event news and general interest articles for student reading in all subjects and grades
- **"Very" Infographic** - Resource Link - 147 words to use instead of "Very" when writing.

- **Media Literacy Booster Pack** - Resource Link - Media Literacy resources covering evaluating information, separating facts and opinions, recognizing bias, filtering out fake news, detecting propaganda, uncovering how news is made, spotting errors in the news, and taking charge of your role.
- **Fluentkey** - Resource Link - Create interactive quizzes from any video (similar to EdPuzzle or PlayPosit or iSLCollective)
- **Imagine Forest** - Resource Link - Free website for students to write and publish stories online, with helpful story starters, images, feedback, goals, and more.
- **Books: From Scrolls to Screens** - Resource Link - Google Arts & Culture online collection of images, videos, VR scenes, and more, all about the history of books.
- **Google Books** - Resource Link - Google Books site gets an updated look and layout with easy access to citations, recommendations, and more.

General

- **What's New in Google for October 2019** - Resource Link - 33 new Google updates and 27 Google resources for your class.
- **Flippity** - Resource Link - Create educational games and activities including word searches, crossword puzzles, bingo games, flashcards, Jeopardy games, and more, with Flippity templates for Google Sheets.
- **4 C's Posters** - Resource Link - Free printable infographic posters explaining different levels of applying the 4 C's of Collaboration, Creativity, Communication, and Critical Thinking in the classroom
- **Educandy** - Resource Link - Free site to create 8 different types of interactive games by entering your own vocabulary words or questions and answers.
- **Genially** - Resource Link - Free site for creating a wide range of media including slideshows, games, interactive images, infographics, video presentations, and more.
- **FlexClip** - Resource Link - Make 1-minute videos with stock footage, text overlays, voiceovers, music, and more.
- **Photo Joiner** - Resource Link - Free online tool to create photo collages, join images vertically or horizontally, make memes, and more.

September 2019

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- **NYT Writing Curriculum** - Resource Link - Free 7-unit school-year curriculum from the New York Times for middle and high schools based on the real-world writing found in newspapers, from editorials and reviews to personal narratives and analysis essays.
- **Bad News and Bad News Junior** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Online game / simulation that shows how misinformation is spread through social media.
- **Socratic** - Resource Link - Mobile app from Google that uses AI to help solve and explain math problems, answer questions, and provide help with over 1,000 high school topics in many subject areas.
- **Recommend Me A Book** - Resource Link - Discover new books by reading the first page, then finding out what the book is, then trying out another first page from more books.
- **Telling Stories With Pictures** - Resource Link - Collection of ten free tools for students to use to tell stories with pictures.
- **Wonderopolis Immersive Reader** - Resource Link - Wonderopolis now integrates Immersive Reader for text-to-speech, picture dictionary, translations, and more. Articles cover language arts, science, social studies, and math.
- **Phrasal Verb Friends** - Resource Link - YouTube channel with humorous but informative videos of cats explaining phrasal verbs.
- **Knoword** - Resource Link - Vocabulary and spelling game where you type in words based on their definitions

- **NYT Mentor Texts** - Resource Link - Collection of mentor texts from the New York Times which can be used to help teach different literary conventions and styles.
- **QuickCite** - Resource Link - Interactive site for users to fill in key details to generate citations as a quick attribution or in MLA 8 format.

General

- **EDpuzzle Live Mode** - Resource Link - The video lesson and quizzing tool EDpuzzle has added an option for students to answer questions live in a group setting
- **Google Slides Design Templates** - Resource Link - Over 700 design theme templates for Google Slides to spice up your presentations
- **SnackVids** - Resource Link - Easy site to pull the transcript from a YouTube video and help you search for the words you want
- **What's New in Google for September 2019** - Resource Link - 22 new Google updates and 19 Google resources for your class.
- **The Bracket Challenge** - Resource Link - Use Flippity and Google Sheets for this engaging research activity for students to compare people, ideas, and topics from their subject.

May 2019

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- **Poem Portraits** - Resource Link - Create a personalized poem, with the help of AI, with Google's new "Poem Portraits" web tool
- **Tracking Words-per-Minute** - Resource Link - Using Google Docs Voice Typing and Google Forms to have students measure and track their reading speed.
- **Great Gatsby Virtual Tour** - Resource Link - VR tour for "The Great Gatsby" made with Google Tour Creator, along with directions on how to make your own tour.
- **Anyflip** - Resource Link - Create interactive, online flipping books from a PDF.
- **Flipsnack** - Resource Link - Create interactive, online flipping books from a PDF.
- **Rivet** - Resource Link - Free reading app for iOS, Android, and Chromebooks with over 2,000 leveled children's books at 8 reading levels

General

- **Creative Commons Search** - Resource Link - Updated search engine with over 300 million images that are free to use
- **4 C's Self-Assessment** - Resource Link - Self-assessment to assess the depth of 4 C's in your lessons and find strategies, lesson ideas and technology tools to help boost future lessons.
- **Educational Podcast Database** - Resource Link - Google Sheet with detailed listing of useful educational podcasts.
- **Fortnite Choice Board** - Resource Link - Google Slides template with "Season 9 Fortnite" theme for a student activity choice board.

April 2019 (video and audio overview)

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- **Novel Effect** - Resource Link - Read aloud from your favorite kids books and Novel Effect will follow along and play music and sound effects, customized for every story.
- **WordWanderer** - Resource Link - Interactive word cloud generator with drag and drop features to compare and explore word relationships
- **Tech to Support ELL** - Resource Link - A collection of online tools and resources to help support vocabulary and literacy skills for ELL students (or any student)
- **Word Hippo** - Resource Link - Online site that students can use to find definitions, synonyms, antonyms, translations, and more for words.
- **The Most Dangerous Writing App** - Resource Link - Website that forces you to write continuously for a set number of minutes, and will delete what you write if you stop for more than 5 seconds.
- **ELL Blogs** - Resource Link - A collection of the best blogs for sharing resources for teaching English Language Learners
- **Classtools SMS Generator** - Resource Link - Free tool that can be used to create text message exchanges between fictional and historical characters.
- **Short and Long Vowel Sounds** - Resource Link - Google Slides template that uses the new insert audio feature to let students practice working with short and long vowel sounds.

General

- **ClassKick** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Free web tool that allows ease of use, activities with manipulative movement, instant feedback, audio comments, peer interaction, and more.
- **Gzaas** - Resource Link - Quickly share a full-screen message with your class, with multiple text styles to choose from.
- **Photo for Class** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Great site for school-safe, free images including proper citations for student projects
- **Word Cloud Tools** - Resource Link - A collection of seven online tools for creating word clouds, with directions for using each one.
- **Online Audio Recording Tools** - Resource Link - Four free and easy online tools for recording your voice to use in digital projects including Google Slides
- **Hipster Google 2** - Resource LInk - A second collection of lesser known Google tools that can be used for teaching and learning in school
- **Random Student Selector** - Resource Link - Creative use of Google Slides to make a random student selector
- **Control Alt Achieve Podcast** - Resource Link - New educational technology podcast featuring content from the Control Alt Achieve blog.

March 2019

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- **Research Templates** - Resource Link - A collection of three Google Slides templates for student writing including templates for "Animal File Folder", "Who Would Win?", and "Non-fiction Magazine".
- **LitPick** - Resource Link - Website for students to write, submit, and read reviews for YA literature.
- **TweenTribune** - Resource Link - Current event articles on a wide range of topics, written for students at multiple lexile levels.
- **Youngzine** - Resource Link - Current event articles for students covering news, science, history, and more, along with videos and critical thinking prompts.
- **Navigating Digital Information** - Resource Link - YouTube video series from Crash Course to teach students how to navigate the internet and evaluate the information found online.
- **MediaWise** - Resource Link - Digital literacy curriculum launching this year.

General

- **Google Instant Search Tools** - Resource Link - 15 new interactive tools from Google instant searches including number spinners, an Earth Day quiz, a mindfulness exercise, and more.
- **Screencastify Addon** - Resource Link - New addon for Google Slides to easily insert videos you have recorded with Screencastify into your Slides.
- **Background Removal Tools and Activities** - Resource Link - Tools for students to remove the background from their pictures, then add themselves into different scenes and images for educational projects.
- **Templates for Teachers** - Resource Link - Large collection of Googley templates for student activities and teacher productivity.
- **Wheel Spinners** - Resource Link - A collection of online wheel spinners for selecting random names, numbers, and other items.
- **Instagram Template** - Resource Link - Google Slides template for creating Instagram profile pages for student projects.

February 2019

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- **Internet Search Slideshow** - Resource Link - Help your students become Internet search masters with this Google Slides presentation
- **Reading Strategies Randomizer** - Resource Link - Google spreadsheet to randomly choose before, during, and after reading strategies for ELA or ELL classrooms, with links for more details on each strategy.
- **There's a Poem for That** - Resource Link - YouTube playlist of TED-Ed videos that pair contemporary & classical poems with award-winning animators.
- **The Map of Science Fiction** - Resource Link - Interactive graphic with science fiction novels from the last 100 years grouped by theme, with searching, filters, connections, and descriptions.
- **50 Mini-Lessons For Teaching Students Research Skills** - Resource Link - Collection of mini-lessons to help build students' skills in the five areas of: clarify, search, delve, evaluate, and cite, as well as ideas for staying organised throughout the research process.
- **Digital Notebooks to Facilitate Book Clubs and Literature Circles** - Resource Link - Digital notebook using Google Slides that teachers can use to facilitate a book club or literature circle unit.
- **Writing Response Groups** - Resource Link - Guide for getting started with student writing response groups in your classroom.

General

- **Photopea** - Resource Link - Online advanced image editing tool
- **Animoto** - Resource Link - Online video creation tool that offers free accounts for teachers and up to 50 students per teacher
- **Beautiful Audio Editor** - Resource Link - Free online audio tool for recording and editing audio, then save to Google Drive or as an MP3 or WAV file.

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- **ELL Resources** - Resource Link - A collection of articles with technology resources for English Language Learners

- **Storyline Online** - Resource Link - Free read aloud videos and teacher guides for a wide range of children's books
- **ABC Shortcuts of Google Apps** - Resource Link - Cute Google Slideshow to help teach letters to children by teaching what computer shortcuts use each letter
- **Resources for Identifying Fake News** - Resource Link - Resources and lessons for teaching students how to evaluate information online and identify fake news
- **Reading Around the World** - Resource Link - Fun activity to get kids reading, with progress tracked using Flippity and Google Maps
- **Tips and Tricks for Google Slides Picture Books** - Resource Link - How students can use Google Slides to make their own picture books, including images, music, narration, and more.
- **Infographics in Foreign Language Classes** - Resource Link - Using technology to create world-language infographics for places around the world
- **Confessions of an Idiom** - Resource Link - Fun animated video which uses a wide variety of idioms to tell a story
- **ESL Literacy Readers** - Resource Link - Large collection of online stories for beginning English Language Learners with images and narrated audio.
- **Newsmap** - Resource Link - Interactive world map listing local news stories from countries all around the world. (Note: In Chrome you can let Google Translate convert the stories to English if needed.)

General

- **What's New in Google - January 2019** - Resource Link - 23 Google updates and 27 resources for schools from the month of January 2019
- **Googley Activities and Tools for Primary Students** - Resource Link - Collection of fun and educational activities for k-2 students using Docs, Slides, Sheets, Drawings, and more.
- **TPACK Video** - Resource Link - TPACK, or Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge, is a model that helps teachers consider where their strengths and weaknesses lie in their knowledge of content, pedagogy, and technology and how these areas work together for innovative teaching and learning.
- **Cool Fancy Text Generator** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Copy and paste font generator and font changer that creates fun and creative Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram fonts.
- **Shukes and Giff** - Resource Link - Fun and informative edtech podcast with great ideas on using technology in schools
- **Tweet Archiver** - Resource Link - How to use If This Then That (IFTTT) to save a copy of all your tweets into a Google Sheet for easy access and searching
- **Guiding Peer Feedback with a Feedback Chat** - Resource Link - Peer feedback process with helpful Google template
- **Getting Started With Merge Cubes** - Resource Link - Directions, ideas, apps, and activities for augmented reality learning with Merge Cubes
- **TelepromptMe** - Resource Link - Free online teleprompter tool that is voice-activated to scroll as you speak.

December 2018

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- **Writer's Highlighter Add-on for Docs** - Resource Link - Awesome self-editing tool for student writing, to find overused words, get writing stats, and color-code sentences by length.
- **Writing Prompt Tools** - Resource Link - A collection of 10 tools and sites for writing prompts, story starters, and other writing inspiration.
- **Scholastic Story Starters** - Resource Link - Grades K through 6 tool to randomly generate plots for adventure, fantasy, and science fiction stories, then work through the writing process.

General

- **20 Awesome Add-ons for Google Docs** - Resource Link - Supercharge Docs usage with these helpful add-ons for you and your students.
- **Self-checking Assessments with Google Sheets** - Resource Link - How to use conditional formatting to create self-checking reviews and assessments in Google Sheets.
- **Deck Toys** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Create guided lessons for students with a wide variety of activities and differentiation options, similar to a HyperDoc.
- **Volume Meter** - Resource Link - Free tool to monitor your classroom noise levels with a live display. You can set the length of time and maximum volume.
- **Remove Background** - Resource Link - Free website to remove an image background in 5 seconds with no clicking. Great for student media projects.
- **Videezy** - Resource Link - Over 1,000 free video clips arranged by category for use in projects.

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- **WordSift** - Resource Link - Easy-to-use word cloud generator with different styles and download option.
- **Edji** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Collaborative annotation tool that lets students leave text and audio comments on a reading passage, answer questions, and optionally see comments from classmates.
- **Authorial London** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Interactive map of London showing the places where famous authors lived and the locations they wrote about.
- **Publishing Student Writing** - Resource Link - More than 70 places to publish student writing and art
- **Evaluating Websites** - Resource Link - Detailed directions and flowchart for evaluating a website including credibility, purpose, date, and more.
- **Describing Words** - Resource Link - Online tool to get a giant list of adjectives for any noun you enter, sortable by frequency or uniqueness. Useful to inspire writing or explore language.
- **YouGlish** - Resource Link - Tool that gives you the English pronunciation of English words by using YouTube videos of native speakers in a meaningful content.
- **HippoCampus** - Resource Link - Collection of over 7,000 educational videos in many subject areas including math, science, social studies, and language arts.
- **Persuasive Cartography** - Resource Link - More than 800 maps intended primarily to influence opinions or beliefs, rather than to communicate geographic information, on a wide range of topics.
- **Drops** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Free mobile app (Android and iOS) to reinforce language learning with 5 minutes a day of learning activities and games.
- **Rivet** - Resource Link - Free mobile app with over 1,500 leveled books for K-2 reading practice.

General

- **Guess Who / Guess What** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Google Slides templates for creating "Guess Who?" and "Guess What?" games for subject area content.
- **Factile** - Resource Link - Free Jeopardy-style quiz game maker
- **Fun with Feedback** - Resource Link - Collection of creative feedback tools for teachers and students.
- **Screencastify Comments** - Resource Link - How to add text comments to Screencastify videos to provide additional resources, get feedback, and spark a class discussion on your screen recordings.

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- **Google Tour Creator** - Resource Link - You and your students can create interactive 360 degree tours, including narration, points of interests, and more, to share their learning.
- **Tall Tweets** - Resource Link - Free tool to convert Google Slides presentations into animated GIFs. Great way for students to demonstrate their learning.
- **NewsFeed Defenders** - Resource Link - This engaging online game teaches students about information literacy and a variety of methods behind viral deception online
- **The 90-Second Newbery Film Festival** - Resource Link - Watch or create videos based on Newbery Winning Books
- **Cooperative Critical Writing** - Resource Link - Google Docs template to help facilitate cooperative critical writing in small groups
- **ELL Podcasts** - Resource Link - A list of podcasts designed for teachers of English Language Learners
- **Actively Learn** - Resource Link - Reading texts for ELA, Science, and Social Studies with scaffolds and higher-order questions.
- **Crio** - Resource Link - Create interactive, online lessons with this free drag-and-drop tool from Curriculum Pathways.
- **Why Read Classics** - Resource Link - TED Ed series of videos on why students should read classics including Edgar Allan Poe, Waiting for Godot, Don Quixote, and The Canterbury Tales.
- **PicLits** - Resource Link - Writing prompt activities for students with a wide range of pictures for inspiration, along with related words that you can drag and drop on the image to write.
- **Language is a Virus** - Resource Link - Interactive site to inspire writing with lots of games, gizmos, generators, prompts, exercises, and more.
- **BONUS: Google Slides Turkey Templates** - Resource Link - This post from the past has several Google Slides template for students to design a turkey, practice tech skills, and improve their writing.

General

- **Brush Ninja** - Resource Link - Free online tool to draw your own animated GIFs frame by frame, then download the result.
- **Screen Shades** - Resource Link - A collection of different tools to create and use screen shades when teaching
- **Game Builder** - Resource Link - Build you own educational interactive games using 20 game templates, which can be played on a computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- **Digital Whiteboards** - Resource Link - 20 of the best digital whiteboard tools for both teacher and student use.
- **What's New in Google: October 2018** - Resource Link - Everything new in Google from the last month including 25 updates and 17 resources for school.

September 2018

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- **Halloween Rebus Stories** - Resource Link - Use this Google Docs template to have students write Halloween-themed emoji rebus stories.
- **Google Drawings Story Cubes** - Resource Link - Use these Google Drawings templates to have students create their own story cubes to inspire writing.
- **Collabordependent Writing with Google Slides** - Resource Link - Use Google Slides to have students write independently, while also giving collaborative feedback for classmates.

- **Google Tools for English Language Learners** - Resource Link - A collection of Google tools to help English language learners.
- **How to Create an eBook on Book Creator** - Resource Link - Helpful video explaining how to use the free Book Creator tool for making eBooks
- **Khan Academy Kids** - Resource Link - Thousands of interactive learning activities for kids ages 2 -5, for iOS and Android devices (including modern Chromebooks)
- **Your Next Read** - Resource Link - Type in a book or author you like and get a web of book recommendations you may also enjoy.
- **Formatically** - Resource Link - Free instant citation tool to format an APA, MLA, Chicago, or Harvard citation for a book or web page you enter.
- **Kids Book Series** - Resource Link - Search and filter for children's books based on age, genre, grade level, lexile measure, and more.
- **Common Core Sheets** - Resource Link - Large collection of free digital worksheets for math, science, social studies, and language arts organized by topics
- **Google Sheets Reading Logs** - Resource Link - How to use Google Sheets for reading logs including the Flippity Progress Tracker template and using pivot tables

General

- **Applied Digital Skills updates** - Resource Link - New courses and features for Google's free curriculum covering content skills, tech skills, and job skills.
- **Google Classroom updates** - Resource Link - Back-to-school updates and new features for Google Classroom.
- **Yo Teach!** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Online backchannel tool for class discussions, with the option for students to type or use a digital whiteboard to contribute to the discussion.
- **Wakelet** - Resource Link - How to use Wakelet to curate and share online links for resource lists, digital portfolios, storytelling, differentiation, newsletters and more.
- **FlipQuiz** - Resource Link - Free Jeopardy-style quiz game maker
- **PDF Candy** - Resource Link - Free online PDF editor with dozens of tools including merge, split, rearrange, crop, add headers and footers, convert, and more.

April 2018

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- **Open-Up K5 ELA Curriculum** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Free digital curriculum for elementary ELA including student materials, teacher materials, curriculum map, book lists, and more.
- **Dimensions** - Resource Link - Search engine (similar to Google Scholar) to find research publications and other academic articles, with options to narrow down by year, field of study, and more.
- **Googley Poem Projects** - Resource Link - Five fun projects and tools for students to create poetry for National Poetry Month (or any time of year)
- **Springtime Magnetic Poetry with Google Drawings** - Resource Link - Have students create Sprint-themed drag-and-drop poetry with this Google Drawings template.
- **Google Mad Libs** - Resource Link - Create Mad Libs with Google tools including Forms, Docs, Sheets, and more.
- **Semantris** - Resource Link - AI-powered word association game to test your vocabulary skills
- **Talk to Books** - Resource Link - AI-powered experiment where you ask questions and Google finds related passages from books
- **Novels on Location** - Resource Link - Find novels according to their geographical location by clicking on placemarks on a Google Map of the world.

- **Taste Atlas** - Resource Link - Explore traditional foods from all over the world through this interactive map and detailed articles
- **Applied Digital Skills** - Resource Link - Google's free MS and HS curriculum that uses practical projects to cover tech skills and subject area content.

General

- **Wakelet** - Resource Link - With Padlet switching to a paid model with a limited free version, Wakelet is a free alternative for creating and collaborating on an online collection with text, links, images, and videos.
- **Pear Deck Flashcard Factory** - Resource Link - Use this free tool from Pear Deck to have students create and illustrate flashcards, then select the best, and play in Quizlet.
- **CopyComments for Classroom extension** - Resource Link - Use this extension to copy comments for Docs and Slides when making copies through a Classroom assignment.
- **Adobe Spark for Education** - Resource Link - Free version of Spark for schools with all the premium features for creating graphics, videos, and web pages.
- **Canva Templates** - Resource Link - 20 ways your students can use the templates provided with Canva, the free online graphic design tool
- **BBC Sound Effects** - Resource Link - Over 16,000 free sound effects from the BBC for us in personal, educational, or research projects
- **Making Learning Transparent** - Resource Link - Finding, making, and using transparent images for student projects and learning activities
- **Free Image Sites** - Resource Link - 18 sources for copyright-free, creative commons, and public domain images for students and educators.

March 2018

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- **World Poetry Day Resources** - Resource Link - Growing collection of the best resources for World Poetry Day (March 21st each year)
- **Flippity Typing Test** - Resource Link - How to use the free Flippity add-on for Google Sheets to create your own typing tests
- **Student "Blogs" using Google Slides** - Resource Link - Creative option for student writing
- **Storyweaver** - Resource Link - Read thousands of children's books online in over 100 languages, or create and share your own with the story creation tool and free images
- **How To Use FlipGrid for Book Clubs** - Resource Link
- **Research Tips** - Resource Link - Five Tips for Teaching Students How to Research and Filter Information
- **Book Creator** - Resource Link - Create whole class or individual books

General

- **Timelinely** - Resource Link - Add annotations, links, images, and more to any YouTube video, and then share with others to view
- **Infographic Tools** - Resource Link - Very large collection of tools and resources for making infographics, word clouds, maps, and other data visualizations, along with sources for free images
- **Popplet** - Resource Link - Mind mapping tool, can be used with words, images, links, videos, and sketches.
- **Spark Video** - Resource Link - free graphic design app for making movies or webpages.
- **NYT VR - Daily 360** - Resource Link - The New York Times Virtual Reality
- **Nearpod** - Resource Link - Create interactive presentations. Pre-made lessons available at various prices.

January 2018

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- **Reading Graphic Organizers** - Resource Link - Loads of graphic organizers for reading in Google Docs and Google Drawings format
- **Writing Graphic Organizers** - Resource Link - Loads of graphic organizers for writing in Google Docs and Google Drawings format
- **NewseumED** - Resource Link - Online collection of primary sources, news artifacts, and lessons that help teach media literacy, history, civics, and all aspects of the First Amendment
- **Arcademic Skill Builders** - Resource Link - Free educational video games on basic math, language arts, geography, and other skills. Play online (Flash required) or on mobile (Android or iOS)
- **WriteReader** - Resource Link - Free tool for students to create multimedia eBooks, with an option for teachers to leave feedback and corrections

General

- **Pear Deck Templates** - Resource Link - 21 new free Pear Deck templates to add interactive elements to your Google Slides presentations
- **Webinar - Supercharge Google Slides with Add-Ons** - Resource Link - February 6th
- **Loom** - Resource Link - Free screencasting tool, with directions and ideas for use
- **And Then I Was Like** - Resource Link - Record and save animated GIFs with your webcam
- **CuePrompter** - Resource Link - Free web-based teleprompter tool with lots of features
- **Star Wars Crawl Creator** - Resource Link - Tool for you or your students to create your own animated Star Wars crawls. Great for a fun way to share subject content information in class.
- **Certify'Em** - Resource Link - New Google Forms add-on for generating certificates from quizzes

December 2017

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- **Build a Snowman with Google Slides** - Resource Link - Fun activity for students covering creativity, writing, and tech skills
- **Wintertime Magnetic Poetry with Google Drawings** - Resource Link - Have students create their own winter poems with this fun drag-and-drop writing activity
- **Storybook Tools** - Resource Link - 12 Web Tools and Apps for Children to Create Digital Storybooks
- **Fake News & Misleading Websites** - Resource Link - Collection of resources to help identify fake news and misleading websites
- **Listening Stations** - Resource Link - 3 easy steps to create, scan, and read QR Code listening stations
- **Current Event Sites** - Resource Link - A collection of 15 websites with current event articles for students
- **ELL Resources** - Resource Link - 12 Incredible Ideas for Using Technology to Teach English Language Learners

General

- **Webinar - Supercharge Google Docs with Drawings** - Resource Link - December 5th
- **12 Days of Tech-Mas** - Resource Link - 12 posts on the best educational technology resources
  - 12 Best Blogs - A dozen more blogs to add to my earlier list of 50 fantastic EdTech blogs
  - 11 Pods O'Casting - Great educational technology podcasts that I listen to and learn from, and you can too!

- - - 10 Excellent Extensions - A varied collection of useful Chrome extensions for educators and students
    - 9 Terrific Trainings - Online professional development sessions for the Ditch the Textbook Virtual Summit
    - 8 Docs Drawings - You can do that in Docs! Creative ways to use Google Drawings in Docs to add textboxes, videos, captioned images, manipulatives, whiteboards, watermarks, and more. (Includes 1-hour recorded video webinar.)
    - 7 Helpful Hacks - A range of lesser-known tips and tricks for Drive, Gmail, Chrome, Docs, Photos, and more!
    - 6 Wintry Wonders - Fun winter-themed Googley activities to help students develop skills with writing, technology, and creativity
    - 5 Golden Nuggets - Five of my favorite education quotes, with custom made images, and what the quotes mean to me
    - 4 Rubric Writers - Tools to help you grade Google Docs with digital rubrics, including WriQ, OrangeSlice, docAppender, and Doctopus/Goobric
    - 3 Meme Makers - Three options for students to create their own memes for school projects, including a school-safe meme template for Google Drawings
    - 2 Turtle Coders - Have students learn to code with Logo, where they program a "turtle" to create designs on a canvas
    - And an Add-on for a Pear Deck - Make your slideshows interactive with the free Pear Deck add-on for Google Slides
  - **Google's Santa Tracker and Village** - Resource Link - Loads of learning activities for students including coding, games, creativity, and more for the month of December
  - **Remix It!** Resource Link - 27 resources for finding free digital content to use for digital learning
  - **Video Quizzes** - Resource Link - 17 web tools and apps to create interactive video lessons and quizzes

November 2017

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- **Turkey Templates** - Resource Link - Thanksgiving creativity and writing activities with Google Slides
- **PeerGrade** - Resource Link - Free online service for students to give and receive peer feedback on writing assignments
- **Teaching English Lit with Tech** - Resource Link - Five creative ideas for teaching English Literature with technology tools
- **LyricsGaps** - Resource Link - Learn words in a foreign language by filling in blanks in music video song lyrics
- **Teen Ink** - Resource Link - Website to read, review, and submit writings for 13-19 year old students
- **Bullseye Template** - Resource Link - Google Slides template to help student identify the best answer for reading comprehension questions
- **StackUp Chrome Extension** - Resource Link - Track reading time, check reading levels, get warned of misleading info
- **False, Misleading, Clickbait-y, and/or Satirical "News" Sources** - Resource Link - 34 pages of websites with false or misleading news stories, along with tips for students to analyze online content

General

- **Force a Docs Copy WITH Pre-Loaded Comments** - Resource Link - Take advantage of the new copy comment feature to add helpful resources to student Docs including directions, links, voice comments, and more
- **Take a Snapshot Alternative** - Resource Link - How to use the Webcam Screenshot extension now that the "Take a Snaphot" feature in Docs, Slides, and Drawings has been removed

- **800+ Fantastic Fonts for Google Projects** - Resource Link - How to find, install, and use over 800 web fonts from Google for projects in Docs, Slides, Sheets, and Drawings
- **4 Ways to Play Videos in Google Docs** - Resource Link - Creative options for adding videos to your Google Docs to create multimedia HyperDocs, worksheets, reports, study guides, and more
- **Big Huge Labs** - Resource Link - Use your own images to create custom movie posters, magazine covers, posters, trading cards, and more
- **Animated GIFs** - Resource Link - Tools and activities for creating and learning with animated GIFs in school
- **Digital Bulletin Boards** - Resource Link - Comparison of several popular and useful digital bulletin boards for student feedback, projects, brainstorming, and more.
- **Digital Sign Generators** - Resource Link - Dozens of tools to make your own headlines, road signs, wanted posters, tombstones, marquees, and more
- **Mentimeter** - Resource Link - Free audience response online tool with a wide range of question types including multiple choice, word cloud, scales, open ended, image choice, and many more.
- **Sketchnoting** - Resource Link - Examples, resources, and benefits of visual notetaking.
- **iSLCollective** - Resource Link - Create video quizzes by adding questions to existing videos.

October 2017

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- **Seven Summarization Tools for Students** - Resource Link - Tools to provide students with summarized versions of web articles to help them with comprehension.
- **Factitious** - Resource Link - Online quiz website where students have to determine if articles are fake or not. Great for digital literacy skills.
- **Eyebombing** - Resource Link - Students tell creative stories with Eyebombing activity.
- **Using Google Drawings for Booksnaps** - Resource Link
- **No Red Ink** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Free site with hundreds of differentiated grammar lessons personalized for students.
- **Commaful** - Resource Link - Easy tool for creative writing. Create a slideshow with your story along with photos, GIFs, and videos.
- **Radiooooo** - Resource Link Resource Link - Explore music by county of the world and by decade with this musical atlas.
- **X-Ray Goggles** - Resource Link - Tool from Mozilla to see the code behind any website and make changes to see the effect on your local version. Great to learn about coding, but could also be useful for creative writing and digital literacy.
- **Easy Citations in Google Docs** - Resource Link - How to use the Explore tool and the EasyBib add-on for citations in Google Docs.
- **CheckMark extension** - Resource Link - New Chrome extension makes it easy to give feedback on student writing in Google Docs
- **Student Digital Reading Log Using Google Sheets** - Resource Link
- **Geoinquiries** - Resource Link - Short, standards-based inquiry activities for teaching ELA, math, science, and social studies with map-based concepts.
- **Read Theory** - Resource Link - Free adaptive reading comprehension site with large library of articles for students.

General

- **Google Tour Builder** - Resource Link - How to use Tour Builder in any subject to create virtual tours with locations, images, videos, descriptions, hyperlinks, and more.
- **24 Tips for Google Forms Quizzes** - Resource Link - How to get the most out of Google Forms for auto-graded online quizzes.

- **Screencast GIFs** - Resource Link - How to create and use screencast GIFs in the classroom.
- **Video Calls** - Resource Link - Step-by-step directions for using video conferencing in your classroom with a variety of tools.
- **EDpuzzle Vs PlayPosit** - Resource Link - Great comparison of these two interactive video assessment tools.
- **Multimedia on a Chromebook** - Resource Link - 10 multimedia tools that can be used on a Chromebook for creative projects.
- **Made to Stick** - Resource Link - Learn how to communicate (and teach) effectively with this animated summary of the "Made to Stick" book by Chip and Dan Heath
- **Flipgrid** - Resource Link - Great overview on how to use Flipgrid for student video responses in your class.
- **What's New in Google - October 2017** - Resource Link - Catch up on everything new in Google Apps with 60 updates and resources from October 2017

September 2017

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- **Build a Jack-O-Lantern with Google Slides** - Resource Link - A fun Fall Google Slides activity for students to be creative and to work on their writing skills
- **Pi Poems** - Resource Link - Have students learn about math and language arts by creating "Pi Poems" with this Google Sheets template.
- **Hipster Google: Library Edition** - Resource Link - Explore lesser known Google tools for libraries, media literacy, research, searching, and more.
- **Version History** - Resource Link - How to use the new Version History feature in Docs to name specific versions of a writing project to more easily track changes, see progress, and provide feedback.
- **Self-Editing Tools** - Resource Link - Loads of useful tools that can help students to self-edit their writing, including text-to-speech, grammar checkers, dictionaries, and more.
- **Interland** - Resource Link - Free digital citizenship and safety online game and curriculum for students, developed by Google.
- **The Big List** - Resource Link - 50 Elementary Literacy and Reading Websites
- **Moby Dick Big Read** - Resource Link - Listen to all 135 chapters of Moby Dick read by actors, authors, and other celebrities.
- **Fluency Tutor** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Online tool that lets students record themselves reading and share with their teacher.
- **Writing Sparks** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Generate writing prompts by age and format, then guide students through the planning and writing process.
- **Owl Eyes** - Resource Link - Free site for students to read classic books, with options for annotations, quizzes, tracking, and more.
- **Digital Citizenship and Safety Course** - Resource Link - Google releases Digital Citizenship and Safety Course for educators
- **Creative Expression Ideas for Writing** - Resource Link - Eleven ideas for using technology to inspire creative writing
- **Power My Learning** - Resource Link - Over 6,000 interactive activities and videos arranged by subject area and grade level
- **Front Row ELA** - Resource Link - 400+ non-fiction articles at multiple reading levels, as well as comprehension questions for each
- **Writer Igniter** - Resource Link - Writing prompt generator with Character, Situation, Prop, and Setting.
- **How to Cite Sources in Google Docs** - Resource Link
- **Technology to Support English Language Learners** - Resource Link - Recorded webinar and resource list of tips and tools for working with English Language Learners.
- **Digital Gameboard for Writing** - Resource Link - Using a Google Drawing gameboard with links to template Docs, YouTube videos, and more, to guide students through the writing process.

- **West Side Story** - Resource Link - Google Arts & Culture adds "West Side Story" collection

General

- **Amazing Mobile Features of Google Classroom** - Resource LInk - How students can use the mobile version of Classroom for digital handwriting, taking and inserting pictures and videos, and much more.
- **Launch Tour Builder Tours in Google Earth with One Click** - Resource Link - Students can now open their Tour Builder Tours directly into Google Earth for a 3D experience. Great for telling stories, tracking events, or explaining your understanding.
- **23 Google Projects for your Students** - Resource Link - A collection of 23 example projects and ideas for Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Drawings, covered in 10 minutes!
- **Making Posters with Google Drawings** - Resource Link - Have students create posters for any subject area using Google Drawings tips and tricks.
- **Video Mash-Ups with Google Slides** - Resource Link - Use Google Slides to create video mash-ups to compare ideas, contrast topics, or explain a concept.
- **Hypothesis** - Resource Link - Free tool for students to collaboratively add notes and comments to any text online, including webpage, PDF's, Google Docs, and more.
- **Bellringers** - Resource Link - 10 digital bell-ringer activities to kickstart class (Part 1)
- **Bellringers** - Resource Link - 10 more digital bell-ringer activities to kickstart class (Part 2)
- **Free Images** - Resource Link - A collection of great sites for finding high-quality, free images
- **Sketchnote School** - Resource Link - A collection of 80+ videos on Sketchnoting in education with a variety of tech (and non-tech) tools.
- **Study Skills** - Resource Link - Video series from "Crash Course" all about study skills for students
- **Using GIFs in School** - Resource Link - A guide to creating and using GIFs in your classroom
- **Quizlet Diagrams** - Resource Link - Quizlet adds new diagram quiz type with clickable areas.
- **Kahoot Single-player** - Resource Link - New Kahoot mobile app allows users to take quizzes in single-player mode.

May 2017

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- **Create your own Lit Trips (and more) for Google Earth** - Resource Link - Using Google Tour Builder you and your students can create your own Lit Trips or other tours for use in Google Earth.
- **Writing papers and research reports the Google way** - Resource Link
- **Digital Literature Circles** - Resource Link - Google Slides template for students to complete digital literature circles
- **Words with Friends EDU** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Set up your classes to play this educational Scrabble-like online game for free.
- **Clickbait** - Resource Link - How to teach your students about clickbait headlines.
- **Novel HyperDocs** - Resource Link - Collection of HyperDocs created by teachers for specific novels.
- **Creative Book Trailer Ideas** - Resource Link
- **ReadWorks** - Resource Link - Free nonfiction and literary articles for science, social studies, and ELA. Many articles include lower reading level version, text-to-speech, vocabulary, assessment, paired text, and more.
- **Check 123** - Resource Link - Large collection of short educational videos that are only one, two, or three minutes in length. Organized by subject and topic.
- **CommonLit Book Pairings** - Resource Link - Collections of short articles paired with dozens of novels to provide supplemental reading for book units.
- **Creative Commons Search** - Resource Link - Search for creative commons licensed images, videos, and music for use in school projects.

- **Writing Prompt E-Books** - Resource Link - 9 free downloadable PDF e-books from Make Beliefs Comix. Students can type right in the e-books to enter their responses to the writing prompts.
- **DOGOnews** - Resource Link - Current events sites for students with articles covering science, social studies, sports, world events, and more.
- **Sharing Our Notebooks** - Resource Link - Collection of model pages of writer's notebooks, ideas for keeping notebooks, celebrations of notebook keeping, books to support notebooking.
- T**he Poem Farm** - Resource Link - Author Amy Ludwig VanDerwater's collection of hundreds of poems and mini lessons for teaching poetry to children. Also, book recommendations, student poems, classroom features. Poems organized by topic and poetic technique.

General

- **6 End-Of-Year Google Classroom Clean-up Tips** - Resource Link - Six tips to clean up and organize your Google Classroom at the end of a school year.
- **30 Free Google Drawings Graphic Organizers** - Resource Link - See how to use Google Drawings to create and edit graphic organizers, as well as get access to 30 free templates to use.
- **AR/VR Resources** - Resource Link - Loads of resources for using augmented reality and virtual reality in the classroom
- **Bingo for the Classroom** - Resource Link - Tools and ideas for creating print and online bingo games for your classroom.
- **The Public Domain Project** - Resource Link - Download thousands of historic media files for your creative projects, completely free.
- **ClassroomScreen** - Resource Link - A handy webpage with a useful collection of classroom tools including a timer, text area, drawing tool, name picker, work symbols, calculator, QR codes and more.

April 2017

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- **Lit Trips with the New Google Earth** - Resource Link - See how to run Google Lit Trips with the new Google Earth and make stories come alive.
- **Cloze Reading Activities** - Resource Link - See how to create Cloze reading tests with several websites as well as a Google Sheets template.
- **Google Slides Picture Writing Prompt Journal** - Resource Link - Free Google Slides template for a student writing journal with image prompts. Easy to edit to add your own images.
- **Booksnaps** - Resource Link - Annotate the book you are reading with text, images, and such with tools including Snapchat, Google Drawings, and more.
- **Etymology, Dialects & Culture** - Resource Link
- **New York Times Learning Network** - Resource Link - New York Times resources for all subject areas including articles, writing prompts, lesson plans, quizzes, contests, and more.
- **7 National Poetry Month Apps and Websites** - Resource Link
- **Digital Storytelling Tools** - Resource Link - List of 8 digital storytelling tools for any device.
- **Open Culture** - Resource Link - Collection of thousands of free eBooks, audio books, online courses, and other K-12 educational resources.
- **Word of the Day Podcast** - Resource Link - Audio show covering one or two vocabulary terms every few days. You can listen online or through your favorite podcast player.
- **The Best Spelling Sites** - Resource Link - Collection of online interactive websites and games to help teach and practice spelling.
- **Copy Edit Activities** - Resource Link - Collection of interactive copy-edit activities from the New York Times where the users needs to find and correct mistakes in writing.

- **LibQuotes** - Resource Link - Large collection of quotes with sources, organized by author, topic, and themed list. Could be useful for journal prompts and more.
- **Slick Write** - Resource Link - Free online tool to check your writing for grammar errors, potential stylistic mistakes, and other features of interest.

General

- **Stop Motion Animation with Google Slides** - Resource Link - See how students can create stop motion animation movies with Google Slides to tell stories and show understanding in any subject area.
- **Creative Google Slides Uses for Students** - Resource Link - See a wide range of creative student activities with Google Slides that go beyond the traditional slideshow.
- **GooseChase** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Make digital educational scavenger hunts for your class.
- **Google AutoDraw** - Resource Link - Use Google's artificial intelligence to help you draw, share, and download images on any device.
- **Data USA** - Resource Link - The most comprehensive visualization of US public data including maps, articles, and profiles by location, occupation, and education.
- **Forest** - Resource Link - Game-based approach to stay focused by growing digital trees while working. Available for browser and mobile.

March 2017

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- **Road to Grammar** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Loads of online grammar quizzes
- **Grammar Bytes** - Resource Link - Online exercises and quizzes for many grammar topics
- **The Writer's Workshop** - Resource Link - YouTube playlist with 22 videos from TED-Ed on writing.
- **401 Prompts for Argumentative Writing** - Resource Link - Giant collection of argumentative writing prompts from the New York Times.
- **Tinycards** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Online interactive flashcards for languages, history, geography, science, and more, or make your own.
- **Black Out Poetry with Google Docs** - Resource Link - Have students create "Black Out Poetry" with a few simple tricks in Google Docs.
- **Check My Spelling Activity** - Resource Link - Use Conditional Formatting in Google Sheets for a self-checking spelling game.
- **ELA learning activities with social media** - Resource Link
- **Grammar Infographics** - Resource Link - 42 free colorful infographics covering a wide range of writing, language, and grammar topics.
- **MadMagz** - Resource Link - Free collaborative tool for making online magazines and newspapers.
- **Prep Factory** - Resource Link - Free online test prep for the ACT and SAT.

General

- **Use Google Keep Comment Lists to Leave Feedback in Docs** - Resource Link
- **Hipster Google** - Resource Link - 21 Google Tools You Probably Never Heard Of
- **Four Easy Steps for Flipping Your Classroom** - Resource LInk
- **Spiral** - Resource Link - Free online classroom tool for formative assessments, interactive presentations, collaboration, video quizzes, and more.
- **7 Great Tools for Creating Flipped Lessons from Existing Videos** - Resource Link - TESTeach, EDPuzzle, PlayPosit, VideoANT, Vialogues, MoocNote, and Vizia.
- **Kupiter** - Resource Link - Create and play vocabulary review with this Asteroids-themed educational game.

February 2017

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- **Edublogs** - Resource Link - Student blogging is now 100% free on Edublogs, including class management, reports, themes, plugins, 1GB storage, and more.
- **Write the World** - Resource Link - Global writing website for ages 13-18 with writing prompts, peer review, competitions and more.
- **Quill** - Resource Link - Over 150 free activities that teach writing, grammar, and vocabulary skills to students.
- **Storybird Assignments** - Resource Link - Teachers can now create assignments and choose artwork for students in Storybird.
- **Grade 5 Student Blogging** - Resource Link - Great post on student blogging as an alternative assignment option.
- **Animals** - Resource Link - The Best Resources For Helping Beginner ELLs Learn About Animals
- **The Best "Around The World" Videos** - Resource Link - Great way to introduce countries, cultures, and landforms of the world
- **"One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" Sorting with Google Slides** - Resource Link - Celebrate Dr. Seuss with this activity where students sort fish based on shared characteristics.
- **Teach Your Monster to Read** - Resource Link - Free online games for learning letters and sounds and reading full sentences.

General

- **Motivational Posters with Google Drawings** - Resource Link - Have students express their understanding of vocabulary, terms, concepts, people, and events by creating their own "Motivational Posters".
- **Spreadsheet Activities for all Subjects** - Resource Link - Examples, ideas, resources, and tutorial videos on how students can learn with spreadsheets in any subject.
- **Have Students Build Learning Databases with Google Sheets** - Resource Link - Students can use Google Sheets to create databases of information they are learning and then sort and filter to answer questions.
- **Pixel Art Activities for any Subject with Google Sheets** - Resource Link - Use Google Sheets to create pixel art for creativity, tech skills, math, and other activities in all subjects.
- **Getting Started with Educational Podcasts** - Resource Link - Everything you need to know to start listening to educational podcasts
- **Block Posters** - Resource Link - Print giant wall-sized posters from your images
- **MySimpleShow** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Create short (3 minute or less) instructional videos in a simple animated "common craft" style.
- **50 Fabulous EdTech Blogs to Follow** - Resource Link - Great list of technology integration blogs to read and follow.
- **Genius Hour** - Resource Link - 12 ways to make Genius Hour work in your class.

January 2017

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- **Valentine Magnetic Poetry with Google Drawings** - Resource Link - Use Google Drawings for a fun drag and drop Valentines Day themed poetry activity to develop creative writing skills.
- **4 Fun Literacy Activities with Google Docs** - Resource Link - Four creative ways to use Google Docs for student literacy activities.
- **2 Ways to Publish eBooks from G Suite** - Resource Link

- **Two Ways to Create Book Trailers on Chromebooks** - Resource Link - Tools and techniques for students to make book trailers.
- **Have Students Write Better by Writing Less with Google Docs** - Resource Link - For a fun writing activity, put a word limit or character limit on the assignment, and students can use the Word Count tool in Google Docs to make their writing more clear and concise.
- **SAS Writing Reviser** - Resource Link - Students can use this Google Docs add-on to check their writing for possible grammatical and syntax issues.
- **Magnetic Puzzle Paragraphs** - Resource Link - Help students reconstruct a paragraph with this drag-and-drop activity.
- **Hemingway Editor** - Resource Link - Free tool to analyze your writing including difficult sentences, difficult words, passive voice, weak adverbs, basic text stats, and readability level.
- **Analyze My Writing** - Resource Link - Free tool to analyze your writing including basic text stats, common words and phrases, readability, lexical density, passive voice, and more. Can also create Close activities.
- **5 Emoji Learning Activities with Google Docs** - Resource Link - See how to use emojis in Google Docs for fun student learning activities in all subjects including writing summaries, making a rebus story, exploring character emotions, using as variables in math, and creating pictographs.
- **Listenwise** - Resource Link - Free listening skills service w/ audio for ELA, ELL, Science, and Social Studies.
- **Using Storyboards to Analyze Shakespeare** - Resource Link
- **WriteLab** - Resource Link - Chrome extension helps students with spelling and grammar
- **CommonLit** - Resource Link - Free collection of high-quality fiction and nonfiction for grades 3 through 12 on a variety of topics, with guided reading questions, assessments, discussion questions, paired texts, related media, text to speech, and more.
- **Writefull** - Resource Link - Chrome extension that gives feedback on your writing by checking your text against databases of correct language. Includes frequency, phrase comparisons, synonyms, translations, pronunciations, and more.
- **8 Leveled Reading Websites for the Classroom** - Resource Link
- **6 Alternatives to Reading Logs** - Resource Link
- **Epic** - Resource Link - Access to over 20,000 high-quality books for children ages 12 and under, including thousands of read-to-me, audio books, and educational videos, free for elementary teachers, librarians, and students.
- **15 YouTube Channels for ELL** - Resource Link
- **Word Lens** - Resource Link - Google's Word Lens mobile app now translates Japanese live

General

- **Triple Differentiation in Google Classroom** - Resource Link - How to use Google Classroom to differentiate activities for your students throughout the entire learning process.
- **Video Dubbing Learning Activities for Students** - Resource Link - Students can add their own audio to an existing video for various learning activities including practicing translation, reinterpreting a story, creating commentary, and more.
- **5 Sites for Music for Student Projects** - Resource Link
- **Biteable** - Resource Link - Have students create video presentations with this free online tool
- **7 Super Screencasting Activities for School** - Resource Link - Creative ways for students and staff to use screencasting in schools including instructional videos, narrating slideshows, explaining understanding, giving a speech or performance, practicing fluency, giving feedback, and more.
- **Recap** - Resource Link, Resource Link - Free web-based tool for students to record short video responses to questions, topics, and problems you have posed.
- **Make Sequencing Questions with Google Forms** - Resource Link - Use Google Forms to create randomized sequencing questions where students have to put the items in the correct order.

December 2016

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- **Build a Snowman with Google Slides** - Resource Link - Have your students use this Google Slides template to build a snowman and write about their creation. Great activity for creativity, writing skills, and technology skills.
- **Wintertime Magnetic Poetry with Google Drawings** - Resource Link - Have your students create wintertime poetry with this drag and drop Google Drawings template. This is a fun activity for student creativity and writing skills.
- **Thingiverse Education: Languages** - Resource Link - Provides free lessons that make teaching with a 3D printer easier and more effective for a variety of grade levels and subjects.
- **Battling Fake News in the Classroom** - Resource Link
- **7 Steps to Carry out A Research Plan Using Digital Tools** - Resource Link - Helpful infographic with tech tools for every step of the process.
- **Paper In The Digital Age: Considering The Pros, Problems, And Power Of Paper** - Resource Link
- **Measure grade readability level for any webpage with Stackup Chrome extension** - Resource link
- **YouTube "Read Aloud" Book Videos for Kids** - Resource Link - This is a collection of dozens of YouTube channels where stories are read aloud by authors, celebrities, and others.
- **6 Great Search Engines Designed Specifically for Kids** - Resource Link
- **6 Ways 'WriteReader' Empowers Teachers and Students** - Resource Link - Free web-based student writing tool.
- **Spell Up** - Resource Link - Free online spelling game from Google

General

- **Four Fantastic Feedback Tools for Google Docs** - Resource Link - See four creative ways to give feedback to students including text, voice, video, and handwritten feedback in Google Docs. Includes updated 30-minute training video recorded for the December Google Education On Air PD day.
- **8 Ways to Create Videos on Chromebooks** - Resource Link - Great options for student projects or teacher use.
- **The All New Google Sites for Schools Video Tutorial** - Resource Link - Learn how you or your students can use the new Google Sites to create webpages for class, projects, e-portfolios, and more.

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- **Choose Your Own Adventure Stories with Google Docs** - Resources Link - Have students use Google Docs to create interactive branching "Choose Your Own Adventure" stories. This is a great group activity for students to work, plan, and write together.
- **Emoji Writing Prompt Generator with Google Sheets** - Resource Link - Have students use this Google Sheet to randomly generate writing prompts with fun emoji images. This is a great way to inspire writing of stories, poem, and journal entries.
- **10 Alternatives for the Readability Extension** - Resource Link - Help students focus on what they are reading by using any of these Chrome extensions that clean up web pages, removing distracting ads, comments, and other elements so only the article remains in an easy-to-read view.
- **Improve Reading Comprehension with Google Docs "Black Out"** - Resource Link - Help students improve their summarization and comprehension skills with this activity where they remove all non-critical text from an article so only the main ideas remain.