HIDDEN WEB TOOLS
11 TOOLS FOR 2011

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The internet is teeming with free resources waiting to be used to enhance the classroom experience. Singling out the best ones, however, can be overwhelming and time consuming. At SimpleK12, we have meticulously scavenged the internet in search for the best free classroom tech tools. We’re thrilled to present to you this list, HIDDEN WEBTOOLS: 11 Tools for 2011, and we hope it engages you and proves itself useful for all of your educational technology needs.

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Please use at your own discretion. As always, it is important to check out any website before using it in class with your students. While all tech tools are free or partially free at the time of this document’s creation, we cannot guarantee that one or more of the tools listed does not require registration or fees. We try hard to bring you the best free tech tools available on the web. If you know of a great classroom tech tool you’d like to add to the list, contact us at www.SimpleK12.com.

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Use this tool...

- To link to multiple websites with a single URL

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Easy to use - just add your URLs on the main page and click “go”
- Eliminates the need for multiple windows or tabs
- Free statistics of how many people have viewed your fur.ly
Use this tool...

- For online group collaboration on a document

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Invite others to join
- Each author comes up as a different color, so you can see who is editing what
- Import/export the document
- Save your document along the way, and view various revisions
- Share your document when you’re finished
TECH TOOL #3 HTTP://WWW.TUBECHOP.COM/

TUBECHOP.COM – CUT ONLINE VIDEOS

Use this tool...

- To share a clip of a YouTube video

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Select what you share with your students
- Easily share your video clip
  - An embed code for your blog or presentation
  - Direct link to chopped video
  - Link to original video
EN.LINOIT.COM – ONLINE STICKYNOTES TO ORGANIZE AND SHARE

Use this tool...

- To create a digital bulletin board

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- No downloading necessary
- Easy collaboration with students
- Colorful, fun display
- Privacy settings available
Use this tool...

- To remove ads and comments from a YouTube video

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Cleans up the video (no ads, other comments, etc.)
- Gives a direct link to your clean video
Use this tool...

- To send and share large files

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- No software necessary
- Send converted files directly to email inbox
- Free for up to 100MB
Use this tool...

- To easily record and send a voice message

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- No software necessary
- No ads
- Send voice message (URL) directly to email inbox
- No limit on message length
- Download your message for free
Use this tool...

- To receive and send large files to others

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Your files are backed-up, stored securely, and password-protected.
- 2GB of box space for free
- Dropbox works with Windows, Mac, Linux, iPad, iPhone, Android and BlackBerry.
Use this tool...

- To find free images to inspire you, or use in creative work

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- As long as you don’t sell or claim ownership of the image, ALL of the images in their database are free to:
  
  o **Remix** — to adapt the work.
  o **Commercial** — to use this work for commercial purposes.
  o **Without Attribution** — to use without attributing the original author.
Use this tool...

- To find free images to inspire you, or use in creative work

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Copyright-friendly image library for teachers & students
- Browse by topic
Use this tool...

- To find free images to inspire you, or use in creative work

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Many talented photographers and artists upload to this site
- Articles include information about the topic – not just photographs
QUIETUBE.COM – SIMPLIFY YOUTUBE VIDEOS

Use this tool...

- To clean up the margins around YouTube videos

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Easy to use- the software does all of the work for you
- Add icon to web-browser tool bar so it is easy to find
Use this tool...

- To convert file formats from your computer as well as online

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Works directly with YouTube
- Large 100MB file size limit for the free version
Use this tool...

- To quickly create a webpage

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Very quick and easy to use and no maintenance required
- Password protected
Use this tool...

- To easily disperse documents, create assessment, and collect feedback

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Easy to share with your students
- Multiple levels of sharing options
- Documents are updated in real-time
BONUS TOOL #16  HTTP://WWW.PICNIK.COM/

PICNIK.COM – PHOTO EDITOR

Photo editing made fun
Picnik makes your photos fabulous with easy to use yet powerful editing tools. Tweak to your heart’s content, then get creative with oodles of effects, fonts, shapes, and frames.
It’s fast, easy, and fun.

Use this tool...

- Easily edit your photos online.

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Works on Mac, Windows, and Linux
- No download required
- No registration required
- Crop, resize, and rotate in real-time plus special effects
Use this tool...

- To create an interactive timeline that include video and image galleries

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- 100% online so you can access it anywhere
- No download required
- Works with videos and images on Flickr, YouTube and Vimeo
Use this tool...

- To take a virtual tour of the Smithsonian

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Images so crystal clear, it's like you’re really there!
- Easy to search for additional resources from the museum's website
**POPPLET.COM** – VIRTUAL PLATFORM TO SHARE IDEAS

Use this tool...

- To organize your thoughts
- To collaborate online

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Ability to upload images and videos

**ALTERNATIVE:** Popplet not for you? Try Bubbl.us
WORDLE.NET – WORD CLOUD CREATOR

Wordle is a toy for generating “word clouds” from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text. You can tweak your clouds with different fonts, layouts, and color schemes. The images you create with Wordle are yours to use however you like. You can print them out, or save them to the Wordle gallery to share with your friends.

Create your own.

View some examples created by others...

| English notebook cover | Period G | US Constitution | Most Common Crossword |

Use this tool...

- To create artwork with words!

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- You can type individual words, paste paragraphs, or simply enter a URL

ALTERNATIVE: Looking for something a little funkier? Try Tagxedo

Tagxedo
Use this tool...

- To easily create an entire bibliography

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Auto-fill mode
- Different citation for each source type
- Make entire bibliography rather than source by source
FOTOBABBLE.COM – TALKING PHOTOS

Create and Share Talking Photos!

Use this tool...

- To create and share talking pictures

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Both teachers and students can use them
- Quick and easy way to add multimedia to a presentation
Use this tool...

- To create interactive online presentations

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Engages the audience
- Able to integrate media into presentations
Use this tool...

- To create interactive online presentations

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Choose whether or not you want audio
- Upload to YouTube in HD
- Download videos to your computer, or host on their site
BONUS TOOL #24_ HTTP://CREATIVECOMMONS.ORG/

CREATIVECOMMONS.ORG – LICENSING

Use this tool...

- To find creative work that is free to use/adapt

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Searches across many different web sites
- Teaches about licensing
TITANPAD.COM – ONLINE COLLABORATION PLATFORM

Use this tool...

- To collaborate with a group online

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- No limit to how many people can join the “pad”
- Ability to save and export the notes to your personal computer