

10 Free Collaboration Tools for Teaching and Learning

Mindmapping/ Organizing Thoughts

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<p>Bubbl.us https://bubbl.us/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a map without logging in • View in presentation mode without logging in • Download as an image without logging in • Colorful • In free version, can have up to 3 free maps that are saved to an account if you create one 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To save or share map, you must log in • To collaborate real time from different computers, you would need the premium account- \$4.91 per month- educators receive 50% off this price <p>No privacy policy for students under 13- however you only need to give an email address and password to sign up for the free version. Not even your name is needed.</p>
<p>Padlet https://padlet.com/ https://padlet.com/features</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add sticky notes to a board • Invite users with a shareable link • Creator can edit or delete posts, and allow for others to have editing rights as well • Only the creator needs an account- others can add content without an account • Choose themes • Choose to make the padlet public or private • Organize the way the notes are displayed on the wall • Schools can purchase accounts and manage student users • Can choose settings like only certain students can access the wall, can edit or moderate, or needs moderator approval before posting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can create a Padlet Backpack which is meant for schools to use. Not sure the cost is worth it. • Site can be a little slow to load <p>Since a teacher could create the padlet and give out a link for others to collaborate, students don't need to create an account to work within a Padlet. If students create their own, they should be over 13.</p>

<p>Popplet</p> <p>http://popplet.com/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be used on an iPad or the web • The Popplet app allows you to create multiple Popplet boards • Popplet Lite for the iPad is free • The full version allows you to create online Popplets that can be shared and edited by other Popplet users • Can export via email PDF, JPEG, or save as a JPEG • Didn't need to create an account to use Popplet Lite on iPad • Make public or private • Embed or share link through email, facebook, or twitter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popplet app \$4.99 • Popplet Lite only allows to create one Popplet board at a time • Web version may need flash player • Can only invite other popplet users as collaborators • When you share via a link, the other user can't add to the board <p>Students under 13 do not need an account if they use the trial version and make a quick popplet. For accounts, the students would need parental permission.</p>
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Writing

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<p>Wikispaces Classroom</p> <p>http://www.wikispaces.com/content/classroom</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows multiple students to enter and edit text • Monitor student contributions- view revisions • Create multiple wiki pages • Create projects • Settings are easy to use and allow for some customization • Can set the licensing through digital commons standards so this is a good way to discuss copyright with students • Can add students in bulk through the settings or generate a join code for students • Can add files to the pages <p>http://www.wikispaces.com/content/classroom/about</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company from the UK- does not follow the same COPPA laws as in the US however they do list what US teachers need to do in order to follow COPPA laws. <p>https://www.tes.com/us/terms-and-conditions</p> <p>Teachers need to secure permission form parents before allowing students to access wikispaces if they are under 13.</p>
<p>Kid Blog</p> <p>https://kidblog.org/home/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and easy way for students to blog • Easy enough for Kindergarteners to use but sophisticated enough for high schoolers to use • Builds a digital portfolio over time • Can be used for multiple subjects, not just English • Can modify privacy settings • Administrators can use Kid Blog as well and comment on student's work • Can connect with other schools worldwide • One single invoice covers all teachers • Can pay by PO, credit card, or check 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not provide a quote for Admin Pro. Must email membership@kidblog.org to get a quote. • There is no iOS app for Kidblog • Annual fee for Teacher Premium is \$44 <p>Teachers need to secure permission form parents before allowing students to access KidBlog if they are under 13.</p> <p>Teachers need to supervise students and use for educational purposes.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can design membership term to align with academic calendar • Supports all devices and operating systems • Made and designed by teachers • Does provide a 30 day trial 	
EDU Blogs https://edublogs.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edublogs is a free site for students and teachers to create blogs • Can store up to 1 GB of data in the free version • Directions on how to set up a class edublog- https://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/blogging-with-students/ • They have their own bloggers who help you think of ideas to use this in your classroom • Create a student network to allow all students in your class to participate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro or Campus Press versions cost more • Campus Press made for school districts • Students will need email accounts to be able to use this in the classroom <p>Teachers need to secure permission form parents before allowing students to access KidBlog if they are under 13. Teachers need to supervise students and use for educational purposes.</p>
Now Comment https://nowcomment.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment on text, images, and video • Can set up with 2 panes, or choose inline comments • Need to add collaborators by using an email address 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panes are a little hard to follow at first. <p>There is nothing posted on this site about students under the age of 13 and the protection of their information. This would be a site where parental permission should be sought before using.</p>
Classtools.net SMS Instant Messaging Simulator http://www.classtools.net/SMS/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use this tool for students to have a conversation with each other that is like texting • Students don't need an account to use this tool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For an extra fee, you can subscribe to classtools.net and have access to materials without advertisements. • Students can take a screen shot of their work for assessment purposes • May have problems with Flash <p>Since students do not need to have an account, this can be used with students under 13.</p>

Drawing/ Whiteboard/ Presentations

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AWW app https://awwapp.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create, download, and share boards without creating account • Invite people to edit the board and chat with them on the program without having an account. • only need to log in for premium use, free 30 day trial for premium • Can expand the whiteboard so that others can add to it in a blank space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few color and font options • Cannot move typed text around once it is written • Premium costs 7- 10 dollars per month <p>Since students do not need to have an account, this can be used with students under 13.</p>
Twiddla https://www.twiddla.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free for up to 10 users for a 20 minute session • Invite others via email • Take a snapshot to save your work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only have 20 minutes to use it in the free version • Can upgrade and pay for more features • https://www.twiddla.com/Pricing.aspx • May have problems with Flash <p>Since students do not need to have an account, this can be used with students under 13.</p>