



HIDDEN WEBTOOLS

11 TOOLS FOR 2011

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The internet is teeming with free resources waiting to be used to enhance the classroom experience. Singling out the best ones, however, can be overwhelming and time consuming. At SimpleK12, we have meticulously scavenged the internet in search for the best free classroom tech tools. We're thrilled to present to you this list, HIDDEN WEBTOOLS: 11 Tools for 2011, and we hope it engages you and proves itself useful for all of your educational technology needs.

DISCLAIMER:

Please use at your own discretion. As always, it is important to check out any website before using it in class with your students. While all tech tools are free or partially free at the time of this document's creation, we cannot guarantee that one or more of the tools listed does not require registration or fees. We try hard to bring you the best free tech tools available on the web. If you know of a great classroom tech tool you'd like to add to the list, contact us at www.SimpleK12.com.

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FUR.LY – URL SHORTENER FOR MULTIPLE URLS



Use this tool...

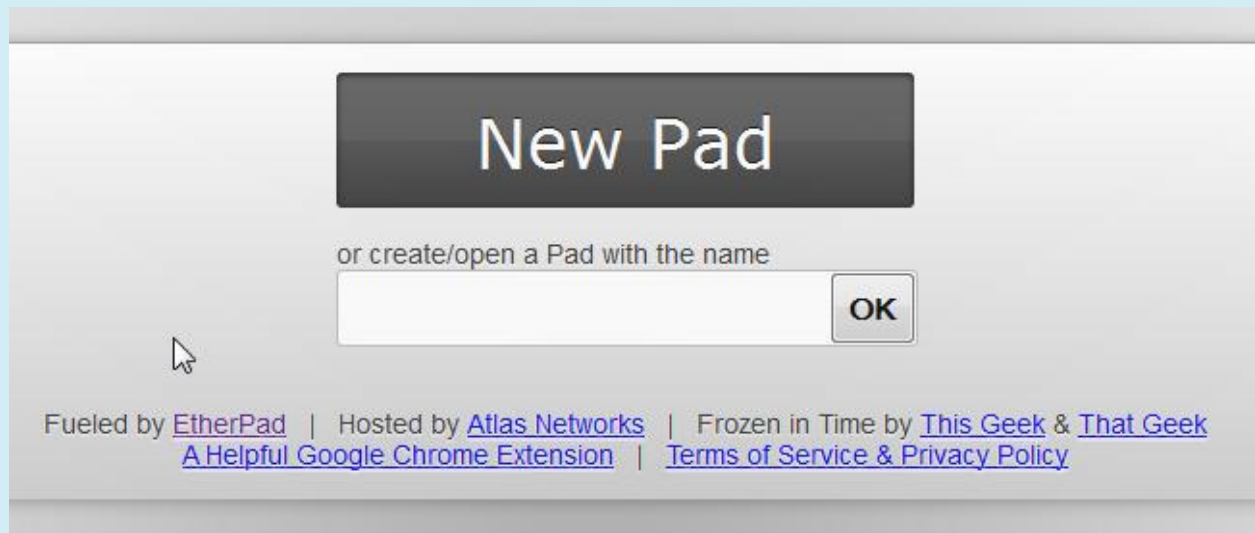
- **To link to multiple websites with a single URL**

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- **Easy to use - just add your URLs on the main page and click “go”**
- **Eliminates the need for multiple windows or tabs**
- **Free statistics of how many people have viewed your fur.ly**



[WILLYOU.TYPEWITH.ME](http://willyou.typewith.me/) – ONLINE COLLABORATION TOOL



Use this tool...

- For online group collaboration on a document

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Invite others to join
- Each author comes up as a different color, so you can see who is editing what
- Import/export the document
- Save your document along the way, and view various revisions
- Share your document when you're finished



TUBECHOP.COM – CUT ONLINE VIDEOS



Embed Code:

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Link:

<http://www.tubechop.com/watch/5>

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+ reddit this!

Stumble Upon

MySpace

Email

Tweet

del.icio.us

Chop Details:

Length: 12:11 / 96:44 - Chopped 1 year ago

Original Video:



First 2008 Presidential Debate (Full Video)

96:44 - chopped 311 times

chop it

Related Videos

Use this tool...

- To share a clip of a YouTube video

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Select what you share with your students
- Easily share your video clip
 - An embed code for your blog or presentation
 - Direct link to chopped video
 - Link to original video

[EN.LINOIT.COM](http://en.linoit.com/) – ONLINE STICKYNOTES TO ORGANIZE AND SHARE



Use this tool...

- To create a digital bulletin board

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- No downloading necessary
- Easy collaboration with students
- Colorful, fun display
- Privacy settings available

VIEWPURE.COM – SIMPLIFY YOUTUBE VIDEOS (CUT THE ADS AND COMMENTS)



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Use this tool...

- To remove ads and comments from a YouTube video

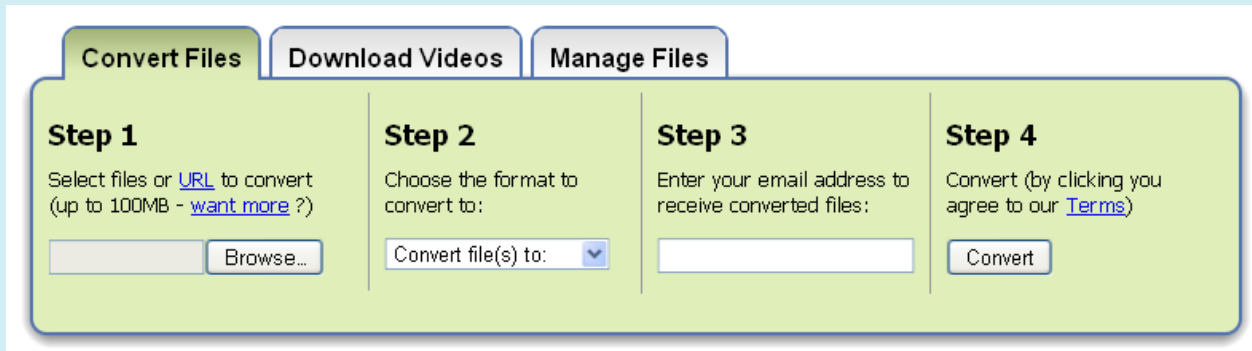
Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Cleans up the video (no ads, other comments, etc.)
- Gives a direct link to your clean video

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ZAMZAR.COM – FILE CONVERTER



The screenshot shows the Zamzar.com file converter interface. At the top, there are three tabs: "Convert Files", "Download Videos", and "Manage Files". Below the tabs, the interface is divided into four steps:

- Step 1:** "Select files or [URL](#) to convert (up to 100MB - [want more?](#))". It includes a text input field and a "Browse..." button.
- Step 2:** "Choose the format to convert to:". It includes a dropdown menu labeled "Convert file(s) to:".
- Step 3:** "Enter your email address to receive converted files:". It includes a text input field.
- Step 4:** "Convert (by clicking you agree to our [Terms](#))". It includes a "Convert" button.

Use this tool...

- To send and share large files

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- No software necessary
- Send converted files directly to email inbox
- Free for up to 100MB

VOCAROO.COM – VOICE RECORDER



Use this tool...

- To easily record and send a voice message

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- No software necessary
- No ads
- Send voice message (URL) directly to email inbox
- No limit on message length
- Download your message for free

DROPBOX.COM – FILE SHARER



Use this tool...

- **To receive and send large files to others**

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- **Your files are backed-up, stored securely, and password-protected.**
- **2GB of box space for free**
- **Dropbox works with Windows, Mac, Linux, iPad, iPhone, Android and BlackBerry.**

MORGUEFILE.COM – PUBLIC IMAGE SEARCH ENGINE



Use this tool...

- To find free images to inspire you, or use in creative work

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- As long as you don't sell or claim ownership of the image, **ALL** of the images in their database are free to:
 - **Remix** — to adapt the work.
 - **Commercial** — to use this work for commercial purposes.
 - **Without Attribution** — to use without attributing the original author.



Use this tool...

- To find free images to inspire you, or use in creative work

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Copyright-friendly image library for teachers & students
- Browse by topic



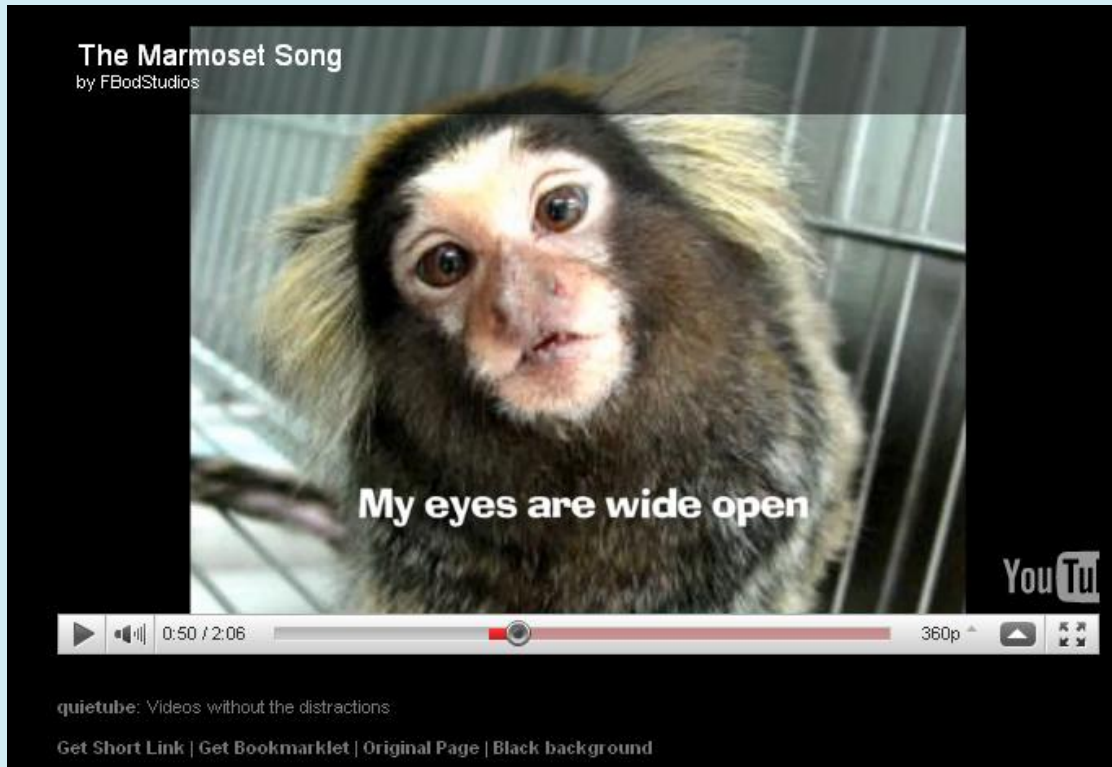
Use this tool...

- To find free images to inspire you, or use in creative work

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Many talented photographers and artists upload to this site
- Articles include information about the topic – not just photographs

QUIETUBE.COM – SIMPLIFY YOUTUBE VIDEOS



Use this tool...

- To clean up the margins around YouTube videos

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Easy to use- the software does all of the work for you
- Add icon to web-browser tool bar so it is easy to find



MEDIACONVERTER.ORG – FILE CONVERTER



Use this tool...

- To convert file formats from your computer as well as online

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Works directly with YouTube
- Large 100MB file size limit for the free version

PEN.IO – ONLINE PUBLISHING

The logo for pen.io, featuring the word 'pen' in a dark grey, lowercase, sans-serif font, followed by '.io' in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font. The 'p' is a larger, blue, lowercase, sans-serif font.

Use this tool...

- To quickly create a webpage

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Very quick and easy to use and no maintenance required
- Password protected

[DOCS.GOOGLE.COM](http://docs.google.com) – STUDENT FEEDBACK AND ASSESSMENT



Use this tool...

- To easily disperse documents, create assessment, and collect feedback

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Easy to share with your students
- Multiple levels of sharing options
- Documents are updated in real-time

PICNIK.COM – PHOTO EDITOR

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 Picnik Premium: Now in 3 tasty flavors!

Photo editing made fun

Picnik makes your photos fabulous with easy to use yet powerful editing tools. Tweak to your heart's content, then get creative with oodles of effects, fonts, shapes, and frames. **It's fast, easy, and fun.**



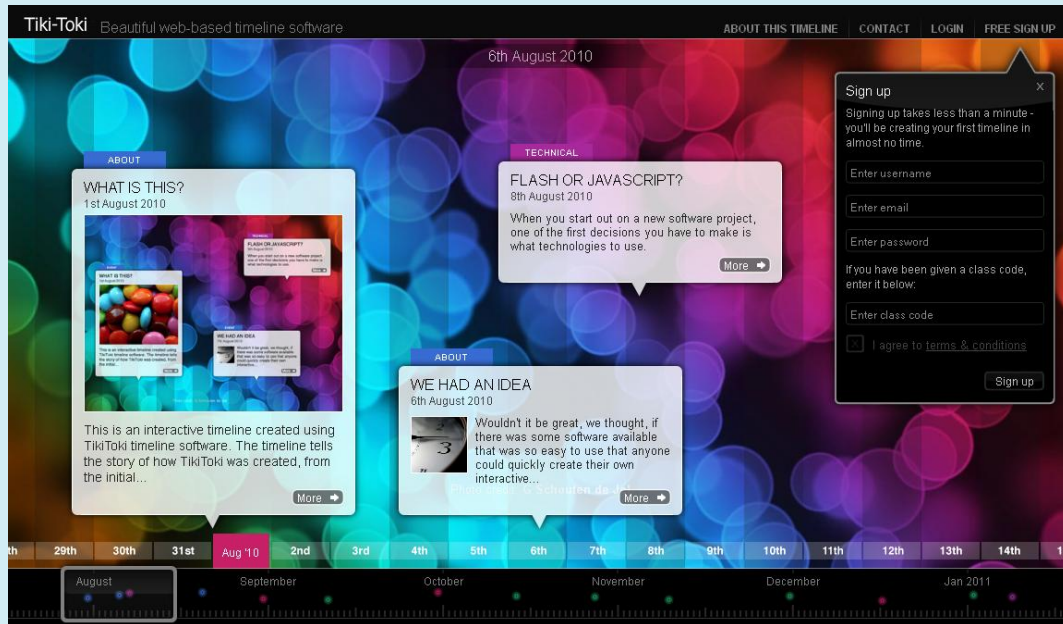
Use this tool...

- Easily edit your photos online.

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Works on Mac, Windows, and Linux
- No download required
- No registration required
- Crop, resize, and rotate in real-time plus special effects

TIKI-TOKI.COM – WEB-BASED TIMELINE



Use this tool...

- To create an interactive timeline that include video and image galleries

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- 100% online so you can access it anywhere
- No download required
- Works with videos and images on Flickr, YouTube and Vimeo

[MNH.SI.EDU](http://www.mnh.si.edu) – SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY- VIRTUAL TOUR



Use this tool...

- To take a virtual tour of the Smithsonian

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Images so crystal clear, it's like you're really there!
- Easy to search for additional resources from the museum's website

[POPPLET.COM](http://popplet.com) – VIRTUAL PLATFORM TO SHARE IDEAS

The screenshot shows the Popplet website interface. At the top left is the logo "popplet beta" with the tagline "see what you think together". To the right are "create account" and "log-in" buttons. Below the logo is a section titled "What is Popplet?" with the text "Popplet is a platform for your ideas." and an illustration of people at a table. To the right is a social media feed titled "What people are saying about Popplet!" with several tweets. Further right is a section titled "Check out these Popplets!" featuring four thumbnails: "Street Fighter Flowchart", "NY Notes", "Napoleon: History", and "Cabin Project: Mood". At the bottom of the screenshot is a red-bordered box with the text "Check out our preview video:".

Use this tool...

- To organize your thoughts
- To collaborate online

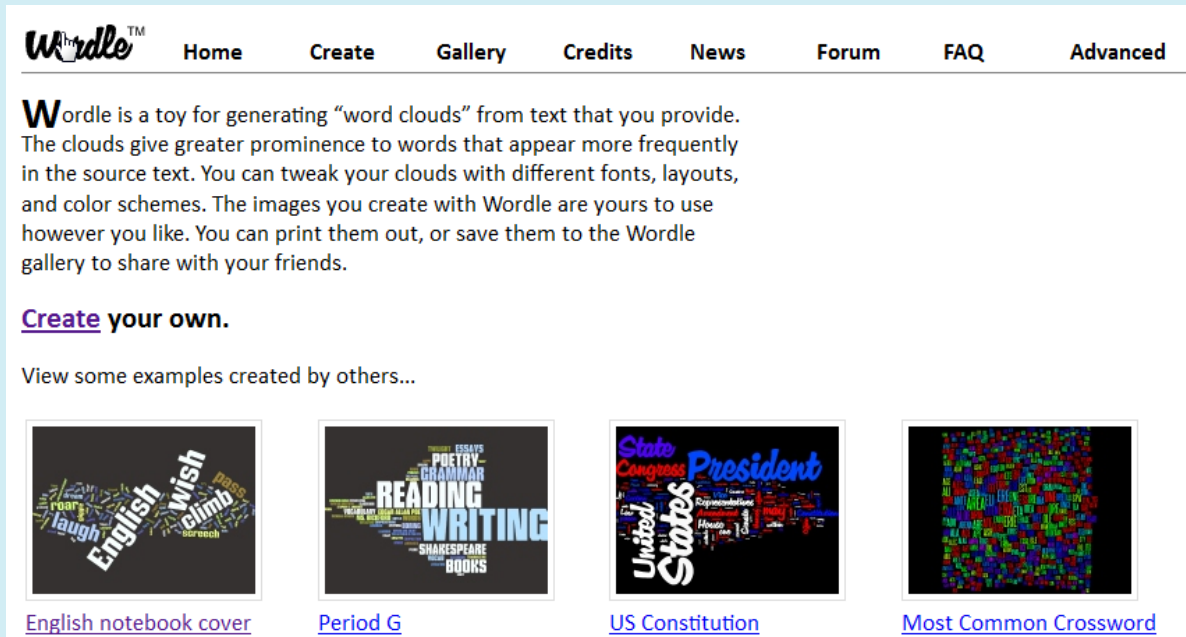
Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Ability to upload images and videos

ALTERNATIVE: Popplet not for you? Try [Bubbl.us](http://bubbl.us)



WORDLE.NET – WORD CLOUD CREATOR


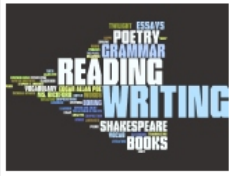
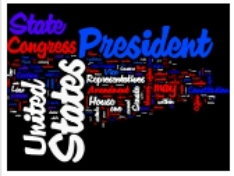
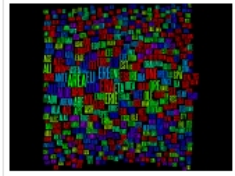


Wordle™ Home Create Gallery Credits News Forum FAQ Advanced

Wordle is a 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. You can tweak your clouds with different fonts, layouts, and color schemes. The images you create with Wordle are yours to use however you like. You can print them out, or save them to the Wordle gallery to share with your friends.

[Create your own.](#)

View some examples created by others...

- 
[English notebook cover](#)
- 
[Period G](#)
- 
[US Constitution](#)
- 
[Most Common Crossword](#)

Use this tool...

- To create artwork with words!

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- You can type individual words, paste paragraphs, or simply enter a URL

ALTERNATIVE: Looking for something a little funkier? Try [Tagxedo](#)

Tagxedo

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BIBME.ORG – FULLY AUTOMATIC BIBLIOGRAPHY MAKER



Use this tool...

- To easily create an entire bibliography

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Auto-fill mode
- Different citation for each source type
- Make entire bibliography rather than source by source

FOTOBABBLE.COM – TALKING PHOTOS



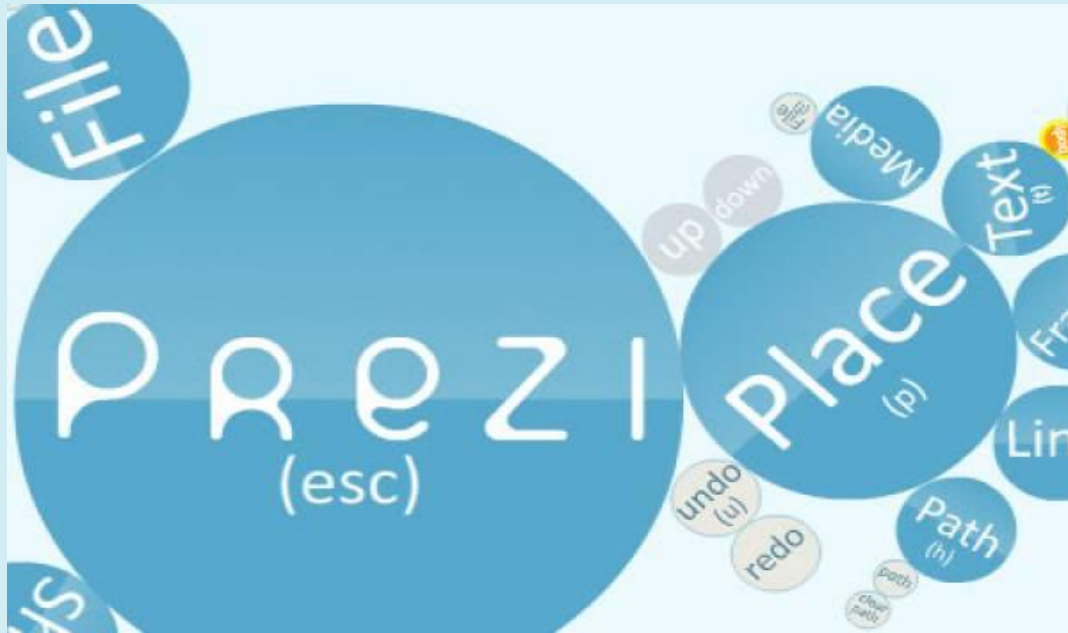
Use this tool...

- To create and share talking pictures

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Both teachers and students can use them
- Quick and easy way to add multimedia to a presentation

PREZI.COM – ONLINE PRESENTATIONS



Use this tool...

- To create interactive online presentations

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Engages the audience
- Able to integrate media into presentations

[SCREENCAST-O-MATIC.COM](http://www.screencast-o-matic.com/) – ONLINE TUTORIALS

The screenshot shows the homepage of Screencast-O-Matic. At the top left is the logo "SCREENCAST-O-MATIC" with a play button icon. To the right is a "Start Recording" button and a link "Got an account? | login". Below the logo is a navigation bar with "Welcome" and "GoPro!" on the left, and "Help | Send Feedback" on the right. The main content area includes a paragraph describing the tool as a free online screen recorder. Below this is a "Start Recording" button and a "Watch a very quick demo" section with a video player. To the right is a "New Features (Oct 2011)" section with an email sign-up form and a "FOLLOW US ON twitter" button. Further right is a "Download free software for screen video" section with the NCH Software logo.

Use this tool...

- To create interactive online presentations

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Choose whether or not you want audio
- Upload to YouTube in HD
- Download videos to your computer, or host on their site



[CREATIVECOMMONS.ORG](http://creativecommons.org) – LICENSING



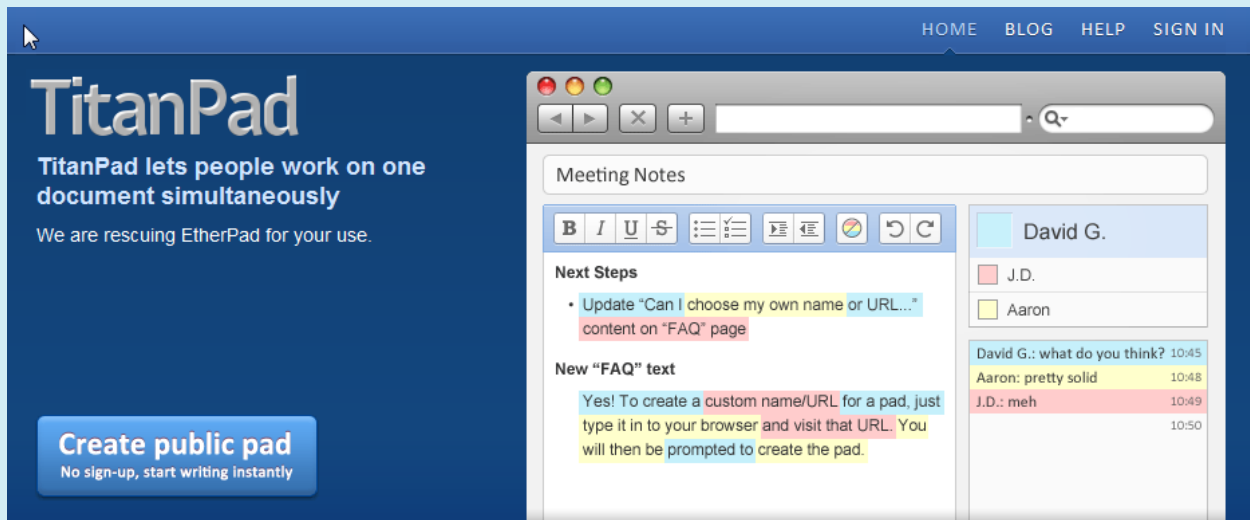
Use this tool...

- To find creative work that is free to use/adapt

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- Searches across many different web sites
- Teaches about licensing

[TITANPAD.COM](http://TitanPad.com) – ONLINE COLLABORATION PLATFORM



Use this tool...

- To collaborate with a group online

Why the SimpleK12 Team likes this tool:

- No limit to how many people can join the “pad”
- Ability to save and export the notes to your personal computer