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Tool (Organization)	DropBox
URL	https://www.dropbox.com/
Description	Dropbox is a file hosting service operated by Dropbox, Inc., headquartered in San Francisco, California, that offers cloud storage, file synchronization, and client software. Dropbox allows users to create a special folder on each of their computers, which Dropbox then synchronizes so that it appears to be the same folder (with the same contents) regardless of which computer is used to view it. Files placed in this folder also are accessible through a website and mobile phone applications. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dropbox_(service))
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students can 'drop' their files into DropBox, eliminating the need for many email attachments- Free (2GB, can get up to 16GB if you refer enough people)- There is an app- Saves on how many pieces of paper are being used by printers
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students may have access to each other's work if the folders are not shared properly
Comments:	Can be used with both synchronous and asynchronous students as well as students in a face-2-face classroom or online. If set up properly, this could remove the excuses of "I forgot it at home", "the dog ate my homework", "My printer ran out of ink", etc. You can pay to upgrade your space starting at \$9.99/month
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (California), falls under the US privacy laws

#2

Tool (Presentation)	Issuu
URL	http://issuu.com/
Description	A tool where students can upload almost any document format and create a virtual flipping book.
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Great for students to create their own e-portfolio submissions and send to their teachers- PDFs can easily be sent in emails and stored on a computer as one file instead of many little files
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Many copy right work has been posted through this- You pay for the subscription
Comments:	The biggest benefit would be found in using this for a online classroom situation where students have to submit portfolio samples at the end of each term to showcase their learning to their teacher
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (Virginia), falls under the US privacy laws

#3

Tool (Organization)	Flickr
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URL	http://www.flickr.com/
Description	Flickr is [one] way to store, sort, search and share your photos online. Flickr helps you organize that huge mass of photos you have and offers a way for you and your friends and family to tell stories about them. (http://www.flickr.com/help/general/#1)
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can share photos with your students and they can share them with you without having to send them as attachments - Free - There is an app - Stores all photos shared so it is not taking up a bunch of room being downloaded into files on your computer; can also set the privacy level on each photo - 1 TB of data space for each user - You can set search functions to eliminate unsafe pictures showing up in results
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - free accounts can only have 200MB photos and 1GB videos - You will encounter ads unless you want to pay for an ad free account (\$49.99/year) - Flickr may delete accounts without giving any reason or warning to the account's owner
Comments:	Can be used with both synchronous and asynchronous students as well as students in a face-2-face classroom or online.
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (Washington), falls under the US privacy laws

#4

Tool (Instruction / Engagement)	TeacherTube
URL	http://www.teachertube.com/
Description	Our goal is to provide an online community for sharing instructional videos. We seek to fill a need for a more educationally focused, safe venue for teachers, schools, and home learners. It is a site to provide anytime, anywhere professional development with teachers teaching teachers. As well, it is a site where teachers can post videos designed for students to view in order to learn a concept or skill. (http://www.teachertube.com/view_page.php?pid=1)
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No big problems with copy right - Free - There is an app - Teachers can create their own video and share it with their students - Students can create videos - easy to search
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less videos and options than YouTube so some things may not be available - Many 'clips' opposed to actual 'videos'
Comments:	For students who are in online classrooms, this would be a great way to demonstrate learning activities to them. This could also be used with students in the face-2-face classroom who may have missed a class and need to be caught up.
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (Texas), falls under the US privacy laws

#5

Tool	TED-Ed
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(Instruction / Engagement)	
URL	http://ed.ted.com/
Description	We believe passionately in the power of ideas to change attitudes, lives and ultimately, the world. So we're building here a clearinghouse that offers free knowledge and inspiration from the world's most inspired thinkers, and also a community of curious souls to engage with ideas and each other. http://www.ted.com/pages/view/id/5
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free - Can create 'flipped' lessons and decide who gets to see them - Uses YouTube videos so there is a big range of possibilities - Over 45,000 'flips' already created to look at
Cons:	- Not based in Canada
Comments:	This would be a great resource for the classroom and for asynchronous online students. With the 'flipped' lesson option, teachers could set up their lesson and send it to their students to use. In the face-2-face classroom, it would allow for more hands on exploration time.
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (Virginia), falls under the US privacy laws

#6

Tool (Organization)	Pinterest
URL	https://www.pinterest.com/
Description	An online pin board. Pinterest is a tool for collecting and organizing the things that inspire you. We are located in sunny San Francisco, California. http://about.pinterest.com/
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link to many different websites and pages all in one place - Can create a separate board for everything (each grade and subject) - Free - There is an app - Search function is very easy and gives many results - Can put a button on your dashboard and 'pin' anything from any website - Many websites now have a 'pin it' option for their articles, photos, videos, etc
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People from all over the world can have access to your pins - Anyone can search for you and start 'following' you
Comments:	This would be great to have students use as a place to find information about certain subjects. Both face-2-face and online students could access the teacher's boards to get ideas for projects, watch science experiments, etc.
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (Virginia), falls under the US privacy laws

#7

Tool (Organization / Collaboration)	LiveBinders
URL	http://www.livebinders.com/
Description	LiveBinder is basically what the name suggests, an online, multimedia Binder that you can add to and access live, anytime.
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saves paper, you don't print anything, just keep it in your binder - Students can create their own binders - You can create templates for your students to use – no more using the photocopier at school - Students can use it to collaborate with each other and share ideas
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you want your binder to be private, you have to pay a fee - No premium support for free accounts
Comments:	This would be a great way to organize all of your classroom handouts, worksheets and rubrics for your students to access. Instead of pulling it out and going to the photocopier, you can direct your students to the page in your binder where you would like them to go.
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (Virginia), falls under the US privacy laws

#8

Tool (Collaboration)	Skype
URL	www.skype.com
Description	Skype is a VoIP technology that allows you to make audio and video phone calls from your computer! You can "skype" to connect with experts, educators and other classrooms all over the world.
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free account - You choose who you are connecting to; you can deny a request to connect - You can meet through text, voice or video and voice - You can see who is online when so you are not trying to call when someone is not around - You can pay a fee and use it to call landlines and cell phones - There is an app - You can have a group conversation
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relies on your computer's microphone for sound – or you can purchase a headset - You can only have a group conversation if everyone in the conversation is friends with everyone else
Comments:	This is a great way to connect with students from online classrooms who may live in different towns all across the province. If the teacher would like to demonstrate something in real time, they could just turn on their video and everyone would be able to see them
Server location:	- Luxembourg

#9

Tool (Collaboration)	Padlet
URL	http://padlet.com/
Description	Padlet is a free internet application that allows people to express their thoughts on a common topic easily and without having to create an account. It works like an online sheet of paper where people can put any content (e.g. images, videos, documents, text) anywhere on the page, together with anyone, from any device.
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You don't need an account - Teachers can create one and send the link to their students to use - Chrome App - You can see other Padlets that have been created
Cons:	- Student comments are anonymous unless they put their name; you don't know who is adding what to the conversation unless they put their name on it
Comments:	This would work best with an asynchronous online classroom. Students are able to add their ideas to the group collection on their own time and read the ideas of others.
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers, falls under the US privacy laws

#10

Tool (Presentation)	Kidblog
URL	http://kidblog.org/home/
Description	Kidblog is a free blogging site. It is a "Fenced" blog site with a limited, bounded set of users. The only users that can participate are the teacher and the students. Kidblog is designed for K-12 teachers who want to provide each student with an individual blog. Students publish posts and participate in academic discussions within a secure classroom blogging community. Teachers maintain complete control over student blogs and user accounts. Students will be assigned a username and password to log into Kidblog. Here is a link to a handbook for Kidblog (http://www.scribd.com/doc/82713215/KidBlog-Handbook).
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is an app - Free - Easy to use and set up accounts - Great support - Easy to moderate; you can choose the privacy settings and moderate posts - Class account is created so each student posts in there - Can search for posts and replies by a student name
Cons:	- The default storage space is 100MB for a class account
Comments:	This is a great way for students to connect and share their learning. Sometimes a student is more likely to share something in writing when they might not in a speaking conversation. This allows all students a place to voice their opinions and share ideas whether they are in an online classroom or a face-2-face one.
Server location:	Montreal, Quebec

#11

Tool (Presentation)	Slideshare
URL	http://www.slideshare.net/
Description	SlideShare is the best way to get your slides out there on the web, so your ideas can be found and shared by a wide audience. It is the world's largest community for sharing presentations. SlideShare was recently voted amongst the World's Top 10 tools for education & elearning. (http://www.slideshare.net/about)
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easy to embed in other websites - Handles files easily (100MB or less) - Can choose your privacy settings - Automatic file conversions - Free
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No way to track who views your slides - Use another program to first create your material - Unless you pay for it, there are ads present - Can't upload videos
Comments:	
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (Texas), falls under the US privacy laws

#12

Tool (Instruction)	EduCreations
URL	http://www.educreations.com/
Description	Educreations is a global community where anyone can teach what they know and learn what they don't. (http://www.educreations.com/about/) Educreations allows teachers to create tutorial videos using their voice and a whiteboard and then upload their videos and send them to students.
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is an app - When using the app on a ipad, it gives great control to allow the teacher to write on the whiteboard with their own handwriting - Free - Teachers can create tutorial videos and send them to their students - You choose the privacy level of your videos - You can share videos to a school account / group - You can insert graphics, and pictures - Very easy to use
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You cannot insert videos - limited editing once it is created - No ability to restart a recording - Students cannot create their own videos
Comments:	I have used this tool extensively with my students. It is a great tool to use for math when you have distance education students that you cannot connect with face to face. I have my students email me their questions (page number and question number) and then I create a tutorial video and share it with all my students so they know how to work through the problem, or problems similar to it.
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (Virginia), falls under the US privacy laws

#13

Tool (Collaboration)	GoogleDocs
URL	http://docs.google.com
Description	Google Docs is a freeware web-based office suite offered by Google within its Google Drive service. It allows users to create and edit documents online while collaborating with other users live. Google Docs combines the features of Writely and Spreadsheets with a presentation program incorporating technology designed by Tonic Systems. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google_Docs)
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is an app - Free - You can see who has contributed what to the document - You can choose who you want to share the document with - There are five types of documents available: word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, drawings and forms - All the documents are stored online and not taking up room on your computer - You can access it from everywhere – eliminating the “I forgot it at home” excuse - Automatically saves your work; no loss of data that you might experience with a computer crash or power outage
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can't add pictures to a google doc folder, you can only embed them in a document - When you upload existing work, it can disrupt the formatting - To create a new google doc, you need a gmail account
Comments:	This tool is very helpful to allow asynchronous online and synchronous face-2-face learners the ability to collaborate with each other. Students can access it from anywhere and therefore can work on it in their own time. It is very nice that teachers can see who is contributing what, so that if someone is not putting in any effort, there is proof of that.
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (California), falls under the US privacy laws

#14

Tool (Organization)	Rewordify
URL	http://rewordify.com/
Description	Rewordify.com is powerful, free, online reading comprehension and vocabulary development software. It helps people understand difficult English faster, helps them learn words in new ways, and helps teachers create high-interest learning materials from <i>any</i> English text passage. (http://rewordify.com/)
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free - No account necessary, just paste the text right into the word box on the screen - Teacher can ‘rewordify’ a text passage and share it with their students - Students can learn new words without a dictionary - Highlighting options
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are many sites that rewordify will reject to read (Pinterest, Twitter, etc.) - Since there is no account, you cannot save previous passages - Only works with text that can be copied and pasted
Comments:	Biggest benefit when used with ESL or ELL students and struggling readers as they would be able to take a text passage that is a struggle to read and change it to wording that they would understand.
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (Virigina), falls under the US privacy laws

Tool (Engagement / Presentation / Collaboration)	Prezi for Education
URL	http://prezi.com/prezi-for-education/
Description	Prezi's zooming canvas [powerpoint] opens up the classroom to active learning and interactivity, making lessons understandable, memorable, and fun. (http://prezi.com/prezi-for-education/)
Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is an app (just allows you to view) - Free - Animated; can zoom into important topics - Can share the link with others - Easy to use - Can embed the link in other websites - Premade templates - Can be used for collaboration and group presentations - You can insert pictures, videos, other multimedia - You can set a timeframe for it to go through or people can click through it. You can also add your voice to it - Everything on one page, no more multiple slides to sift through - Can edit as much as you want, even after it has been shared or viewed
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cannot add hyperlinks - Cannot edit images - Limited amount of fonts to choose from - Sometimes figuring out the zooming might be frustrating
Comments:	This a great tool for power point type presentations when you have a group of students working together who may not be all in the same physical location, or maybe they are all together but want the option to work on it at home. This is also great for teachers to put together intriguing slideshows for their students and allow them to access them whenever they need to.
Server location:	- Hosted on US servers (Oregon), falls under the US privacy laws