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https://keepthescore.co/

Use it for games, class competitions, or more. It's free and easy to use for anyone!

Scorekeeping made simple

Track points for competitions, sports and teams. Share the live results via link. No signup required.

Create a leaderboard →

Create a scoreboard with rounds →

Create a live sports scoreboard \rightarrow

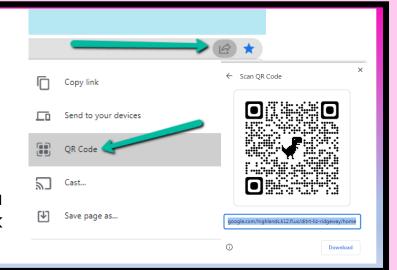








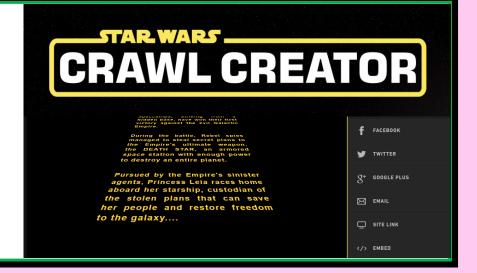
In the Google Chrome browser you can create a QR code for a website link with just one click.



JUST FOR FUN!

HTTPS://PLAY.STARWARS.C **OM/HTML5/STARWARSUCRA** WLCREATOR/





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should know

18 Google Scholar tips all students



Google Scholar is one of Google's longest-running services. The comprehensive database of research papers, legal cases and other scholarly publications was the fourth Search service Google launched.

https://blog.google/products/search/tips-google-scholar-expert/

Creating Photo Words with Google Slides - How to Place an Image inside of Text

Just using Google Slides, I was able to create all sorts of creative designs by putting photos inside of text, which can be an engaging project for students or for anyone.



https://www.controlaltachieve.com/2023/01/creating-photo-words-with-googleslides.html





30+ Awesome **Online Games for Math Fact Practice**



https://www.differentiatedteac hing.com/math-fact-games/

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Discovery Education

Puzzlemaker is a puzzle generation tool for teachers, students and parents. Create and print customized word search, crisscross, math puzzles, and more-using your own word lists.





The award-winning Novel Effect app offers a library of interactive music and sound effects to enrich your regular **storytime** routine. When you read aloud from real **books**, Novel Effect responds at the right moment.

https://noveleffect.com/

https://1619education.org/ The 1619 Project **EDUCATION** MATERIALS COLLECTION

The 1619 Project for Educators

In partnership with The New York Times, the Pulitzer Center is building learning communities around The 1619 Project. We're developing programs for K12 Classrooms, out-ofschool time programs, and higher education programs. Explore this site to find teaching resources, program information, and ways to connect.

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PDF Tools

Free PDF Tools that are online and easy to use. Great if you need to convert files!

https://pdf.io/

or pick just a few pages

Convert PDF tables to

Excel (xls, xlsx), making

Merge Merge multiple PDF files into one quickly and

Excel to PDF

Convert an Excel table

(xls, xlsx) to PDF

Compress

PDF file

Save each PDF page as a separate JPG image

PDF to Word Word to PDF



Valentine's Magnetic Poetry

You can have your students drag and drop words to create their own poem, story, etc. You can even edit and add words that you want too! Like this? You can create your own too!

https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/lvkb39Ggsvx5a9ZSNeXPTwZfO5cPNa-PAFU0rfgZstn8/copy?usp=sharing

https://www.controlaltachieve.com/2023/02/hearts-and-charts-google-sheets-math.html

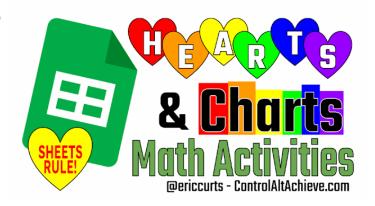
An interactive, self-checking Google Sheets template called "Hearts & Charts" which lets students use Valentine Conversation Hearts candy to practice math skills including:

Estimating 仍 Counting Comparing

+ Adding

Dividing





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Movement **Enter Here Uplifting &**

Enter Here







Virtual Calming Room

This Virtual Calming Room is a place for students and teachers to find tools and strategies for managing emotions and feelings. Please note that some items may not work on District issued Chromebooks.

tinyurl.com/socalm

RANDOM WORD GENERATOR

Motivational Quotes



"It's not that some people have willpower and some don't... It's that some people are ready to change and others are not."

- James Gordon

https://randomwordgenerator.com/motivationalquote.php



Did you know that you can sign up with your school email and get a free Canva account. There you can find and make thousands of free items including presentations, Google Headers, flyers, worksheets, and even edit and create videos!



Q Search your content or Canva's













https://www.canva.com/learn/canva-for-education/

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Small connections make big differences

Along is the Teacher-Student Connection Builder-because better conversations make thriving classrooms.

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It's a research-based, free-to-use platform that helps teachers reach their students—without piling on extra work. Whether you want to check in with students, kick off the school year with some icebreakers, or see how your class is doing, Along is here to help.

https://www.along.org/

ARCADEMICS

https://www.arcademics.com/

Arcademics combines the excitement of video games with educational content to produce a high rate of learning through exciting, focused repetition that enables automaticity and fluency to be achieved quickly. The sign up is free and the basic program is free for your class. Grades 1-6 math and reading content







March is Women's History Month, coinciding with International Women's Day on March 8. It's a time to recognize the achievements of remarkable women from around the globe throughout history. This roundup of Women's History Month activities celebrates artists, scientists, leaders, and more women who made their mark.

https://www.weareteachers.com/womenshistory-month-activities/

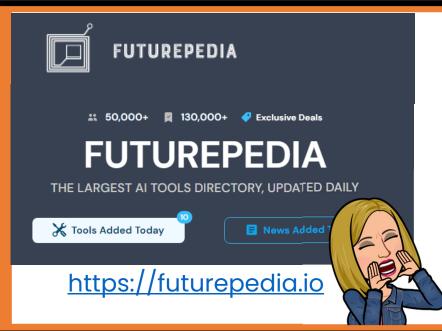
WOMEN COULDN'T GET CREDIT CARDS UNTIL 1974.



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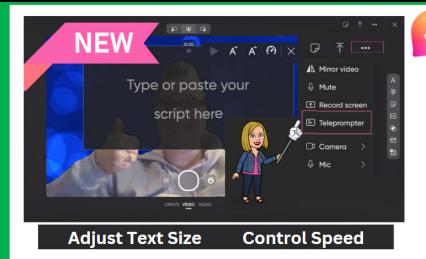




A huge database of **Artificial Intelligence** (AI) tools including coding, avatars, art, design assistants, educator tools, and more. Some are free and some you have to pay for. Explore what Al can do for you.

Explain historical events, check for understanding, summarize literature, highlight scientific discoveries, vocab practice, and So Much More!





that can turn their script into teleprompter mode. What a great way to practice fluency, public speaking, and so much more! https://info.flip.com/

Flip has a new feature

Flip Teleprompter

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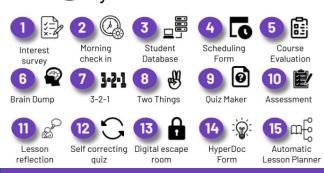


DITCH THAT TEXTBOOK

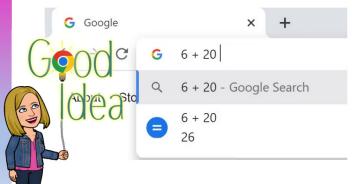
of my favorite classroom tools. This blog post has 15 different templates that you can use tomorrow in YOUR class. It has everything from surveys, to escape rooms and has items that our pre-k through high school students would love!

https://ditchthattextbook.com/google-formstemplates/

Google Forms templates you can use tomorrow



Math, Currency Converter and M©RE!



That funky little box at the top of Chrome where you type in your website is called the **Omnibox**, and it isn't just for website addresses. It's also a calculator, currency converter, and more. Type your query into the Omnibox, and it provides you with the answer. You don't need to press Enter to see the result. The Omnibox provides you with the answer in a pop-up window. Check it out!

ITAL RESOURCE

OpenAl for Teaching

- Determine reading levels
- Rewrite for a lower or higher reading level
- Summarize a text
- Create Questions for text
- Create Activities for text
- Create a text

Check out this example: https://tinyurl.com/TeachSmarter2023

https://chat.openai.com/chat



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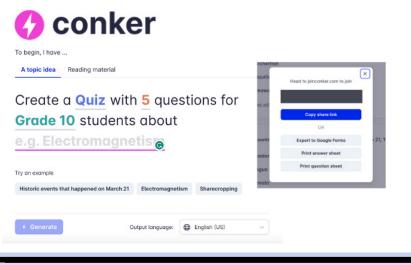


Canva

Canva just rolled out a bunch of new tools that make editing and creating so much easier!

https://www.conker.ai

Try out the AI of Conker to make a quiz, fill in the blank or a read and respond for up to 10 items in any grade level!



EGGS-TRA SPECIAL EGG HUNT

Online Egg Hunt!

Here's how it works: Count the number of hidden eggs in each picture. At the end of the video, we'll show you how many eggs were on each page.

https://abc7news.com/society/virtual-easter-egg-hunt-for-kids/6089878/

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BOOK CREATOR





Get creative this month with Book **Creator Poetry** competition! Check out a free account today!







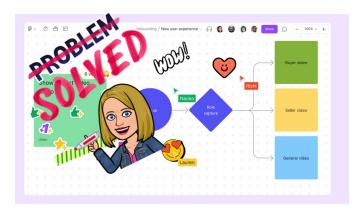
https://ditchthattextbook.com/book-creator/



https://bookcreator.com/

FigJam

- •Online diagramming tool that is free for schools.
- •Brainstorm ideas for projects and assignments with sticky notes, shapes, and freehand drawing.
- •Organize thoughts and research with decision trees, diagrams, and mind maps.
- Collaborate with classmates and teachers in real time with feedback and comments.
- •Plan and run group projects, presentations, and more.



https://www.figma.com/figjam/

Google Doc Updates

Well, Google has finally given Google Docs some much-needed love. It's recently rolled out several new features that make this word processing tool shiny and new.



- Smart Chips: Allows you to easily tag files, people, dates. Etc.
- Building Blocks: Premade templates for all kinds of goodies
- Pageless Layout
- **Insert Equations**
- Add a Table of Contents

Check out more info along with how to use these here:

https://ditchthattextbook.com/g oogle-docs/

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NearPod - Did you know you have a **PREMIUM Account!!!**

Nearpod (<u>nearpod.com</u>) uses interactive lessons, interactive videos, gamified learning, formative assessments. Add a variety of question and media types to your lesson. Then go through the lesson live with your class or let students complete it asynchronously on their own.

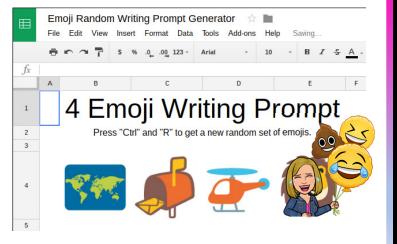
Find **pre-created Nearpod lessons** by searching. There are more than 22,000 ready-to-teach, standards-aligned lessons there. You might find exactly what you need.

Need to adjust a Nearpod lesson you've found? Want to use an existing lesson as a template -- but change all of the content around? Just hit "duplicate" to make an editable copy of it. Then go in and change as much as you want.

Emoji Prompts!

Instead of just text writing prompts, we can also use Google Sheets to **generate emoji prompts**! They say a picture is worth a thousand words. If that is so, then emojis should be able to bring even more meaning and ideas and inspiration than just words alone.

https://tinyurl.com/emojiprompt2





End of Year Product

Doesn't matter if they're 5 or 15, we all need students to get some things done and wrap up the year. Here is a freebie I created to curate some of the events that have happened over the last year. Get creative and have fun!

Teacher Freebies It's in the Google Drive Folder!

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ACT MATH

Graham Fletcher has an amazing website where he shares how to build fact fluency, progression videos (which I HIGHLY recommend), fresh ideas and 3 Act Tasks. A Three-Act Task is a whole-group mathematics task consisting of three distinct parts: an engaging and perplexing Act One, an information and solution seeking Act Two, and a solution discussion and solution revealing Act Three.

Graham has done all of the hard work for you, creating videos targeting specific standards. Each task features a video and prompt - which can be modified and differentiated. Plus he's linked even more ideas for upper grades!

https://gfletchy.com/3-act-lessons/

The Big List of Teacher Discounts and Perks in 2023



Teachers can save on school supplies, clothing and shoes, tech like laptops and printers, and more if they know where to look. This list is always growing and changing, so bookmark it and check back frequently.

Tip: <u>Sign up at ID.me</u> and verify your teacher status to earn discounts from a huge variety of stores.

https://www.weareteachers.com/bestteacher-discounts/

*DIGITAL

Wonderopolis is an informational site that helps kids ask and answer interesting questions about the world. Every day, a new "Wonder of the Day" question is posted -- each designed to get kids to think, talk, and find learning moments together in everyday life.



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PROJECT ZERO

This Harvard Education

routines developed

across a number of

questions or a brief

scaffold and support student thinking.

toolbox highlights thinking

research projects at PZ. A

thinking routine is a set of

sequence of steps used to

Project Zero's Thinking Routine Toolbox

CORE THINKING ROUTINES

INTRODUCING & EXPLORING IDEAS

DIGGING DEEPER INTO IDEAS

SYNTHESIZING & ORGANIZING IDEAS

INVESTIGATING OBJECTS AND SYSTEMS

PERSPECTIVE-TAKING

CONSIDERING CONTROVERSIES, DILEMMAS, AND PERSPECTIVES

GENERATING POSSIBILITIES AND ANALOGIES EXPLORING ART, IMAGES, AND OBJECTS GLOBAL

https://pz.harvard.edu/thinking-routines#CoreThinkingRoutines



https://ed.ted.com/educator?user_by_click=educator

TED-Ed offers video-based lessons, TED-Ed Animations, and TED-Ed Talks to encourage students. Teachers can add interactive questions or discussions to ready-made videos and share them with learners. Inspire students to create TED-style talks of their own.

KidsCerts is a website for teachers to create award certificates, bingo cards, and brag tags. All templates are customizable and printable. Teachers can choose the font, background, frame, colors, and logos for every certificate.

https://www.kidscerts.com/





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Techie Tuesday

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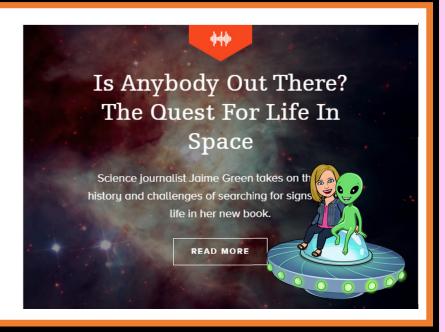
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science FRIDAY

Science Friday partners with educators and scientists to create free STEM activities, lessons, and resources for all learners.

https://www.sciencefriday.com/





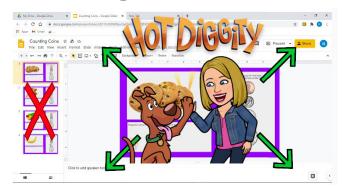
Emoji Keyboard Online - Emojis to
Copy and Paste is an emoji picker with
an extensive search functionality. This
Emoji Keyboard Online is the web
version of Chrome
Extension and Firefox Extension. It helps

<u>Extension</u> and <u>Firefox Extension</u>. It helps to easily get & input emojis, emoticons, smiley faces... on web browsers.

https://emojikeyboard.org/

Fullscreen Interactive Google Slides(TM)

View fullscreen Slides while staying in edit mode. Present your slides fullscreen and edit at the SAME TIME! **This is a Chrome extension!**



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- 📸 Adapt existing materials for any reader
- 👯 Generate leveled resources for any topic
- Edit, share resources with students

Get leveled resources for...

Literally Anything

@ An Article (URL)

Any Text or Excerpt

1. Search for a topic, term, or question here. Be as specific as possible!

Enter topic here (e.g. "Mitosis", "Why didn't the U.S. participate in Treaty of Versailles?")

2. Choose an approximate reading level for the output:

https://beta.diffit.me/#topic

Just for Funi What Came First? Compare Cultural Moments in Time





https://experiments.withgoogle.com/what-came-first



https://worldatoz.org

The 5 C's

- **Critical Thinking**
- **Civil Explanations**
- Compassionate Conversations
- Community
- And of Course, Carl

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Students use social media all the time. Let's put those skills to use! In these social media-inspired Google Slides templates, they can show what they know with their favorite apps.



social mediainspired **Google Slides** templates



https://ditchthattextbook.com/social-media-templates/

Want to share a document, but want everyone to have their own copy? This is your answer... so simple!



Prepare a Make a Copy link to a Google document https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WHGnwFk/edit https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WHGnwFk/copy Copy document Would you like to make a copy of Learning in Han Works with Docs, Slides, Sheets & Drawings Copy the document's shareable link. Paste the link 🝰 Share and change /edit to /copy

The Auto Classmate Activation and Engagement Activity Generator is designed to help educators craft engaging, relational, and impactful activities to implement throughout a lesson plan. By simply selecting your grade level and explaining what you want your students to learn, our AIpowered generator will produce three engagement activities designed to create more space and freedom, for developing relationships with your students.

Use Tool Now!

Instructions for using this tool:

Select the grade level of your students, describe what you want your students to learn from the activities, click 'Generate AI Responses', and then wait for your activities to generate. Please allow up to 30 seconds for our Artificial Intelligence (AI) models to work their magic!

Grade Level

Select Grade

I want students to learn...

Examples: how to identify the theme of a poem, unique ways to solve complex word problems, the way the digestive system works..

https://autoclassmate.io/tools/activation -and-engagement-activity-generator/



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Beyond the Slideshow By Eric Curts

Check out this guys blog, presentations, resources, etc. He has great stuff for teachers and students. Some of it is fun and creative. Some of it adds some spice to your lessons!

Jack-O-Lantern - Blog - Template



https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/lftkQoSPMS4-TZ8SN17eUiAFW3mEPbrukWmeRkDiWy3Q/edit?usp=sharing

1.000+ **FANTASTIC** FONTS FOR **GOOGLE PROJECTS**

https://fonts.google.com/



Almost before we knew it. we had left the ground.

Almost before we knew it, we had left the ground.

Sentence - Type something

Language
Font properties
Show only variable fonts

Chnost before we knew it, we had left the ground.

↑ Scroll Up! ↑

Check out this cool tool to see how high things REALLY go! It's an awesome tool to try out on your NewLine board!

https://neal.fun/sp ace-elevator/

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Welcome to The Achievery!

This digital and free learning platform is designed for making teaching and learning more engaging. We invite you to learn how to browse through all the amazing content that we've curated from iconic films, TV shows, and other inspiring educational video clips!

https://www.theachievery.com/en















Tarver Academy Roll Rol

Need help with all things Google? How about your students? Head over to Tarver Academy and check out the tons of free resources and videos he has!

https://www.tarveracademy.com/googleteacher



⊘ common sense education•

Back-to-School With Healthy Young Minds

New lesson plans for students in grades K-12

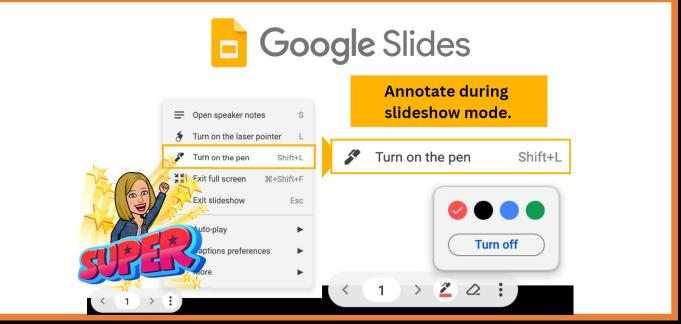
https://www.commonsense.org/education/back-to-school

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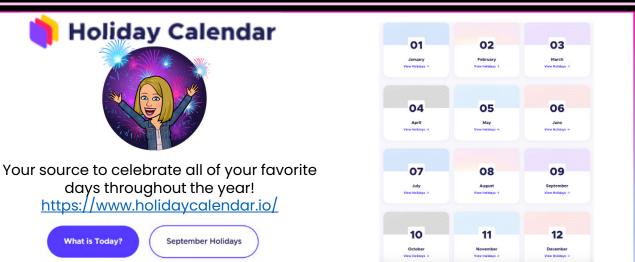
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Amazing Templates!

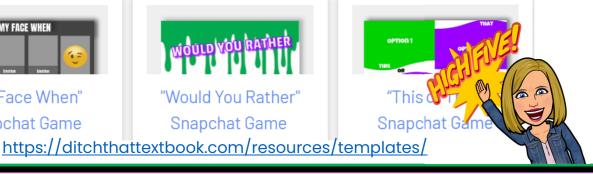
I LOVE games! Bonus is that lots of my favorite games have already been turned into online templates to use with PowerPoint or Google Slides over at Ditch that Textbook. Need a new review? Check out one of the "SnapChat" version games!



"My Face When" **Snapchat Game**



"Would You Rather" Snapchat Game



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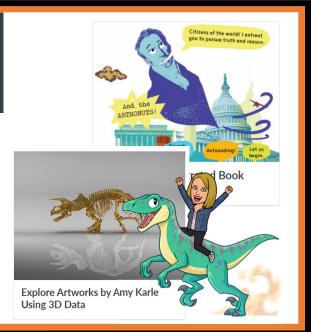
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Smithsonian

Welcome to Smithsonian Open

Access, where you can download, share, and reuse millions of the Smithsonian's images—right now, without asking. With new platforms and tools, you have easier access to more than 4.5 million 2D and 3D digital items from our collections—with many more to come. This includes images and data from across the Smithsonian's 21 museums, nine research centers, libraries, archives, and the National Zoo. https://www.si.edu/openaccess





Need a rubric for a project, need students to help create a rubric? This is a quick and easy way to make both of those happen!

DIGITAL RESOURCE



Sometimes... you just need to have some fun for yourself. Check out how you can Funko Pop! Yourself!!!

https://funko.com/pop-yourself.html

POP! YOURSELF

Make Your Very Own Fully Customized Funko Pop! Vinyl Figure Online Today! Create Your Unique Collectible of Yourself or a Loved One With Pop! Yourself.

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Google Docs is a powerful word processing program with loads of useful features, and Google frequently adds new tools and options.

Even if you use Docs often, you may not use all of the features, or even be aware some of them.



https://www.controlaltachieve.com/2023/09/fabulous-features-of-googledocs.html#more





If you have not checked out Canva.com and signed up for your free educator account DO IT! They have some great new "Magic" happening!





October 16-20, 2023





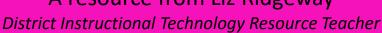


Middle School Calendar

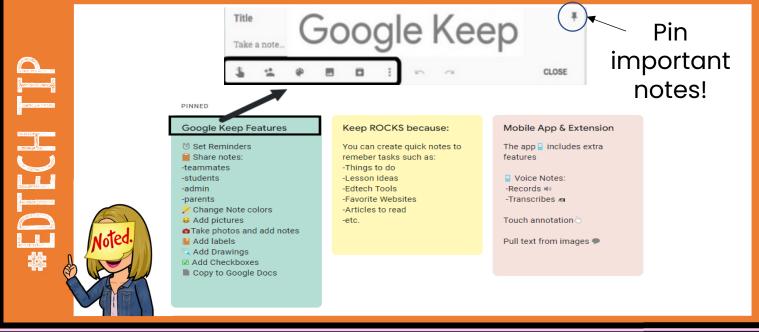
High School Calendar

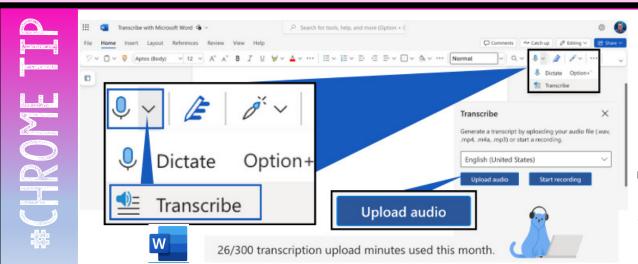
to your students on Canva.

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Upload voice memos or meeting audio recordings. Generate a transcript with speakers and time stamps.

JIGITAL RESOURCE

Not everyone can make a chicken nugget) loop eternally in a newsletter...but if you watch Brian Buffington's tutorial, you can make you own customized GIF in Canva! Make sure to sign up for your * free educator account with Canva

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GIF MAKING IN CANVA

Canva GIFS How To:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ggO-skv94A