

Some Cool Tools to try: retrieved on March 21, 2011 from <http://tilesig.wikispaces.com/Cool+Tools>

- [Animoto](#): Create video slideshows (see [Animoto for Education](#))
- [Awesome Highlighter](#): Highlight information on webpages, annotate them, and then send others to a page made uniquely for you with the highlights and comments
- [Bitstrips for Schools](#): Simple way to create comics for your classroom (there is a fee involved, but there's a free trial)
- [Blabberize](#): Animate pictures to make the people, animals, or objects appear as if they are talking
- [Bubble.us](#): Brainstorm ideas into an automatic idea web
- [Chick Machine](#): Create an avatar, add it to your email signature or wiki page
- [ClassChats.com](#): Free way to connect classrooms around the world
- [CoolText Graphics Generator](#) - Create text banners for printable student work, PowerPoint presentations, websites, videos, or any digital student product.
- [Co-Sketch](#): Multi-user online whiteboard to quickly visualize and collaborate without even registering.
- [Creatly](#): Create professional looking online diagrams with up to 3 collaborators for free
- [Cyber School Bus](#): United Nations website for students and teachers
- [Dabbleboard](#): Visualize, draw, explore, and collaborate with an online whiteboard
- [Delicious](#): Social bookmarking tool
- [Diigo](#): Visit webpages, highlight text, add stickynotes and annotate your thinking
- [DomoAnimate](#): Create an animated cartoon - complete with music and dialogue bubbles
- [DoingText](#): Web-based collaborative writing and editing without signing up
- [Doodle](#): Schedule meetings quickly and see when everyone is available - all in one place
- [ePals](#): Connect with students around the world in a project based learning environment
- [Edutecher](#): links to cool tools for teachers based on particular search

F-I

- [Flickr](#): Organize, annotate, and share your photos with the world
- [iCUE](#): Collaborative and online interactive learning center with games, challenges, videos, and discussions
- [EverNote](#): Make notes and organize them online
- [Glogster](#): Make an interactive poster with text, images, music, and video
- [Go Animate](#): Create unique computer animated stories or cartoons
- [Google Docs](#): Collaboratively create, store, and share documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and online forms
- [Google Lit Trips](#): Follow or create virtual road trips to align with great literature
- [Google Maps](#): Create and personalize your own maps
- [Google Moderator](#): Enable your audience (students, etc) to actively post or prioritize questions or surveys that are viewable by all ([example](#))
- [Google Wonder Wheel](#): found on the left column of the search site provides a visual map for your query and related topics ([example](#))
- [Gr.oups](#): Free online social networking tool to set up your own community, with blogs, wikis, chatrooms, discussions, calendars, and more.
- [iBreadcrumbs](#): Recording toolbar for your web browser keeps a bibliographic log of where you've been
- [Image Detective](#): Scaffold students exploration of images and development of document based questions and inquiry with this tool

- [Imagination Cubed](#): Multi-user drawing tool with a pen, stamp, line, or typing tool - can replay your drawings too in action
 - [KeepVid](#): Download streaming videos
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J-N

- [Jing](#): Snap a picture or record a short video and share instantly on the web
 - [Jog the Web](#): synchronous guide to a series of web sites / author can create guiding questions and annotate each web page
Its step by step approach of taking viewers through web sites allowing the author to annotate and ask guiding questions for each page is unique.
 - [Kideos](#): Online kids video network with safe videos for young children to view and use in their projects
 - [KidZui](#): Download a free and safe Internet browser for kids
 - [Letterpop](#): Create eye popping newsletters (free plan to publish up to 10 newsletters)
 - [MeBeam](#): Create your own chatroom - just type in a title and invite people to join
 - [National Geographic Young Explorer](#): Listen and Read Stories about science and animals
 - [Notefish](#): Track your web inquiries with automatically bibliography generator and annotate/organize your reflections
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O-Q

- [Off the Charts Web Karaoke](#): Listen to or create your own songs
 - [Pageflakes](#): Create a personalized homepage with all of your electronic tools and social networks
 - [Palbee](#): Set up free web video conferences or video chat rooms and record your presentations to share with others
 - [Penzu](#): Easy journal-writing tool
 - [Picasa 3](#): Edit your photos and store/display them online (for Macs only)
 - [PIXresizer](#): is a free photo resizing program to easily create web and e-mail friendly versions of your images with reduced file sizes.
 - [Photostory 3 for Windows](#): Teachers can download and use for free ([example](#)) - [Digital Storytelling Guide](#): to get started with examples
 - [Pivot Stickfigure Animator](#): Create stick figure animations easily and save as an animated .gif file. WINDOWS ONLY
 - [Podcast Generator](#): Create, upload, and publish podcasts in a web format
 - [Prezi](#): Online presentation tool like Powerpoint
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R-T

- [RealeBooks.com](#): Read or create striking picture books to share with the world
- [Remix America](#): Remix the great words, speeches, and images of American History
- [Scrapblog](#): Create and share digital scrapbooks
- [Sharendipity](#): Build and employ interactive games, widgets, and other educational learning tools - browse the [Education collection](#) for ideas

- [Sketch.com and Skitch](#): Take screenshots, edit them, and then upload to share with others
- [Shidonnj](#): Draw virtual pets and then play with them
- [Slideshare](#): Upload and share powerpoint presentations loaded with audio podcasts
- [Skype](#): Free audio or video conference calls
- [Storybird](#): Collaborative storytelling with families, friends, and real artists art - take the [tour](#) to learn more!
- [Stixy](#): Online bulletin board to share notes, photos, documents, and to do lists
- [Text 2 Mind Map](#): The text-to-mind-map converter
- [TimeToast](#): Create interactive timelines and share them on the web
- [Trailfire](#): Create your own educational trails on the Internet
- [ToonDoo](#): The Cartoon Strip Creator

U-W

- [Vimeo](#): Free video sharing environment
- [Vixynet](#): Download and convert video files (including YouTube Flash videos) to MPEG4 (AVI/MOV/MP4/MP3/3GP)
- [VoiceThread](#): Group conversations around images, documents, and video (see Education examples)
- [Voki](#): Create personalized speaking avatars
- [Wallwisher](#): Online notice board maker
- [Webspiration](#): Online visual thinking tool
- [WebNote](#): A very simple online notetaking tool - puts all your notes on the page.
- [Weebly](#): Create a free website and blog
- [Wetoku](#): Online interview tool that automatically records, saves, and prepares for embedding and sharing with others.
- [WetPaint](#): Another free wiki creator with a different look - mix all the best features of wikis, blogs, forums, and more
- [Wiggio](#): A social networking online toolkit to send emails, surveys, set up video conferences, & keep track of group tasks
- [Wikidot in Education](#): Create your own wikispace for classroom use
- [Wikispaces for Educators](#): Create your own wikispace for your personal or classroom use
- [WordSift](#): Visualize text and improve your vocabulary
- [Worldometers](#): World-wide statistics updated in real time. See the world statistics for populations, births, deaths - numbers of tons of food eaten, water drunk etc. etc. etc. This is an amazing site which will keep you and your class occupied for a long time!
- [Wordle](#): Beautiful Word Clouds

X-Z

- [YouTube Grabber](#): Download YouTube videos to use in your classroom
- [YouSendIt](#): Send and track large digital files too big for an email box
- [XtraNormal](#): Type something and it turns into a movie (you write the script and direct the action!)
- [Zamzar](#): Download YouTube videos (and other files) and save in any format
- [zinepal](#): Students can create pdf and ebooks for sharing
- [Zotero](#): Collect, cite, manage, and share your research sources