

Writing the Web2.0 Way
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Gaggle

<http://gaggle.net>

safe email for students

free or paid accounts

Writing Prompts

Art Starts

Characters

http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/custom/resources_ftp/client_ftp/ks1/english/characters/index.htm

Print out or print screen and copy or screen capture

Funny Food Face

<http://www.highlightskids.com/Magazine/Feb05/h10205funnyFood.asp>

Click and drag to create face

Can Print

Mr. Potato Head and Friends

<http://www.squiglyplayhouse.com/ArtsAndCrafts/DressUp/MrPotato/index.html>

click and drag to decorate

Make a Monster

http://www.bgfl.org/bgfl/custom/resources_ftp/client_ftp/ks1/english/make_monster/index.htm

choose a set of eyes for a monster

change the color, texture, and pattern

click Make Monster

Monster will come out of cave and then change to the monster you created

The Picture Maker

http://www.myfreecolouringpages.com/online_fuzzy_felt.htm

great for very young kids

click and drag objects onto background to make picture

Create a Minibeast

<http://www.mylearning.org/intermediate-interactive.asp?type=4&journeyid=77>

pick the body parts

get a fact card on your beast

Print

Write an article about it

Virtual Fish tank

<http://www.virtualfishtank.com/fishtank/fishtank.html>

The Hero Factory

<http://cpbintegrated.com/theherofactory/>

pick and choose to create a superhero

has weapons to add as accessories--don't allow use or limit use of weapon in story to killing of imaginary monsters, etc

can print, download,

Etch a Sketch

http://www.ohioart.com/etch/games/easgame/virtual_popup.jsp

use arrow keys for straight lines or use compass to get curves
need to be a member to save
can print
replays drawing

The Flower Maker

<http://www.zefrank.com/flowers/>

choose the flower parts and colors
click on them on the white square and drag to enlarge, rotate, etc
give it a name, city, save--will show up in list

Kidlandia Maps

<http://www.kidlandia.com/Kidlandia.aspx>

choose a kingdom map
name the places
add characters, props, text, etc
read stories and/or create stories for the characters and props
can send or print map
register to save online--email needed

Mr. Picasso Head

<http://www.mrpicassohead.com/>

Click and drag to create art
Print out or capture screen
Link can be emailed

Offtype

<http://offtype.net/>

select line thickness and color
save
gives you a link
takes to pic
permanent link
embedded link
comments can be left
rate the picture
inappropriate remarks can't be sent in
can print from that page
is also a widget of this you can put on your webpage, blog, etc

ArtPad

<http://artpad.art.com/artpad/painter/>

paint with a brush
vary the thickness and opaqueness
can type
has small brush, large brush and paint bucket
can choose a frame
can replay
can choose to hang in gallery
can send, save or print
can save without hanging in public gallery

Queeky

<http://www.queeky.com/>

for older kids
check gallery for paintings
can play a movie to see how the drawing was done

Time for Kids

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/pollzone/white/0,6405,53275,00.html>

- make choices
- creates a magazine cover
- write the story to go with the headline

Fake Magazine Covers

<http://graphics.imagetemplate.net/magazines/>

- upload photo, choose cover
- can download or get html code
- best for older kids, or limited pages to choose from

Dummies Book Cover Maker

<http://dummies.book.cover.txt2pic.com/>

- fill in the blanks
- save picture
- write the book

Write Bites**Meddybemps Story Starters**

<http://www.meddybemps.com/9.700.html>

- selection of 48 story starter PDFs
- convert to a word doc
- draw a text box over the lines
- type in story

PDF Converter

http://www.pdfword.com/success_page.htm

The Writing Fix

<http://writingfix.com/#>

- has prompt generator

The Brainstormer

<http://www.distractionbeast.com/brainstormer.swf>

- for older kids

Ed's Story Writer

http://www.edontheweb.com/club_ed_imaginarium.asp#

- teaches about the different parts of a story and leads students to develop those parts

Read, Write, Think

<http://www.readwritethink.org/>

- Fractured Fairy Tales
- gives examples, then can write own
- each tool has many lesson plans for using it

NOTE TAKERS**Note Star**

<http://notestar.4teachers.org/>

- helps students collect and organize notes to write a research paper
- teacher needs to set up account

Evernote

<http://www.evernote.com/>

- need an email
- works with computer and cell phones
- take notes, capture notes from the web
- can search for key terms in notes
- add capture tool to tool bar

ORGANIZERS

Holt Interactive Graphic Organizers

<http://my.hrw.com/nsmedia/intgos/html/igo.htm>

- many organizers to choose from
- opens as a PDF
- type in info and print or save

Read Write Think

<http://www.readwritethink.org/>

- many templates to choose from

Think Tank

<http://thinktank.4teachers.org/>

- helps students narrow a research topic

Persuade Star

<http://persuadestar.4teachers.org/>

- takes older students through the process of writing a persuasive essay
- teacher must create account

myWebinspiration

<http://mywebinspiration.com/>

- need an email
- free, online version of Inspiration
- looks and feels like Inspiration
- can invite others to collaborate
- can add to a web page

Gliffy

<http://www.gliffy.com/>

- need an email
- sign up for free account
- easy click and drag
- has many templates--flowcharts, floor plans
- design a house for your character, write description or directions for getting from one room to another
- can invite others to collaborate

MindMeister

<http://www.mindmeister.com/>

- need an email
- can collaborate at the same time
- limited shapes
- can export as jpg, PDF, etc
- many diagram types
- invite others to collaborate
- sends them an email with link and password
- codes for adding to blogs
- can add images
- can print or save as jpg

Draw Anywhere

<http://drawanywhere.com/>

- need an email
- easy to use
- nice clip art file
- can import pics
- export as JPG, GIF, etc
- invite others to collaborate
- embed in blog or webpage

Mind42

<http://www.mind42.com/>

- need an email
- Many nice attributes (icons, colors, images, text styles, links)
- Collaboration (simultaneous editing)
- Easy publishing and distribution of maps

Dabbleboard

<http://dabbleboard.com/>

- need an email
- online whiteboard
- can draw freehand, type, use templates
- can collaborate with others at the same time

exploratree

<http://www.exploratree.org.uk/>

- online collection of graphic organizers aimed at solving problems

TIMELINES

ReadWriteThink Timeline

http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=7

- can do a timeline based on date, time, event, entry
- hot links let you jump from one event to another
- print in horizontally or vertically

xtimeline

<http://xtimeline.com/>

- needs an email
- easy to use
- upload pics, etc
- type an entry for each event
- add links
- can invite editors
- can print, embed, share

timetoast

<http://www.timetoast.com/>

- needs an email
- upload pics
- write descriptions
- add links
- can be private or public
- can embed or share

WRITING MODELS

Writing Fun

<http://www.teachers.ash.org.au/jeather/writingfun/writingfun.html>

tells the characteristics of different types of writing, has examples at different levels, and organizers that can be filled in online and printed out

Writer's Models

<http://go.hrw.com/eolang/modbank/>

for middle school and high school

gives examples of many types of writing

click on different parts of the writing to learn more about what should be in that part

WORD PROCESSING, EDITING, AND REVISING

Google Docs

<http://docs.google.com/>

can create docs, spreadsheets, and presentations (powerpoint)

looks and feels like word and powerpoint

can invite others to share

can check revision history

Thinkfree

<http://www.thinkfree.com>

can sign in with google acct. or create new for more services

has word, presentation, spreadsheet, and html (called note) which has templates

for blog insertion

in html mode, you can create a word looking doc with video embedded in it.

if you download power tool, you can access docs without internet connection

looks and feels just like word and power point

can invite others to view and/or collaborate

can save as a PDF

can see editing history

Zoho Writer

<http://www.zoho.com/>

need an email

wiki, mail, etc
multiple applications similar to google--docs, spreadsheets, presentations planner,

familiar interface

Zoho notebook is like thinkfree notes where you can insert video

can invite others to share or collaborate

has editing history

Your Draft

<http://www.yourdraft.com/>

no account needed

sign in with email

type doc

supplies you with url

unique url for others to edit and unique url for just viewing

ONLINE STORAGE AND FILE SHARING

Box.net

<http://box.net/>

upload files and invite others to view or edit
gives you a link to email
can also create docs there

Drop.io

<http://drop.io/>

no sign up, no accounts
gives you a url to find doc

COMICS

ReadWriteThink--Comic Creator

http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=21

choice of 1, 2, 3 or 6 frames
selection of characters, backgrounds, bubbles, and props
can print, but then need to color in

Make Beliefs Comix

<http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/Comix/>

easy
choice of characters and emotions
2, 3, or 4 frames
type is small
can print or email
for older kids, could copy and paste several strips for longer comics
<http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/How-to-Play/Educators/>

Comiqs

<http://comiqs.com/index.html>

for older students
can upload own pics and make a comic book
didn't see anything too inappropriate, but you never know

ToonDoo

<http://www.toondoo.com/>

can make booklets
click and drag, draw, create own characters
best for older kids

StoryCreator2--myths and legends

<http://myths.e2bn.org/index.php>

sign up for teacher accounts if you wish to review and approve student work
click to select background, characters, etc
add sound, music, sound effects
can add speech bubbles as well as text
can record to narrate story

Pixton

<http://pixton.com/>

need an email
easy click and drag interface
create characters, change expressions, hair, skin clothes, etc
zoom in and out
can move characters around

POST CARDS, LETTERS, AND NEWSPAPERS

Scholastic

http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/games_quizzes/postcards/index.asp

- can select backgrounds
- select objects to add to background--resize, rotate
- type message
- can print or submit to their online gallery

ReadWriteThink--Post Card

http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=61

- teaches parts of post card
- can print but not save

Australia Post

<http://www.auspost.com.au/EDP/0,1398,CH3144%257EMO19,00.html>

- has lesson and examples
- write a letter online

ReadWriteThink--Letter Generator

http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/student_material.asp?id=5

- learn the parts of a friendly or business letter
- guided to write the different parts
- letter borders to choose from

fodey newspaper clip generator

<http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp>

- type in headline, date, and story
- newspaper clipping is generated
- can download as a jpg

PLAYS

Kids space

<http://www.kids-space.org/HPT/1a/11a.html>

- Easy
- choose the character and type in what they say
- creates script

Innovations Learning

http://www.innovationslearning.co.uk/subjects/english/activities/playscript/play_home.asp

- choose your setting, scenario, and up to 3 characters
- type in the dialogue
- creates script

Plotbot

<http://www.plotbot.com/>

- play writing for high school
- can have collaborators

POETRY

Scholastic

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/index.htm>

tips and activities with 3 famous poets--can publish online
Poetry Idea engine to help write haiku, free verse, and limericks

ReadWriteThink

<http://www.readwritethink.org/>

Diamante Poems
Acrostic Poems
Shape Poems

Eduplace Shape Book Patterns

<http://eduplace.com/shapebook/>

more shapes for shape poems
convert to a word doc
add a text box and type in poem

ETTC Poetry Forms

<http://ettcweb.lr.k12.nj.us/forms/newpoem.htm>

fill in the blank forms for writing many types of poems as well as rewriting famous poems
print out but not save

Ed's Poetry Workshop

http://www.edontheweb.com/club_ed_poetry_workshop.asp#

walks younger students through creating a poem
can print out, but not save

Magnetic Poetry

<http://www.magneticpoetry.com/kidspoetry/playonline.cfm>
http://www.poetry4kids.com/modules.php?name=Games&op=display_game&game=WordMagnets
http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/word_mover/words.01.html

SCHOLASTIC RESOURCES--too many to go through individually. Go and explore.

Stuff for all grade levels

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/home.jsp>

--**Writing and Writers**--learn how to write different genre with real writers, write your own and publish online

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/>

--**Readers Response**--write a book review

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/swyar/>

--**Research projects**--has topics, resources, guides for writing a research paper

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/researchtools/researchstarters/index.htm>

--**Write It**--takes you through the process of writing different genres--for Jr. High and High School

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/writeit/>

--**Online Activities and Interactive Learning**--content area tie-ins

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/learn.jsp>

DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Don't limit the following just to photos--scan student art work or use the screencaptures of their online artwork

Mixbook

<http://www.mixbook.com/>

- need an email
- easy to use
- select a theme
- for the most amount of text spaces, choose blank canvas
- choose layout of pages and backgrounds
- drop in pics
- can put in decorative stickers
- can invite collaborators

Vuvox

<http://www.vuvox.com/create>

- digital story telling for older students
- drag and drop interface
- many effects to use
- can cut out part of one picture and add to another
- can add music

Capzles

<http://www.capzles.com/>

- need email
- can upload pics, video, audio, and text including excel, word, and powerpoint
- can make it public, private, or friends only
- can add text on the picture/video page or can add a blog page
- would be great for history timelines

Tikatok

<http://www.tikatok.com>

- can register your class
- has pre-made themes and story starters or can start from scratch
- If you choose a story starter, you answer some questions and then the story is written for you.
- can invite others to work on book with you
- upload pics or drawings
- very easy to use

Bookemon

<http://www.bookemon.com/>

- has templates to choose from
- can make books private or public
- can upload own pics, word docs, or powerpoint shows
- can view online or purchase printed format

My Story Maker

<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/mystorymaker/mystorymaker.swf>

- choose characters, props, settings, actions emotions
- it writes a story for you to go with your choices, but you can delete that text and add your own
- can print out story

MASHUPS

NOTA

<http://notaland.com/>

- online publications
- need email
- has drawing tools, shapes,
- can upload docs or pics or movies
- has clipart, maps, photos, fonts
- can add editors for collaboration

Acrobat Presentations

<http://labs.adobe.com/technologies/presentations/>

- can create PowerPoint-like slide shows
- can collaborate
- can export as a PDF
- click and drag interface

Glogster

<http://www.glogster.com/>

- needs an email
- make online interactive posters
- insert audio, pictures, and video
- easy to use interface
- need to upload pics and videos, etc to library before adding to poster
- remember to hit OK when done editing
- can sign up for educational accounts and have accounts for your students
- can be uploaded to a wiki/blog

SCREENCASTS

Sketchcast

<http://sketchcast.com/>

- make screen videos
- record voice
- can embed in blog, etc.

Screencast-o-matic

[http://www.screencast-o-matic.com./](http://www.screencast-o-matic.com/)

- use to do screencasts without any download

Imagination Cubed

<http://imaginationcubed.com/index.php>

- online whiteboard
- can type, draw, use shapes and stampers
- has replay
- can invite collaborators
- no audio, but use a screen capture tool to describe a process
- can print, send, and save
- to save, it emails you a link
- drawing can be edited from that link

ODDS AND ENDS

Web Poster Wizard

<http://wizard.4teachers.org/>

a less fancy version of an online poster
teacher needs to set up class account
students can add pic, text, and links

Voicethread

<http://voicethread.com/#home>

upload pictures, documents, videos
create an identity and comment on page
can type, record, call in, or use webcam to make comments
in typing mode, can draw on page
use to record book reports, class books, comment on a picture, explain a process
sign up for free educator account
students sign up for own with valid email or use teacher account
can purchase class accounts

BLOGS, WIKIS, PODCASTS, AND VODCASTS

edublogs

<http://edublogs.org/>

blogger

<https://www.blogger.com/start>

wikispaces

<http://www.wikispaces.com/site/for/teachers>

free private accounts for educators that are ad free and can only be viewed and edited by members

PBWORKS (formerly PBWiki)

<http://pbworks.com/>