

Tips & Technologies for Teaching Art in a Digital Age

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The past few years has witnessed the emergence of new ways to experience the World Wide Web. The term “Web 2.0” has been coined to describe the Web’s transition from a collection of static Web sites containing information to a more dynamic, interactive, social, and content-sharing environment. Web 2.0 tools and services like blogs, wikis, podcasts, photo- and video-sharing sites, social networks, and virtual worlds are now being used daily by millions of people around the globe to connect, communicate, collaborate, create, care, and share with others. The question is how can we use these new tools and capabilities of the Web to enhance or even transform art education practices in schools? This presentation will explore this question and offer specific strategies for integrating Web 2.0 technologies into a school art program.

10 Tips to Success

Tip 1: Focus on outcomes, not technology.

Tip 2: Don’t try this alone. Collaborate!

Tip 3: Develop a plan.

Tip 4: Set reasonable goals.

Tip 5: Stick with the (art) program.

Tip 6: Try something new, something old.

Tip 7: Use free online tools and software.

Tip 8: Find ways to share what you and your students are doing with others.

Tip 9: Become informed.

Tip 10: Enjoy the ride!

Bonus Tip: Join Art Education 2.0 (arted20.ning.com)

20 Useful Web 2.0 Tools and Websites for Art Teachers

- 1. Art Education 2.0** (arted20.ning.com) – Social network for art educators.
- 2. Artsonia.com** – Share students' artwork with others in the world's largest online kids' art museum.
- 3. Blogger.com** – set up a personal or group blog in minutes.
- 4. Commoncraft.com** – Short videos on Web 2.0 tools and practices.
- 5. Del.icio.us** – Social bookmarking site used to organize and share links to Web resources.
- 6. Digication.com** – Create e-portfolios and online learning communities.
- 7. Edublogs.org** – Set up a free education blog in minutes.
- 8. Ed.Voicethread.com** – Upload pictures and create an audio narrative to go along with them.
- 9. Flickr.com** – Popular photo-sharing site.
- 10. Google Docs** (www.google.com) - Collaborative writing tool.
- 11. Google Reader** (www.google.com) - collect and read RSS feeds from your favorite blogs and news sources much like you read your email.
- 12. JumpCut.com** – Online video-editing tool.
- 13. One-Page Guides** (timdavies.org.uk/tags/onepage) – Introductory guides to Web 2.0 tools and practices.
- 14. TeacherTube.com** – Educational video-sharing site.
- 15. PBWiki.com** – Collaborative writing tool.
- 16. Sketchcast.com** – Record a sketch with or without voiceover.
- 17. SlideShare** (www.slideshare.net) – Host and share your presentations.
- 18. Tabblo.com** – Photo-sharing site.
- 19. Wikispaces.com** – Collaborative writing tool.
- 20. Twitter.com** – Instant messaging, social networking and blogging tool.