

8 TECH TOOLS TO CONSIDER



What is padlet?

Padlet is an online corkboard where students can collaboratively **pin notes, pictures, files, and links**. Pinned posts are draggable, resizable, and can be commented on/voted on by collective groups.



padlet

bit.ly/sierratechpadlet
bit.ly/SierraWrites

Pedagogical Connection: Think digital gallery walk, exit slips, group projects, exhibition curation, collaborative conversations...



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What is weebly?

Weebly is a website or blog building platform. The drag-drop design of the site makes building a website extremely user-friendly. Students can embed videos, link their essays, write blog posts, and create personalized sites!

weebly

Students and teachers can create free accounts. However, if you use the “paid” version, it is easier to track student work.

Pedagogical Connection: Think digital portfolios, student blogs, student exhibitions, writing portfolios, student websites, a space for goal-setting and tracking, learning log entries, etc...



To see actual student examples, go to Learnpark.us → “More” → “Student Exhibition 2017-2018”

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What is Flocabulary?

"Flocabulary is learning program that uses educational hip-hop music to engage students and increase achievement across the curriculum."

Pedagogical Connection: *Think academic language acquisition, engagement, text-based questions, lyric composition and writing*



Sierra has a free license through Turnaround Arts! See your handout for directions on how to create an account.



Go to: <http://flocabulary.com/signup/join/district/turnaround-arts>
Follow all the prompts (find our school name, etc...)
Sign in through your sausdlearns.net google account.
You can import your classes via Google Classroom!
If your account says you are on a trial period, ignore that. You will automatically be given the full license.



What is Pear Deck?

Pear Deck is a tool that can be a Google Add-on that can transform a simple Google Slides presentation into an interactive experience that engages students and incorporates their questions and responses. Teachers simply embed questions and activities within their slideshow on Google, and then click on "Present with PearDeck." Students use a code to access the slides and the interactive components within them.



Pedagogical Connection: *Think engaging google slides presentations where every child is paying attention to your slides, responding to questions, and giving you instantaneous feedback.*

Example - We used PearDeck for this slide show!



What is Quizlet Live?

Quizlet Live is a collaborative learning game for the classroom. Teams of 3-4 students are able to communicate with each other to race or compete against other teams. It is very different from Kahoot in that teams are randomly sorted, students cannot “hack” the game or use inappropriate names, the game starts over for teams that miss a question, and all students need to be engaged because they do not all see the same answer choices.

Quizlet Live

You can use the free version and access pre-made quizzes or create your own. However, the paid version allows you to track student progress and add more customizations to your games.

Pedagogical Connection: Think competitive review sessions, research/scavenger hunts, or pre-unit anticipation guides.

Let's play a quick game!



What is FLIPGRID?

FLIPGRID is a digital forum, where students can post short videos of themselves responding to a topic. They can respond to other students as well. It is a bulletin of screens.

FLIPGRID

Pedagogical Connection: Think poetry, speeches, assignments that require students to research multiple perspectives, oral presentations that require peer to peer feedback, and academic conversations.

Try out our flipgrid for this PD: flipgrid.com/sierratechpd

Stories and Snaps are the way to communicate. From brands to organizations, and news agencies to artists, using the platform of video as a means of communication is an integral in today's increasingly connected world.





What is EDpuzzle?

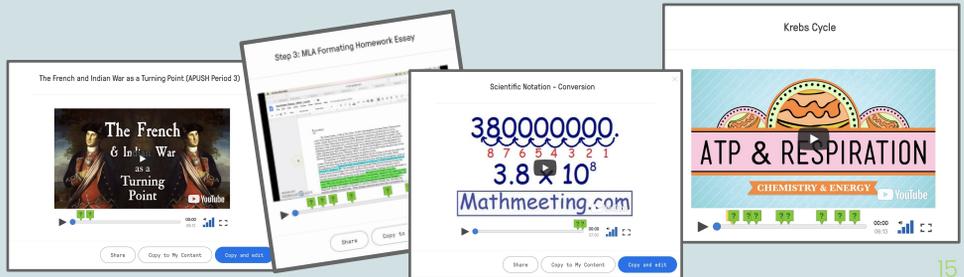
EDPuzzle is a tool that allows teachers and students to use pre-existing videos found on Khan Academy, TED, and YouTube to build interactive lessons that embed questions (both multiple choice and open-ended) and voice-overs in videos. Users can also 'trim' videos as well.



EDpuzzle

Any type of video is compatible with this platform! It is also compatible with Google Classroom rosters!

Pedagogical Connection: Get students to engage with the text (or in this case, video) and answer questions, ask questions during the video, and use their experience to drive deeper learning!



What is thinglink?

ThingLink is a tool that students and teachers can use to annotate images and videos. Students can use a historical photograph, a scientific phenomenon, a 360 video of an archaeological site, a scene from a Greek tragedy, or a complex 3-dimensional shape to annotate the who, what, when, where, why, how, and build on extensive research that all originates from one photograph or video.



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The free version allows you to use images, while the paid one allows you to use videos and 360 degrees images.

Pedagogical Connection: Think digital galleries filled with a blend of multimedia resources, where students are doing the work of scholars and researchers. From finding origins, parallels to other disciplines, and overarching themes represented in an image, students dive into higher level thinking.



View an example by going to:

bit.ly/thinglinkcentury