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Web 2.0 Tool Analysis

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Cloud Tool Analysis Form

Tool name:	URL:
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Category: Description of tool:

Ease of Use Rating Scale: 1=Not very easy 2=Somewhat easy 3=Very easy

Engagement Level: 1=Low 2=Medium 3=High

Terms of service/privacy:	Ease of use: SCALE: 1 2 3	Engagement level for students: SCALE: 1 2 3
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Analysis of 10 Cloud Tools

Tool name: Edmodo	URL: www.edmodo.com
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Category: Community/Organization

Description of tool: This tool allows teachers to create assignments, place them on a calendar, and have their students submit their assignments electronically all in one place. Alerts can also be sent to students to remind them of assignments that are coming due or past due. Teachers can also create quizzes and poll their students. What I like about this tool is that it offers easy-to-use apps that personalize learning for every student, as well as the option to create badges to award students.

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<p>Terms of service/privacy: https://www.edmodo.com/corporate/terms-of-service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental consent of those under 13 • Teachers have full control over their student’s accounts. • Student’s and their teacher are the only ones that can see/post comments on each other’s work. • Students can use a Group Code or Group’s Join URL to join. 	<p>Ease of use: SCALE: 1 2 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment distribution and submission is quick and easy. • Similar appearance & function to Facebook allows kids to figure out classroom quickly. • Easy to create classes. • Simple to use grading system. • There is a mobile app for those teachers and students on the go or have access to classroom tablets. 	<p>Engagement level for students: SCALE: 1 2 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students buy into the social media like aspect. • Visual look is student friendly. • It allows students to stay organized with their school work. • It fosters collaboration and dialogue with their teacher. • Students will like the SchoolTube tool, a video site, emoticons that can be added to their responses and photo editing aspect. • It will feel more like “play” to them than learning, however the teacher will enjoy the fact that they are learning!
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Tool name: Voice Thread	URL: www.voicethread.com
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Category: Discussion/Collaboration

Description of tool: This tool is a cloud application that is used to upload, share and discuss documents, presentations, images and audio/video files. There are five options for making comments made on Voice Thread slides: microphone, webcam, text, phone, and audio file upload. Voice Thread can be private, shared with specific individuals or with the world. What I like about this tool is that it offers a way of sharing ideas that isn’t often used. Usually online learning involves a lot of text and this opens the door to share using our voices, but can also be replayed at a convenient time to listen.

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<p>Security/Privacy controls: http://voicethread.com/termsfuse/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice Thread respects the intellectual property of others and asks users to do the same. • You can specify whether or not you want your media to be accessible to the public, accessible to a select few, or private (only you can access them with your Voice Thread ID and password). 	<p>Ease of use: SCALE: 1 2 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The free account will allow a teacher to create a Voice Thread for students to respond to also using Voicethread. • Simply share the created Voice Thread link with your students in a common space. • They too will have to sign up with Voice Thread using an email address. 	<p>Engagement level for students: SCALE: 1 2 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will enjoy recording their voice. • Great way to get shy presenters to share information. • Creative way to get students to collaborate.
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Tool name: Kidblog

URL: www.kidblog.org

Category: Collaboration/e-Portfolio

Description of tool: Kidblog was designed for teachers to use with students. It is aimed at every student from K-12. Each student is able to create their own personal blog space and publish posts in a secure academic classroom environment. Teachers have control over student blogs and user accounts. What I like about this tool is that it is a safe environment for my students to post their thoughts as I have control over comments and the users admitted to the learning space. I know my students would love to create a space that is their own to house their work and then give peer feedback and collaborate on projects through comments. I also like that this tool would be a fantastic host for an e-portfolio!

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Engagement Level: 1=Low 2=Medium 3=High

Security/Privacy controls: http://kidblog.org/home/privacy-policy/ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students publish posts and participate in academic discussions within a secure classroom blogging community.• Teachers maintain complete control over student blogs and user accounts.• Your students' blogs are private by default – viewable only by classmates and the teacher. Teachers can elect to make posts public, while still moderating all content.• Kidblog is fully COPPA compliant and does not require any personal information from students.	Ease of use: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher creates an account and “class” area where students join.• Students join the “class” via a code the teacher supplies.• Student start creating their personalized blog with the easy to navigate tools that are youth friendly.	Engagement level for students: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students can create their own blog site.• They have ownership over the design.• They are able to share/comment on other student's blog posts.
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Tool name: Metta

URL: <http://beta.soometa.com>

Category: Presentation

Description of tool: This tool is very simple, easy and a quick way to develop a presentation. Information can be downloaded from Youtube, Google, or your computer straight onto each slide. Sound tracks can be included and the backgrounds are interchangeable. The ease of navigation with this tool is apparent and will serve students well. What I like about this tool is that it is user friendly and something new besides the standard PowerPoint presentation.

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Engagement Level: 1=Low 2=Medium 3=High

Security/Privacy controls: http://beta.soometa.com/terms.html <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protect personal information by reasonable security safeguards against loss or theft, unauthorized access, disclosure, copying, use or modification.• Information about the policies and practices relating to the management of personal information will be made available.	Ease of use: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each student will need to use his or her own email address.• Once in the tool the creation process is quite in depth. There are many options in the creation process.• I would suggest using this tool with middle/high school age students.• Teachers may also find the learning curve with this tool somewhat difficult.	Engagement level for students: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will be interested in a new way to present their research.• They have the ability to be creative with how they present their information.
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Tool name: Weebly	URL: www.weebly.com
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Category: Collaboration/e-Portfolio
Description of tool: This tool offers a free online website creator. It uses a simplistic widget-based site builder that operates in the web browser. All of Weebly's site elements are drag and drop. What I like about this tool is that it is familiar and very user friendly. I know colleagues that have used this site with their students and it was very easy for them to navigate on their own.

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Security/Privacy controls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals under the age of 13 are prohibited from creating or using accounts through Weebly.com. • Students under the age of 13 may, however, use Weebly through special student accounts created by their teachers through education.weebly.com, provided the teacher has obtained signed parental consent from the student's parents. 	Ease of use: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag & drop website editor is stunningly simple to use, and appropriate for use with students of all ages. • No HTML or technical skills required. 	Engagement level for students: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can create their own blog site. • They have ownership over the design. • They are able to share/comment on other student's blog posts.
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Tool name: Bitstrips	URL: http://www.bitstrips.com
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Category: Presentation/Sharing/Animation
Description of tool: This tool allows students to design cartoon versions of themselves, their friends, characters from a book or characters from their own stories. They are able to put these characters in a comic strip to tell a story or even re-tell a story they have read or had read to them. What I like about this tool is that it allows students another option to tell or re-tell a story other than paper and crayons. **FREE 30 DAY TRIAL/\$9.95 A MONTH AFTER (OR OTHER PLANS)**

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Security/Privacy controls: http://www.bitstrips.com/privacy.php <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain personally identifiable information during registration is required, such as your username, your age and your email address. • If you are under 13, you are required to provide your parent or legal guardian's valid email address in order to register to use the Service. • Whenever you interact with or through the Service, Bitstrips and its authorized agents collect certain information, such as your IP address, browser type, geographic location, Service cookie information and the page(s) you request. 	Ease of use: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a classroom. • Add students. • Tell your students to log in and start making comics! • Students will find this tool easy to navigate and creating will be a breeze. 	Engagement level for students: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will instantly be engaged in this tool as sees them creating comic strip like presentation. • Students are given creative freedom. • There is a multitude of choices to add "bits" to their strips.
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Tool name: Wordle

URL: <http://www.wordle.net>

Category: Tag Word Cloud

Description of tool: This tool allows students to create customizable word or tag clouds, which can be embedded into blogs and wikis. Students use their own text to create these word clouds. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently throughout the source text. You can use different fonts, layouts and colour schemes. The images created using Wordle are yours to use however you like. You can print them out, or save them to the Wordle gallery to share however you may like. What I like about this tool is that it shows students the main ideas in their writing and that every student's Wordle is different!

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Security/Privacy controls: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you do not save your Wordle to the gallery, no information leaves your workstation at any time.• You may compose a Wordle, mess around with fonts, layouts, colours, take a screenshot, print it out, without ever sending any information over the network.• No email address/login/account needed to use this tool.	Ease of use: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will find this tool very easy to use, as it's a simple copy and paste of previously written work.• Teachers will find it easy to navigate students to the Wordle website and give direction on how to copy and paste text.	Engagement level for students: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Wordle will intrigue students, but there is no creativity or knowledge needed to create the Wordle.• Students have the ability to choose their font style, colours and design of their Wordle making them unique.
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Tool name: Prezi

URL: <http://prezi.com>

Category: Presentation

Description of tool: This tool is a presentation software and storytelling tool for presenting ideas on a virtual canvas. The viewer can zoom in and out of their presentation media, and display and navigate through information within a 2.5D or parallax 3D space. There is also space for bullet points to add text information. I like that this tool would lend itself well for a timeline project or a summary of learning.

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Security/Privacy controls: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Prezi Service is intended only for those who are at least 18 years old.	Ease of use: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This tool provides step-by-step options and guides the user to place text, photos and where and when to zoom in a out.• Essentially it's a fill in the blanks template, which is very easy for students and teachers to use.	Engagement level for students: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students can choose their own template and design for this presentation template.• This is essentially a fancy Power Point presentation template – so students might not be as engaged as they could be.
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Tool name: Voki	URL: http://www.voki.com
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Category: Animation
Description of tool: This tool allows students to create personalized speaking avatars and use them on their blog, profile, in messages, in a face-to-face class to share a presentation or even an online presentation. What I like about this tool is that it allows those students that are too shy to speak in front of their class the ability to still share and feel confident that they did so. **VOKI: FREE/VOKI CLASSROOM: \$29.95 A YEAR.**

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Security/Privacy controls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must create accounts with email addresses. • There are no privacy settings included with the free version. • Voki classroom doesn't require students to create accounts-only the teacher. • Voki Classroom has privacy settings for student's names and lesson pages. 	Ease of use: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will follow the step-by-step instructions to create their personalized Voki. • Once their Voki is created they will add the voice content. • To share they will use the code to post in a private setting chosen by the teacher. • The code can also be emailed. 	Engagement level for students: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will enjoy creating a unique Voki that doesn't have to look like them. • It provides them an alternative to writing or speaking in person. • Shy students have a opportunity to feel confident in sharing.
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Tool name: eduClipper	URL: https://www.educlipper.net
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Category: Organization/Collaboration
Description of tool: This tool is a visual bookmarking tool. You can use the eduClipper bookmarklet to add, "clips" (bookmarks) to your eduClipper boards. With eduClipper students can add PowerPoint, PDF, and image files to their boards. They can also add links to videos on their boards. Students can play the videos without leaving the eduClipper board. Teachers can create class boards to share with students and they can share boards with the teacher.

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Security/Privacy controls: http://www.edutecher.net/educlipper/privacy.php <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teacher has complete control over the content that is shared and the comments written on each board. • When a teacher creates a class they will be given an access code that their students can use to join the class. • Alternatively, students can be directly added to the class boards through the teacher's eduClipper account. • eduTecher does not disclose personally-identifying information. • Teachers can create and assign work to then be submitted digitally by students 	Ease of use: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students require an email address to sign in/up. • Once students are "in" the class under the teacher's account the actual tool is very simple to use. • Navigation is student friendly. • If they have any experience with Pinterest they will find eduClipper an easy adjustment. 	Engagement level for students: SCALE: 1 2 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will enjoy the similarities with Pinterest if they are familiar with that tool. • They will enjoy "clipping" information through pictures, websites, videos, etc. • Students will find that they are able to keep their research in an organized fashion. • Students will be in control of their "boards" (sense of ownership). • They can "follow" other student's boards and engage in collaboration.
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