Using your TDSB Virtual Library:

**TDSB Policy:** In line with the *TDSB School Online Code of Conduct*, these tools and links are to be used for curriculum-related school purposes only.
Welcome to “Using This Site.” Here you will find special online resources and links, web tools, quick-start Internet search tools, and Internet reference works to help you to get a good start on your research. Each link will have a short description about the site, curriculum applications, and any cautions.

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**Description:** The largest French-language encyclopedia online provides access to articles, media, a world atlas, dictionary, and Internet sites. Search by subject. Features include: monthly spotlights on historic and current affairs; essays on classic literature/authors; essays on twenty-first-century politics.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** French immersion; supports content for many subjects and current events.

[resource features](http://www.universalis-edu.com/commun/aide/index.php)

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**British Encyclopedia**

**Description:** Created in collaboration with American and French education experts, *Universalis Junior Online*, provides a fresh look at a wide array of topics such as history, geography, science, and technology. In this engaging learning environment, French-language students will be challenged with progressively more complex vocabulary. Carefully selected images and media facilitate comprehension.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** French immersion; supports content for many subjects and current events.

[resource features](http://junior.universalis-edu.com/aide.html)

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**Canadian Encyclopedia**

**Description:** A comprehensive Canadian encyclopedia, includes the *Encyclopedia of Music in Canada*. Updated regularly by scholars and specialists from every discipline. Subject searches are presented under the following tabs: articles, photos, videos, maps, audio. Quick links are provided to the following: Gallery (of visual images), Interactive Resources, Canuklehead ( quizzes and games), Timeline, 100 Greatest Events. Each month, different historical events are spotlighted.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Primarily Canadian content to support curriculum subjects; many visual images; toggle to French-language interface.
ONLINE DATABASES

Canadian Literary Centre

**Description:** a highly graphical interface for academic and high school libraries. The primary goal of LRC is to assist high school and undergraduate English and Humanities students with homework and research assignments of a literary nature, with Canadian emphasis.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** high school and undergraduate English and Humanities students

Canadian Points of View

**Description:** Designed for intermediate and secondary students, this full-text, multimedia database provides students with a series of essays that present multiple sides to current and perhaps controversial issues. The database provides information on key topics of interest, each with an overview (objective background / description), point (argument), counterpoint (opposing argument), sourced from newspapers and magazines; reference books, primary sources, and essays; videos and TV news transcripts; images and videos.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** International and Canadian perspectives; includes research guides to assist students with conducting and presenting research; audio interface, so students can listen while text is read (great for ESL/ELD and special education students); Social Studies; Geography; History; World Issues.

Canadian Reference Centre™

**Description:** Canadian Reference Centre™ combines Canadian magazines, newspapers, newswires, and reference books to create the largest collection of regional full-text content available to Canadian libraries. This database includes leading Canadian periodicals and international (U.S. and U.K.) periodicals in full text; full-text reference books; over 93,000 full-text biographies and an Image Collection of over 1.2 million photos, maps, and flags, including nearly 92,000 images from Canadian Press.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Curriculum content to support many subject areas, for student research.

Canadian Student Research Center

**Description:** CSRC provides students in secondary schools with the most appropriate research tools to easily obtain the information that they need from their EBSCO databases. Subjects and content are tailored for the research needs of Canadian students.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Designed for students in grades 6 through 12.

CultureGrams

**Description:** CultureGrams fosters an understanding and appreciation of the world’s countries and peoples. The CultureGrams series is one of the most trusted and widely used cultural reference and curriculum products in the education, government, and non-profit arenas.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Curriculum content to support many subject areas, for student research.

http://support.epnet.com/training/flash_videos/POV/pov.html


2 min. overview: http://www.proquestk12.com/demo/10/2Min_CultureGrams/2Min_CultureGrams.shtml

### Global Issues in Context

**Description:** Provides students with information, maps, and audiovisual resources about countries and current global issues. Broad subject topics include: Business & Economy; Environment & Climate Change; Health & Medicine; Society & Culture; Conflict & Diplomacy; Government, Politics, & Law; Science & Technology; Women, Children & Family. It has a visual interface with multiple ways of searching content, e.g., Browse Issue & Topic, Keyword Search.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Global perspective including international newspaper content. Includes tour guide and research tools, Social Studies, Geography, History, World Issues, Media Literacy.


### Kids Search

**Description:** Provides elementary school students with an easy-to-use, graphically-appealing interface they can use to search their EBSCO databases.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Kids Search is designed especially for grades K–8

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hJkLf6oVSc&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hJkLf6oVSc&feature=plcp)

### Literary Reference Center

**Description:** Provides students with information, maps, and audiovisual resources about countries and current global issues. Broad subject topics include: Business & Economy; Environment & Climate Change; Health & Medicine; Society & Culture; Conflict & Diplomacy; Government, Politics, & Law; Science & Technology; Women, Children & Family. It has a visual interface with multiple ways of searching content, e.g., Browse Issue & Topic, Keyword Search.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** high school and undergraduate English and Humanities students

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hJkLf6oVSc&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hJkLf6oVSc&feature=plcp)

### History Reference Center

**Description:** offers full text from more than 1,990 reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction books, cover to cover full text for more than 150 leading history periodicals, nearly 57,000 historical documents, more than 80,000 biographies of historical figures, nearly 40,000 historical photos and maps, and more than 80 hours of historical video.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Curriculum content to support many subject areas, for history research.

[http://support.ebsco.com/training/flash_videos/hrc/hrc.html](http://support.ebsco.com/training/flash_videos/hrc/hrc.html)
NoveList K-8

Description: NoveList K-8 is a database about books specifically for younger readers. It helps kids find fiction books that are just right for their reading level and interests. Parents, teachers, and librarians can also find tools to teach with books and engage young readers.

School/Curriculum Applications: Book clubs, independent student searches, titles to support curriculum, books by favourite author, or favourite genres.

Ontario Education Resource Bank (OERB)

Description: Designed for Ontario educators, this database provides up-to-date teaching resources for staff in support of student learning. Resources pertain both to elementary and secondary levels. It is also referred to as the OERB or LOR in Ministry documents. Features include resources that are searchable by grade, subject, strand, overall expectation, and keyword. Teachers share their lessons through this resource bank. This database is accessible to both teachers and students, with Board-specific passwords.

School/Curriculum Applications: Support for all subjects and grades; updated regularly.

Science Reference Centre

Description: Science Reference Center is a comprehensive research database that provides easy access to a multitude of full-text science-oriented content. Designed to meet every student's science research needs, Science Reference Center contains full text for hundreds of science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, and other sources.

Topics covered include: biology, chemistry, earth & space science, environmental science, health & medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science & society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology and wildlife. Science Reference Center also satisfies the demand for standards-based content by providing teachers and librarians with articles correlated to national curriculum standards.

School/Curriculum Applications: Curriculum content to support many subject areas, for science research.

Teen Health and Wellness

Description: This database is designed for teens on issues relating to health and nutrition, fitness, drugs, relationships and sexuality, emotions and disorders, medicine, etc. It provides middle and high school students with nonjudgmental, straightforward, standards-aligned, curricular and self-help support. Developed for teens, with their unique concerns and perspective; all content is reviewed by leading professionals in medicine, mental health, nutrition, guidance, and career counseling.

School/Curriculum Applications: Includes a teacher resource page; easily searchable; reliable information presented frankly; find personal information on sensitive issues. Health, Family Studies, Science, Guidance.

PebbleGO

Description: Each database features expertly-leveled text and navigation specifically designed for beginning researchers. Enriched with spoken-word audio, text highlighting and audio and video clips, PebbleGo builds a foundation of research skills for every learner.

School/Curriculum Applications: Support for building a foundation of research skills for younger learners.
**INTERNET SEARCH**

**Section**

**Description:** Websites that link to student learning activities, lesson plans, and research. Some links focus on serious curriculum study, but many, with their bright colours and cartoon links, are designed for fun and entertainment. They include music, movies, and lots of visuals.

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**Google Directory for Kids and Teens**

Searchable directory and subject categories selected by volunteer editors. Ranks returns and the most popular search engine.

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**KidRex**

A fun and safe search for kids, by kids. KidRex searches emphasize kid-related webpages from across the entire web and are powered by Google Custom Search™ and use Google SafeSearch™ technology.

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**Kids Click**

Annotated searchable directory of websites created for children by librarians. Searchable by subject, alphabet, and reading level given for sites.

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**Link to Learning K–8**

Provides quick links to sites arranged by curriculum subjects and strand, selected and chosen by a York Region DSB teacher to support the Ontario curriculum from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Includes web–based student learning activities and teacher resources below the curriculum links. Updated regularly.

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**Passport to the Internet – French & English**

An interactive tutorial for Grades 4–8; aims to teach students essential Internet literacy skills through simulating environments that young people are likely to encounter online. The tutorial includes five modules, each designed to teach a cluster of Internet literacy skills, such as managing online safety and privacy, researching and authenticating online information, managing online relationships and dealing with cyberbullying.

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**Sweet Search**

Searches only the 35,000 web sites that their staff of research experts and librarians and teachers have evaluated and approved. Search results are constantly evaluated and fine–tuned by increasing the ranking of Web sites from organizations such as the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian, PBS and university web sites.
**BookFLIX**

**Description:** A literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning. The engaging way to link fact and fiction, BookFLix reinforces early reading skills and introduces children to a world of knowledge and exploration.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Grades JK–3

**ASCD (Gale) Education Collection**

**Description:** Professional ebooks on all areas of teaching, including: assessment and evaluation, the brain, classroom management, community relations, curriculum design, differentiated instruction, literacy, professional development, and teaching. Search across all of the resources (basic, subject, or advanced search functions) or open individual ebook titles and search by e-table of contents or ebook index.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Strategies to support teaching and learning. Teachers have access to recent ebooks published by the ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development).

**FollettShelf**

**Description:** Teachers and students can access these resources from any location that has Internet access. FollettShelf supports and promotes easy usage of your Follett eContent from home, in the classroom or from anywhere with access to the web.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Teachers and students to log in with their own specific username and password to support online checkouts and/or downloads of Follett eBooks.

**Gale Virtual Reference Library**

**Description:** searchable database of online specialized encyclopedias and reference books, arranged by subject categories, including: Arts, Environment, History, Multicultural Studies, Science, Social Studies. Search across all of the resources (basic, subject, or advanced search functions) or open individual e-book titles and search by e-table of contents or ebook index.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Curriculum content to support many subject areas. Note: Teachers have access to recent e-books published by the ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development).

http://bkflix.grolier.com/help

**Infobase E-books (Science & Technology)**

**Description:** Gr 7–12; a searchable collection of science & technology ebooks

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Curriculum content to support science & technology studies

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**International Children’s Library**

**Description:** a collection of books that represents outstanding historical and contemporary books from throughout the world. Ultimately, the Foundation aspires to have every culture and language represented so that every child can know and appreciate the riches of children's literature from the world community.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Grades JK–8

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**TABvue**

**Description:** Gr 4–10; Canadian information, social studies, French

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Curriculum content to support many subject areas

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**CBC Archives**

**Description:** CBC Canadian radio and television audio and video News, Sports, Entertainment Radio, TV clips dating as far back as the 1930s. The site may be searched by keyword, general subject, name, date, or program. The “For Teachers” section has educational activities for Grades 6–8, Grades 9–10, and Grades 11–12. These materials were created to complement many of the topics posted on the website, and include five lessons per topic, divided by grade level. All educational materials are available free of charge.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** All curriculum areas, History, Social Studies

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**Copyright Matters**

**Description:** provides links to web pages with information on copyright, citing, permissions, and digital image resources. Check copyright permissions before using images in projects.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Multimedia projects, research, inquiry, presentations

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**Creative Commons**

**Description:** Allows users to search for websites, and images that can be used for free, and with copyright permissions, as indicated by the licensing agreements/ icons.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Projects, presentations

**Caution:** If in doubt, contact the copyright holder directly, or contact the site owners.

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**Digital and Media Literacy**

Description: Digital and Media Literacy is a comprehensive suite of resources for teachers, students, law enforcement representatives and the general public, that explores issues relating to stereotyping, bias and hate in mainstream media and on the Internet. The program, which includes professional development tutorials, lesson plans, interactive student modules and background articles, is divided into two distinct but complementary topic areas: media portrayals of diversity and online hate.

School/Curriculum Applications: JK – 12

**Discovery Clip Art**

Description: Contains hundreds of original graphics, clip-art pieces, including animations.

School/Curriculum Applications: Projects.

Caution: Check Copyright and Use Permissions for using the clip-art images. Must credit and not alter any images used from the site; limit of ten images for downloading.

**Images Canada**

Description: Provides a collection of Canadian images of events, people, places, and things relating to Canada’s historical and cultural heritage, held by museums, archives, and libraries. Follow an Image Trail, or browse through the Photo Essays, or search using keyword and select the number of images displayed per page.

School/Curriculum Applications: Project work, Canadian studies, research using primary sources.

**Learn360**

Description: An interactive media-on-demand service, designed specifically for the K–12 educational market, providing instructional/educational content across all curriculum areas. Learn360 contains a current, up-to-date collection of curriculum-based videos, video clips, and audio programs, as well as an image library, audio and video speeches, encyclopedia articles, and a collection of newsreels.

School/Curriculum Applications: Media resources to support all areas of the curriculum. Teachers can search by subject area, grade level, media format, and curriculum expectations. Using My 360, teachers can develop lesson plans, create content, craft assignments/projects, prepare and deliver quizzes and tests online for work at home or in the classroom.

**MediaNet**

Description: TDSB online catalogue, booking, and circulation site for current curriculum-related media: streamed video, CDs, kits, and science resource kit collections. Over 55,000 digital video titles available for 24*7 streaming. Copyright compliant. Duplication service also available; Cable in the Classroom program taping and distribution as well.

School/Curriculum Applications: Teacher professional development, streamed and instructional videos.
**National Film Board (Canada)**

Description: A website featuring National Film Board films, trailers, and clips online. The collection includes animation, documentaries, experimental films, and alternative dramas.

School/Curriculum Applications: Films on environment, human rights, international conflict, and the arts.

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**Naxos Music Library**

Description: A subscription comprehensive, online music library providing access to whole CDs or individual music tracks. Subscribers can create their own playlists. Also included are: artist and composer biographies, work instrumentation, information and analysis, opera synopses and libretti, music fundamental terms, comprehensive liner notes, composer portraits, and educational text. Genres available: classical music, contemporary jazz, jazz/folk/blues legends, nostalgia, world/folk, contemporary instrumental, Chinese music, pop and rock.

School/Curriculum Applications: Music, multimedia projects.

Caution: Listening privileges only; not for downloading or copying; can embed enduring links in digital links in digital presentations.

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**Open Clip Art**

Description: Openclipart is a community and collection of free vector clip art.

School/Curriculum Applications: Projects.

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School/Curriculum Applications: Media literacy instruction, Internet safety.

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**Passport to the Internet (French)**

Description: Passeport pour Internet, un tutoriel de maîtrise de Web, aide les élèves de la 4e année à la deuxième secondaire à développer une pensée critique face à leurs expériences en ligne afin qu’ils puissent utiliser le plein potentiel des sites Web et des outils offerts sur Internet de manière sécuritaire et éthique. Grâce à la simulation d’environnements Internet populaires, cette ressource interactive enseigne aux élèves des compétences relatives à : la sécurité en ligne, l’authentification de l’information offerte dans le cyberspace, la reconnaissance des techniques de cyberpublicité, la protection de leur confidentialité, la gestion de leurs relations en ligne, et la façon de réagir face à la cyberintimidation. Comprend aussi un Guide de l’enseignant exhaustif qui donne des instructions détaillées, des documents d’information, et des activités et documents d’accompagnement pour la classe.

School/Curriculum Applications: Sécurité en ligne, education médias. (from Réseau Éducation-Médias)

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**Pics4Learning**

Description: A copyright-friendly image library for teachers and students, consisting of thousands of images that have been donated by students, teachers, and amateur photographers. Search for images by topics, including animals, food, geography, national parks, oceans, transportation, and more, or by keyword. Also included on the site is a collection of lesson plans covering a variety of grade levels and applying to subjects such as Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

School/Curriculum Applications: Projects; supports all curriculum areas.

Caution: Permission has been granted for teachers and students to use all of the images donated to the Pics4Learning collection.
Copyright Matters
Description: provides links to web pages with information on copyright, citing, permissions, and digital image resources. Check copyright permissions before using images in projects.
School/Curriculum Applications: Multimedia projects, research, inquiry, presentations.

Dewey Decimal System – poster
Description: an outline of the Dewey Decimal system is presented in a poster format.

EasyBib
Description: A free online bibliography maker that helps students properly cite research sources. It offers citation assistance for more than 50 types of resources and supports MLA formatting. EasyBib formats and organizes citations into a Works Cited list for online viewing or exporting to Word.
School/Curriculum Applications: Teaching citation, Works Cited format, research skills.

Imagine the Learning @ Your Library
Description: developed by the TDSB Library and Learning Resources and Interdisciplinary Studies. Presents a step-by-step approach to the research and inquiry process that is applicable to all subject areas.
Curriculum Application: Cross–curricular, information literacy, inquiry and research.

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Research Success @ Your Library
Description: developed by the TDSB Library and Learning Resources and Interdisciplinary Studies. Presents a step-by-step approach to the research and inquiry process that is applicable to all subject areas.
School/Curriculum Applications: Cross–curricular, information literacy, inquiry and research.

Your Digital Presence
Description: resources and tools from 2Learn.ca Education Society to support digital life skills
http://www.2learn.ca/yp/default.aspx
Description: An interactive digital storytelling tool, used to produce videos online by submitting images, video, and music. Creators may include text, spotlights, and technological tweaks. Includes a music library with over 1000 commercially licensed songs in 15 different genres.

School/Curriculum Applications: Students can use it to make presentations in any subject; teachers for instruction. Tool for digital storytelling and presentation. Includes sample videos for viewing and Media Literacy deconstruction lessons.

Caution: Check for permissions and Animoto Plus account for educators.

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**Bitstrips for Schools**

Description: An educational and safe web service that empowers students to make and share great comics without drawing a line, and lets teachers unlock the educational power of comics. This version allows teachers to manage classroom work via a school and classroom account, in which individual comics can be moderated by the teacher.

School/Curriculum Applications: An interactive OSAPAC-licensed digital comics-creator, where users can create their own characters and comics storyboards. Users can create narratives to represent recounts, historical events, etc., and persuasive writing through character development and digital storytelling.

Caution: Users can create inappropriate characters for others to view.

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**Blogger**

Description: A free blog-publishing tool, where users can create blogs on the Internet. The creator can make entries that include text, photos, and videos, and readers can leave comments on the entries for feedback.

School/Curriculum Application: Writing, Media Literacy, research projects, Assessment as Learning, Descriptive Feedback.

Caution: Blogs are relatively easy to set up, but regular updates are required to maintain relevance.

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**Glogster EDU**

Description: A free website where users can create multimedia, interactive posters that can include links, images, text, videos, music, and more. Glogs (virtual posters) can be easily edited and changed at any time.

School/Curriculum Application: Posters, displays, research projects, Media Literacy.

Caution: These image-based products load slowly on the network. Saving is slow.

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**Kid Blog**

Description: 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.

School/Curriculum Applications: for JK-12; create classroom discussions, practice writing skills, create an e-portfolio, reflect on learning, formatively assess writing.
**Mindomo**

**Description:** through mind mapping, teachers can guide students to master a great variety of concepts, develop essential learning & thinking skills and generate new ideas; by synthesizing and structuring information; problem-solving; decision-making; using evidence to support their claims; accurate planning.

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**Padlet**

**Description:** Lets you create a “wall” of electronic sticky notes to share with others via the website. Others may contribute sticky notes and reorganize them, to sort and categorize for conceptual development. The creator may delete and reorganize users’ contributions and make them permanent.

**School/Curriculum Application:** Brainstorming, mind mapping, sharing links, research skills, note-taking, chronology. Content, processing and metacognition.

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**PrimaryWall**

**Description:** PrimaryWall is a web-based sticky note tool designed for schools that allows pupils and teachers to work together in real-time.

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**Story Bird**

**Description:** Storybirds are short, art-inspired stories you make to share, read, and print. Read them like books, play them like games, and send them like greeting cards. They’re curiously fun.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Inspire students to write and read better. With a teacher account, manage students without emails, create assignments, and build beautiful libraries.

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**Tagxedo**

**Description:** turns words - famous speeches, news articles, slogans and themes, into a visually stunning word cloud.

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**VoiceThread**

**Description:** A presentation program that allows users to post and share slide shows, using a variety of media, including photographs, videos, drawings, or documents, while providing their own audio or text narrative. Viewers can leave comments, using audio, text, and there’s even a doodling tool.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Interactive presentation, where producers and viewers engage in ongoing conversations; Media Literacy, Assessment as Learning.

**Caution:** These image-based products load slowly on the network. Saving is slow.

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**PBworks**

**Description:** An Internet-based shared workspace (wiki), where users can collaboratively work on projects by instantly contributing and editing the work.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Online collaborative projects, Teacher PLC, Writing, posting of assignments and ongoing work tasks.

**Caution:** Check for permissions and requirements of individual emails for all users. Recent updates to the service allows for educators to enter class lists, without the need for student emails.
**Wikispaces**

**Description:** A website that allows users to create a wiki for free. Wikis are simple web pages that groups can edit together. Users can adjust the privacy settings of their wikis.

**School/Curriculum Application:** Collaborative group projects, writing, posting of assignments and ongoing work tasks.

**Caution:** Check for permissions and requirements of individual emails for all users.

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**Wordle**

**Description:** A digital “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. Users can tweak their clouds with different fonts, layouts, and color schemes. The images created with Wordle can be printed or saved to the Wordle gallery.

**School/Curriculum Application:** For educators, this digital tool can be used to focus on vocabulary, by having students insert word lists or passages, followed by a critical analysis of the display and prominence of particular words.

**Caution:** This tool requires an updated Java script. If it’s not working, enter a ticket to HelpDesk for the computers on which this service will be accessed.

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**Aboriginal Studies**

**Description:** Aboriginal Studies links to websites featuring Aboriginal languages, dialects, and multimedia tutorials on the histories of Aboriginal peoples. Statistics Canada provides a demographic profile with data, maps, teacher’s kits, and Census results. Lesson plans and games are included.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** History: Canadian records and research, Explorers, and Early Settlers; Language: Folklore, mythology, and symbols of the First Nations; Law: Government negotiations and treaties.

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**The Arts**

**Description:** Provides current and historical information on music, drama, and art. Variety of online resources with some hands-on activities and material, sound (symphony), art techniques (line, colour, and balance). Canadian artists, popular plays, and free play scripts, remix artists and other current trends.

**School/Curriculum Application:** Independent study, integrated units, research projects, support curriculum expectations.

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**Career Studies**

**Description:** These Career Studies website links feature sites with career and employment programs, practical information and advice about the careers, and work skills. Also includes information in French.

**School/Curriculum Application:** Guidance, study skills, co-operative learning programs.
Health and Physical Education

**Description:** Sites include activities and information about sports, sports science, and general health information; links to popular sports magazines. These resources promote healthy, active lives, physical activity and motor development, fitness, Canada Food Guide. New: Teen Health and Wellness.

**School/Curriculum Application:** Resources for educators, drug education, feelings, and emotional well-being; support curriculum guidelines.

Language

**Description:** A comprehensive collection of websites with lesson plans to support the Ontario curriculum. Interactive media literacy with sound, music, and even digital stories and games. Language tools and student tutorials, educational games are included. Links to prize-winning and readable materials for varied reading interests and abilities. Varied Canadian, Ontario, and Toronto resources.

**School/Curriculum Application:** English and Literature: Non-fiction, poetry, author biographies, assignments, research, Novel Studies and Reader’s Theatre, collaborative assignments.

Mathematics

**Description:** Links to Math homework help, practice sessions, games, questions and answers, interactive media, and fun activities in the pursuit of mathematical knowledge. Free math lesson plans rated by teachers, puzzles, illustrated dictionary, games.

**School/Curriculum Application:** Support for mathematics teaching and learning. Includes diagrams, video, visuals, integration, famous mathematicians and scientists (e.g., Einstein and Kelvin).

Science and Technology

**Description:** A wide range of science-related websites ranging from wildlife and nature (including conservation) to inventions and advanced science concepts, current environmental topics, science adventures, Canadian websites, some with both French and English access, “Ask a Librarian.”

**School/Curriculum Application:** Research and study.

Social Studies / History / Geography

**Description:** Textual, virtual, and digital resources to support student learning and meet curriculum expectations about Canada, the provinces and communities, the role of citizens in a democracy. Videos, images, digitized historical books, research tips, student activities, and a teacher’s guide.

**School/Curriculum Applications:** Social responsibility and democracy, global education and perspectives.

Reference

**Description:** Includes websites with general, international, and Canadian information, videos, images, and sound links, World Factbook, and flags.

**School/Curriculum Application:** Cross-curricular, research, a global perspective.