7 Webtools for Digital Storytelling

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1. ZooBurst
Grades K-12
http://www.zooburst.com/

ZooBurst is a digital storytelling tool that lets anyone easily create his or her own 3D pop-up books. Using ZooBurst, storytellers of any age can create their own rich worlds in which their stories can come to life!

With Zooburst you and your students can create their own 3D stories and add narrations. Readers who have a webcam installed on their computer can also experience any ZooBurst book in Augmented Reality. Once a book has been loaded, readers can click on the 'Webcam Mode' button at the top of the screen, and see their book come to life.
2. StoryJumper

Grades K-5

http://www.storyjumper.com/

StoryJumper is similar to other digital storytelling tools, but what’s unique about StoryJumper is that it allows you to actually create a real hardcover book of your creation for a cost, but if you don’t want to spend money you can use this fun and interactive tool for free! StoryJumper is very easy to use. You can assign your students activities to do which they can accomplish through the creation of their own story. Your students’ stories can be saved and shared. StoryJumper even has a classroom edition which gives teachers an interface to manage and review students' work, enable kids to share stories between the classroom and home, maintain strict privacy controls over student information, and enable educational discounts when ordering books.
3. Blabber

Grades K-8

http://www.blabberize.com/

Blabber allows you to “blabberize” your pictures! You can take an ordinary photo and add a mouth to it and record your own voice to make your pictures talk. You can even use blabber to turn your pictures into a video to have your blabbers interact with each other and act out a story.

Blabber can be great to teach history or literature by “blabberizing” the characters to act out the story in an entertaining way. Once you create your blabber, it can be shared using a link or embedded into your class website or blog.
4. My StoryMaker

Grades K-12

http://www.clpgh.org/kids/storymaker/

My StoryMaker lets you control characters and objects - and creates sentences for you! This webtool sparks creativity with your students by helping them create their story. Students can choose their character, objects, and scenery and My StoryMaker creates the sentences for them which your students can go back and edit as much as they’d like.

Although this webtool may seem more geared towards younger students it’s a great tool for middle school and high school students to create allegories. Once stories are done, they can be saved and printed out.
5. Glogster

Grades K-12
http://edu.glogster.com/

With Glogster, your students can create fun interactive digital online posters and collaborative class projects. Although there are many premium options, your students are able to create their own Glog for free. Glog, which is a combination of the words graphics and blog, is great for numerous projects.

Teachers use Glogster to allow students to create portfolios, present research reports, and even for student led instruction. Glogster allows you to give your students specific objectives and requirements that must be fulfilled with their Glog, and they can even view tutorials before they begin.
Voki is an interesting tool that allows you to create your own avatar and record your voice to it. Voki is fun and interactive and will encourage your students to participate while introducing technology in a new way.

Voki can be used as an effective language tool in your classroom, it has text-to-speech in over 25 languages. You can post your Voki to any blog, website, or profile! Voki’s website has over 100 lessons plans available to give educators ideas for using this webtool in their classroom.
7. Picture Book Maker

Grades K-2
http://www.artisancam.org.uk/flashapps/picturebookmaker/

What makes this picture book creator unique is the great illustration elements that students can use in their story. The illustrations and text look hand drawn with crayon and can be adjusted to fit the story. Each picture has multiple poses of the same character and there are also several backdrops and props for students to include in their story.

This webtool is perfect for young students who aren’t quite ready to write out a full storyline but who feel comfortable telling a narrative through pictures. When the book has been completed, it can be saved to the gallery, sent to a friend via email, or printed out.
8. StoryBird

Grades K-12
http://storybird.com/

StoryBird is a great tool that gives students the opportunity to create art inspired stories and poetry. StoryBird allows students to select the artwork that best depicts their work and pair it with their story.

This is a great creative writing tool that inspires students to create very visually appealing works of art. With StoryBird, you can embed stories in blogs, email them to parents, download, or print them out.
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