

## CURR 550: Digital Media Literacy

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# REVIEWS AND TUTORIALS OF DIGITAL TOOLS

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Name	Digital Tool (add a hyperlink to the tool itself)	Basic description of the tool	Link to review on your blog (click on the title of your POST to open just that post... and then cut and paste the url here.)
Banta-Cain, Brigitte	<b>Sparkol</b>	Visual presentation program with voiceover. 3 out of 5 stars. High points for visual effects but time consuming if done right.	Direct link to <a href="#">Sparkol website</a>  My review for <a href="#">Sparkol</a>
Campbell, Allison May	<b>Duolingo</b>	A free program that allows individuals to learn 23 different languages at their own pace. Programs are chosen by each individual in minutes/day and curriculum takes the learner through different categories such as basics, food, places, etc.	<a href="#">Duolingo</a> : This is a link to the main website in order to sign up and practice <a href="#">Blog Blog Blog</a> : This is an overview and explanation of what Duolingo is and how it works
Chisholm, Madeline R	<b>Pixton</b>	Pixton is a tool that allows students to make comic strips on any given classroom topic. It has lots of images and it's free for 15 days	Click <a href="#">here</a> for my review
Finlay, Tara L	<b>Formative</b>	A platform for real-time formative assessments and a free student response system for digital classrooms. It prides itself on its live data analytics for	<a href="#">Formative</a> This is the website. This is my <a href="#">Review</a> of GoFormative.

		homework, classwork, or assessment in order to help teachers guarantee student growth. Another layer to this is how it prides itself on how you can see if they need help in real time.	
Goldman, Samantha J	<b>Plickers</b>	App that allows teachers to have all students participating at the same time with instant feedback for the teacher. Tool that focuses on assessment.	<a href="#">Plickers</a>
Grace, Sheila M.	<b>TedEd</b>	This is a site which helps teachers to find or create lessons. There are over five thousand lessons here, some based on ted talks, some created around cartoons that explain something. Items are grouped according to teaching disciplines, are easy to access and are capable of being altered or customized for a particular class.	<a href="#">TED Ed Lessons Worth Sharing</a>
McKenzie, Katie	<b>Tizmos</b>	Tizmo is a free site or you can upgrade with different price plans. A tizmo represents an online resource that you can drag, drop, and categorize on your Tizmos page. Each tizmo contains a screenshot and link to the online resource and allows you to customize the title & other options. Tizmos lets you discover and share online resources with your students.	<a href="#">tizmos</a>
Miller, Jamie	<b>Newsela</b>	A free and interactive database for teachers and students. Teachers assign students Nonfiction Texts on any content/topic range, along with	<a href="#">Tutorial for Newsela</a> <a href="#">Blog</a>

		quizzes and writing prompts to assess their reading comprehension.	
Petrichko, Melanie C	<b>GoNoodle</b>	GoNoodle is a free site that is energizing for kids and adults alike. GoNoodle makes morning meeting, daily subject transitions, afternoon math, indoor recess, and even living room dance parties much more engaging and fun. GoNoodle make everyday moments better! Learn to move with a purpose.	<a href="#">GoNoodle</a> <a href="#">Get ready to move</a>
Shields, Amy	<b>Show Me</b>	iPad app that turns the screen into an interactive whiteboard to create videos.	<a href="#">Show me Blog</a> (Thinking this would be an interesting way to modify the Pecha Kucha!! <a href="#">Screencastify</a> would work, too -- Lesley )
St. Pierre, Tayla N	<b>Kahoot</b>	Website/App that allows a teacher to quickly poll students in a quiz or survey in a game show fashion	Click <a href="#">here</a> to learn more about <a href="#">Kahoot!</a>
Stadelbauer, Diane	<b>Google Sites</b>	Google Sites allows you to create a website through Google. Multiple people can be editors and share files.	Click <a href="#">here</a> to learn about Google sites
Steele, Mary	<b>Weebly</b>	Weebly is a website builder that is fairly intuitive and easy to use, even for beginners. More sophisticated (and pricier) options are available.	Weebly option for educators <a href="https://education.weebly.com">https://education.weebly.com</a>  Blog about Weebly: <a href="http://steeleact2.blogspot.com">http://steeleact2.blogspot.com</a>  My website before expanding/revamping for CURR 550 <a href="http://www.maryksteele.com">http://www.maryksteele.com</a>
Tucker, Tera	<b>Wikiclassroom</b>	Wikispaces is an online classroom	<a href="#">Wikispaces</a>

		that is free for educators and encompasses a wide variety of capabilities. Educators have the ability to use it as a platform for housing information for students, parents, and administrators. It can also be used in a techno constructivist way to engage students and foster learning. It can be tricky to focus one aspect of the site because it is so expansive. I could write several tutorials with different focuses depending on teachers' needs, so it is something to explore when you have time.	<a href="#">My blog tutorial</a>
Turcotte, Leah A	<b>Wix</b>	Free and easy website builder with many template options for quick and easy creating or start from scratch to create a truly personalized website.	<a href="#">Wix</a>
Vargas, Yovanny	<b>Canva</b>	Basically it is a free, modern, more visually appealing Microsoft Publisher.	<a href="#">Canva</a>
Verdi, Alicia	<b>Animoto</b>	<p>I used the free website to make an AWESOME way for elementary students to practice sight word vocabulary in context with visual support. I hope to continue exploring this tool to use it to its full potential.</p> <p>The full version does cost money.</p>	<a href="#">Animoto Review</a>  <a href="#">Direct link to Animoto</a>
Wagner, Victoria	<b>TalkingPoints</b>	TalkingPoints is a “multilingual texting platform that connects teachers and families,” regardless of the language spoken at home. There are over 20+	<a href="#">TalkingPoints App</a>  <a href="#">Tutorial in my Blog (creating and exploring TalkingPoints App)</a>

		languages that the teacher's English message can be translated into. When a parent responds back in either the native language or English, the teacher receives the communication in English. This techno-constructivist application facilitates conversation between teacher and family in a way that bridges the language barriers and creates community and connection between home and school. It replaces sending individual emails or paper notes home. In a highly connected digital world where most individuals have a cell phone, it is an almost instantaneous way to reach families.	
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