What Are 5 Easy-to-use Technologies That Have a Big Impact on Learning in the Online Classroom?

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EdPuzzle

edpuzzle.com/
Customize videos with annotations and questions

Value:
- Increase engagement with videos
- Embed comments to guide attention
- Check understanding
- Focus attention
- Monitor time-on-task with videos

Online Teaching Ideas:
- Create quizzes within videos
- Design a syllabus screencast and embed questions to ensure that students understand key course requirements
- Assignment in which students annotate a video; require them to embed comments and ideas at appropriate points within a video
- Provide a guided video lecture in which you add insights, connections and applications to existing online videos
- Assign students to find videos that are relevant to course material and embed questions in the video that relate the video to course concepts

Resource Materials:
- How to Teach Remotely with EdPuzzle; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8l0fV0dfJfA
- EdPuzzle: Make Any Video Your Lesson; https://application.reimagine-education.com/the-winners-individual/2015/85/0b62f9ec5c6abed919751f4f6d584883/EDpuzzle
- How Can I Use EdPuzzle with My College Students or Adult Learners?; https://support.edpuzzle.com/hc/en-us/articles/360012375851-How-can-I-use-Edpuzzle-with-my-college-students-or-adult-learners-
- EdPuzzle: Online Professional Development; https://go.edpuzzle.com/OnlinePD/
- EdPuzzle: A Game Changer App for Creating Online Courses; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHwV224dyMQ
- EdPuzzle + Screencastify; http://usingeducationaltechnology.com/tag/edpuzzle/
- EdPuzzle: Create, Assign, and Track Video Homework; https://englishteaching101.com/how-to-use-edpuzzle/
Loom

www.loom.com/
Record video and/or screencast; send video messages

Value:
- Enhance information sharing
- Present information
- Personalize learning
- Humanize online learning
- Communicate efficiently

Online Teaching Ideas:
- Send video messages in place of email
- Provide video or screencast feedback to student assignments
- Create screencast demonstrations of online activities
- Create lecture videos
- Students can submit video presentations in place of traditional written assignments
- Students can create video journals to document learning experiences

Resource Materials:
- Loom for Education; https://www.loom.com/education
- How to Use Loom and Record Your Lesson for Remote and Online Learning; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11pfvBNsXkA
- Teach with Video Using Loom; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8U82_mJ0ER4
- Using Loom in the Classroom; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6yHozSgk-E
- 3 Ways to Use Loom for Distance Learning; https://www.ateachableteacher.com/use-loom-distance-learning/
- Loom: Online Tools for Teaching and Learning; https://blogs.umass.edu/onlinetools/learner-centered-tools/loom/
- Loom: Bring Learning Alive with Screencasting in the Classroom; http://www.kathleenamorris.com/2019/04/10/loom-screencast/
PearDeck

www.peardeck.com/
Create interactive activities and formative assessments within presentations

Value:
- Increase student engagement
- Provide feedback
- Gauge understanding
- Enhance interaction with material
- Encourage information review

Online Teaching Ideas:
- Embed questions in Google Slides for students to respond to
- Conduct live formative assessments during synchronous learning sessions
- Provide quizzes embedded within your presentations
- Add audio to slides; create assignments in which students add audio to their Google Slides
- Create student-paced, interactive online learning modules

Resource Materials:
- How to Teach a Remote Lesson with PearDeck; https://help.peardeck.com/how-to-teach-a-remote-lesson-with-pear-deck
- 20 Ways to Use PearDeck to Engage Students; https://ditchthattextbook.com/20-ways-to-use-pear-deck-to-engage-students/
- Increased Engagement using PearDeck with Distance Learning; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hG6qDUheKOU
- PearDeck: Remote Learning Resources; https://www.peardeck.com/remote-learning
- Using PearDeck for Remote Learning; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLPozB1izY
- PearDeck+Google Meet for eLearning; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGHteYvRcZU
- Ideas for Using PearDeck in the Classroom; https://www.hollyclark.org/2020/05/01/ideas-for-using-pear-deck-in-the-classroom/
- What is PearDeck?; https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/ilc/peardeck.html
Hypothes.is

web.hypothes.is/
Annotate anything on the Internet

Value:
• Assess understanding
• Enhance peer-to-peer collaboration
• Promote information literacy
• Foster critical thinking
• Increase ability to ask questions

Online Teaching Ideas:
• Student assignment to critique journal articles directly on the online document
• Students can annotate assigned readings
• Create group projects to annotate websites as an information literacy project
• Embed questions in online document or website for students to answer while reading
• Provide questions, comments, and thoughts on online course readings
• Engage students in active learning by annotating lecture notes during synchronous sessions

Resource Materials:
• Hypothes.is for Education; https://web.hypothes.is/education/
• Digital Annotation for Learning and Scholarship; http://digitallearning.middcreate.net/annotation/hypothes-is/
• What is Hypothes.is and How Can It Be Used to Annotate the Web for Learning?; http://www.teachology.ca/knowledgebase/what-is-hypothes-is-and-how-can-it-be-used-to-annotate-the-web-for-learning/
• Hypothes.is and Canvas; https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/hypothesis
• Hypothes.is: The Web That Was Meant To Be; https://geoffcain.com/blog/hypothes-is-the-web-that-was-meant-to-be/
• How to Use Hypothes.is; https://wp.nyu.edu/digitalgallatin/portfolio/how-to-use-hypothesis/
• Take Effective Notes on Online Readings; https://pressbooks.bccampus.ca/learningtolearnonline/chapter/take-effective-notes-on-online-readings/
• Using Hypothes.is for Assigned Readings; https://www.naher-osten.unimuenchen.de/personen/wiss_ma/gibson/e-learning/using-hypothesis-for-readings.pdf
• Private Online Research and Discussion Using Hypothes.is Groups; https://wiobyrne.com/hypothesis-groups/
FlipGrid

info.flipgrid.com/
Facilitate engaging video discussions

Value:
• Personalize learning experience
• Encourage networking
• Engage students in learning experience
• Foster critical and personal reflection
• Enhance efficiency of instruction

Online Teaching Ideas:
• Use as the “introductions” discussion board to personalize initial introductions to the class
• Integrate into experiential learning classes for students to share vlogs of their activities
• Create “show and tell” activities in which students share demonstrations, performances, or presentations
• Practice conversation, language or oral presentation skills
• Video reaction assignment in which students pick a concept from the module that they want to learn more about; they share what they learned via video
• Create a fliphunt scavenger hunt

Resource Materials:
• 50+ Ways to Use FlipGrid in your Class; https://ditchthattextbook.com/catch-the-flipgrid-fever-15-ways-to-use-flipgrid-in-your-class/
• Using FlipGrid to Increase Students’ Connectedness in an Online Class; https://elearnmag.acm.org/archive.cfm?aid=3236703
• How to Teach Remotely with FlipGrid; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLzX13jw7bw
• 9 New Ways to Use FlipGrid in the Classroom; https://www.edutopia.org/article/9-new-ways-use-flipgrid-classroom
• FlipGrid: Online Tools for Teaching and Learning; https://blogs.umass.edu/onlinetools/community-centered-tools/flipgrid/
• Remote Learning in Higher Education with FlipGrid; http://blog.flipgrid.com/news/highered
• Engaging Students Using FlipGrid; https://teachinginhighered.com/podcast/engaging-students-using-flipgrid/
• Adding Adventure to Instruction by Using a Fliphunt; https://blog.tcea.org/fliphunt
• Spark Student Communication with FlipGrid; https://iteachu.uaf.edu/flipgrid/
Questions for Further Discussion

- What challenges do you face in the online classroom that technology may help with?
- What do you see as the unique value of using screencasts for online teaching?
- How can you use technology to humanize and personalize the online learning experience? more effectively
- What impact do you think the integration of videos can have on your students’ online learning experience?
- How can you use technology to maximize active learning and engagement in the online classroom?
- What are some good video sources for curating online video content to annotate for your online classroom?
- What kind of interactivity best promotes student engagement within a content presentation?
- How can you use screencasts to enhance your online teaching?
- What kinds of online resources do you use in your online classroom? How might you be able to increase student engagement with these materials using annotation?
- How can you integrate technology into your online classroom to promote peer-to-peer collaboration?