



# TECH BYTES

POTTY PD



November 2020

## TECH TOOL

Take a look!!!

Jen's Fav



To remove ads before sharing a video

Type **\_popup** after the word "watch" in the YouTube link

Copy/Paste the new link in to Google Classroom, or a another LMS, and more



Digital Resource

STREAMBEATS PRESENTS

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EDM SYNTHWAVE LO-FI

## QUICK TIP



**Ninja Keyboard trick:** On a Chromebook - Turn Caps Lock on or off: Press Search + Alt.

## Point to Ponder



**Create an interactive digital syllabus or handbook in Slides or PowerPoint.**

Before beginning the year you can set up your syllabus or classroom handbook to be interactive in Google Slides or PowerPoint (also check out how to create an infographic style syllabus using Piktochart). You can see an example digital syllabus created by Kevin Feramisco [here](#).

SlidesMania has TONS of amazing free templates you can use to get started. This "Phone App" template from Slides Mania could be a fun way to pull all your class information together for students and parent.

[Piktochart](#) [Digital Syllabus example](#) [SlidesMania](#)



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Children must be taught how to think, not what to think,  
Margaret Mead

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## QUICK TIP



**Ninja Keyboard trick:** Minimize the current window: ALT +Space then n

Chrome Ext.

**GET THE EXTENSION**

**GIPHY for Chrome**  
Offered by: giphy.com

real funny stuff.

Use GIFs in your presentations to add visual interest, explain concepts and for humor.

Chrome Ext.

**Tab Resize**  
split screen layouts.  
multi-monitor support

Get the Extension

2x1 1x2 1x1

Settings: [Icons] Undo [Icon] [Icon] Single Tab

Left Align Right Align

1366x768 1920x1050

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Get Started

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**Unlimited Content:**  
PDF and PPT uploads, polls, surveys, videos, embeds and more.

**Unlimited Interactivity:**  
Comments and questions, Activity Wall, Networking, Note taking and more.

**Student Management:**  
Access Codes, Attendance, Moderation, Collaborator access and more.



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**Quote to live by**

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."  
-B.B. King

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January 2021

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# QUICK TIP



**Ninja Keyboard trick:** Need to make copies of something? Duplicate instead of spending time copying & pasting. **Ctrl +D**

**DARESAY** <http://checkin.daresay.io>

Hej!

Click left or right for a random check in.

What temperature are you today?

reflective  
creative  
practical

**CHECK-IN**

DARESAY

*If there were a movie made about your life, what genre would it be and why?*

# Point to Ponder

## GROWTH MINDSET & SELF-REGULATION



INSTEAD OF THINKING...  
(FIXED MINDSET)

- HE NEEDS TO LEARN SOME SELF-CONTROL.
- SHE KEEPS GIVING ME A HARD TIME.
- MY CLASSROOM WORKS FINE FOR ALL THE OTHER STUDENTS.
- HIS BEHAVIOUR COMES OUT OF THE BLUE.
- NOTHING WORKS FOR THIS CHILD.
- SHE JUST NEEDS TO CALM DOWN.
- HE WON'T EVER LEARN SELF-REGULATION.



TRY THINKING...  
(GROWTH MINDSET)

- HE NEEDS HELP WITH SELF-REGULATION.
- SHE IS HAVING A HARD TIME. HOW CAN I HELP?
- EVERY STUDENT IS UNIQUE. WHAT CHANGES CAN I MAKE TO SUPPORT THIS STUDENT?
- LET'S LOOK DEEPER FOR PATTERNS AND SETTING EVENTS.
- WHAT ELSE CAN I TRY?
- DOES SHE EVEN KNOW WHAT CALM FEELS LIKE?
- HOW CAN I HELP HIM LEARN SELF-REGULATION?

GROWTH MINDSET AND SELF-REGULATION  
DECREASE JUDGEMENT AND INCREASE CURIOSITY



FREE DOWNLOAD: northstarpaths.com



Find TONS of free Google Slides and Powerpoint templates at [SlidesCarnival.com](https://www.slidescarnival.com).



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## QUICK TIP



**Ninja Keyboard trick:** Open the Downloads page in a new tab: **Ctrl + j**

#Edtech Tip



### TEACHER MADE

The Digital (R)Evolution of Paper...



...Take Back Your Time!!

<https://teachermade.com>

#### Features

The online app supports MOST question and activity types used on your handouts:

- Short Answer/Fill-in-the-blank
- Checkbox/Check All That Apply
- Dropdown Selections
- Long Answers/Essays
- Multiple Choice
- Hot Spots
- Matching
- True/False
- Numbers
- Fractions
- Algebraic Expressions
- Cite Evidence
- Circle or Underlines (coming soon!)
- Drag and Drop (coming soon!)



Tidbits from Jennifer Hall

Chrome Ext.

Set the timer with one click!

- \* Quick and easy
- \* Stylish design
- \* Works offline
- \* Safe: does not need any special permission



Get the Extension



1-click-timer

Offered by: [www.userpixel.com](http://www.userpixel.com)

## Point to Ponder

### Deeper thinking and learning

- Big themes
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Creativity
- Meta-cognition
- Align w/ assess.

### Authentic work

- Real or fake?
- Authentic role
- Authentic practices
- Authentic tech
- Research strategies
- Authentic assess.

FINDING **TREASURE** in learning WITH TECH

Derived from *Harnessing Technology for Deeper Learning* by Scott McLeod and Julie Graber

### Student agency & personalization

- Learning goals
- Choice in learning & assess.
- Leading discussion
- Choice in work time
- Student interest
- Tech selection
- Taking initiative
- Tech selection

### Technology infusion

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Collab. processes
- Tech adds value
- Tech as a means
- Digital citizenship

Infographic adapted and created by Matt Miller (DitchThatTextbook.com)



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If you are not willing to learn, No one can help you!  
If you are determined to learn, No one can stop you!

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**Google Fonts** <https://fonts.google.com>

Google Fonts CATALOG FEATURED ARTICLES ABOUT

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Categories Language Font Properties Search fonts Custom #Edtech for Engagement

Viewing 977 of 977 font families

<b>Roboto</b> Christian Robertson (12 styles)	<b>Zhi Mang Xing</b> Wei Zhimang (1 style)
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<b>Raleway</b> Multiple Designers (18 styles)	<b>Roboto Mono</b> Christian Robertson (10 styles)
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**GOT FONTS?**

# QUICK TIP



**Ninja Keyboard trick:** Open the Find Bar to search the current page: **Ctrl + F** or **F3**

# Point to Ponder

## WHY DITCH HOMEWORK?

- EQUITY FOR ALL STUDENTS**  
Home situations, resources, and parent time are not equal. Not all kids get the same level of support at home.
- STRESS & FAMILY FIGHTING**  
Homework is a known source of stress and fighting for families. Homework adds to it.
- SMALL ACADEMIC BENEFITS**  
Research shows the level of academic benefit to be negligible. It's not a good investment of time.
- CHEATING**  
The truth: students copy assignments. Some parents have been known to do work for their kids.
- DIFFICULT TO DIFFERENTIATE**  
Students have different interest levels and abilities. One may need extra practice that another doesn't.
- REDUCES LOVE OF LEARNING**  
Motivation is key. Students are either curious and want to learn or they're reluctant and forced to do it.

Icons: Kevin, Karthik Srinivas, Gan Khoun Lay, Severino Ribeiro, Arjun Mahanti via The Noun Project

**DITCH THAT HOMEWORK**

## 10 DIGITAL BELL-RINGER ACTIVITIES YOU CAN USE TOMORROW!

### FREE (printable) eBook!

Includes:

- ✓ Directions
- ✓ Templates
- ✓ Extension ideas

Download your copy at [bit.ly/2GQRLCZ](http://bit.ly/2GQRLCZ)



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**Copyright & Creativity**  
For Ethical Digital Citizens  
<https://www.copyrightandcreativity.org>

**Elementary School Curriculum** | **Middle School Curriculum** | **High School Curriculum** | **Professional Development for Teachers**

Resources for teaching copyright and fair use



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#Edtech Tip

<https://sketch.io/sketchpad>

**Ideas:**

- Recreate a scene from a literary or primary text
- Label an image
- Create original artwork

A fun web-based creation tool

# QUICK TIP



**Ninja Keyboard trick:** Log in a different user or browse as a Guest: **Ctrl + Shift + m**

# Point to Ponder

Start using these in class RIGHT NOW!

- Snapchat games
- Infographics
- Instagram stories
- Annotate an image
- Create a PDF ebook
- Write quick blogs
- Create virtual tours
- Create storybooks
- Record screencasts
- Interactive notebooks
- Organize with sticky notes
- Use the Iron Chef protocol
- Try "caption this"
- Put a twist on collaboration
- Make your own "app"

**20 interactive PowerPoint activities to add awesome TO CLASSES**

**DITCH THAT TEXTBOOK**

#Digital Resource

FIND THE RIGHT RESOURCES  
LESSONS PLANS BY EDUCATION LEVEL

**sharemylesson**  
By Educators, For Educators

Preschool Elementary (K-2) Elementary (3-5) Middle School High School

From arts to world history and every subject in between, Share My Lesson has an array of targeted resources for high school and beyond.

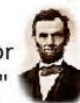
- Arts
- Career and Technical Education
- Digital Literacy and Computer Science
- English Language Arts
- English Language Learners
- Gifted and Talented
- Health
- Math
- Physical Education
- Science
- Social Studies
- Students with Disabilities
- World Languages

<https://sharemylesson.com>



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"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."  
-Abraham Lincoln



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#Edtech Tip

**TextGiraffe** NAME LOGOS FOR Tech Tips 411 <http://textgiraffe.com>

Create awesome logos for use in Slides, Docs, Word, PPT, websites and more.

Idea: Have students create a name badge to use in online activities.

**SWEET**

Google Add-On

GOT FONTS?

**Extensis Fonts**

Extensis

Slides Add-on Docs Add-on

GOT FONTS?

Get Extensis

## QUICK TIP



**Ninja Keyboard trick:** Make everything on the page bigger: **Ctrl and +**

## Point to Ponder

### eLearning Choice Boards

A step-by-step guide to creating resources you can use tomorrow!

(with templates)

<https://karlymoura.blogspot.com/2020/03/elearning-choice-boards-step-by-step.html>

**eLearning Choice Board**

Choose two activities from each row and one activity from column A or B.

A	B	C	D
Log in to Edmentum with your Google account. Choose a math or science course with lessons for 20-30 minutes.	Log in to K-12 with your Google account. Choose a math or science course with lessons for 20-30 minutes.	Log in to Prodigy with your Google account. Continue playing for 20-30 minutes.	Create a class of cards and some hands or cards and choose a game to play from this "Classroom".
Log in to Edmentum with your Google account. Choose a math or science course with lessons for 20-30 minutes.	Visit K-12 and log in with your Google account. Choose a math or science course with lessons for 20-30 minutes.	Visit Prodigy and log in with your Google account. Continue playing for 20-30 minutes.	Choose your game board and use it to play a game to play from this "Classroom".
Visit Mango Learning and choose one lesson or more from the list. Choose a math or science course with lessons for 20-30 minutes.	Log in to K-12 with your Google account. Choose a math or science course with lessons for 20-30 minutes.	Visit Prodigy and log in with your Google account. Continue playing for 20-30 minutes.	Visit Classroom and choose one lesson or more from the list. Choose a math or science course with lessons for 20-30 minutes.
Log in to code.org with your Google account. Choose a math or science course with lessons for 20-30 minutes.	Visit Hour of Code and choose one lesson or more from the list. Choose a math or science course with lessons for 20-30 minutes.	Visit Prodigy and log in with your Google account. Continue playing for 20-30 minutes.	Visit Classroom and choose one lesson or more from the list. Choose a math or science course with lessons for 20-30 minutes.



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"The secret in education lies in respecting the student."

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**#Edtech Tip**

### Fancy Text Generator

A translator to convert normal text to fancy text which you can copy and paste.

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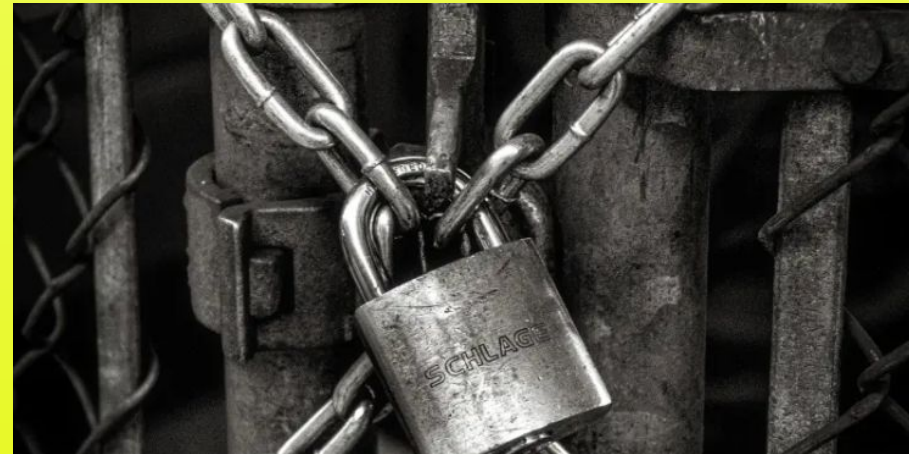
Use Fancy text in Google Classroom, Forms, & Social Media.

## QUICK TIP



**Ninja Keyboard trick:** Go to the top of the page: Home

## Point to Ponder



40+ Digital Escape Rooms

<https://wakelet.com/wake/e87e8fd5-61d5-4974-87f9-091dee574cb7>

**Digital Resource**

### VISUAL DICTIONARY ONLINE

Welcome to the *Visual Dictionary Online*, the dictionary with a new point of view.

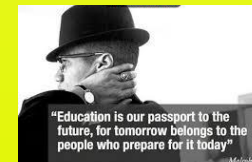
A quick glance at the **index** is all it takes to connect words with images.

Explore the 15 major **themes** to access more than 6,000 images and see words like never before.

<http://www.visualdictionaryonline.com>



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**Chrome Ext.**

**Volume Master** Control volume of the current tab with the slider below. You can also switch to any tab playing audio with just one click.

0 % Volume: 100 % 600 %

Tabs playing audio right now

Tech Tips 411 - YouTube

GET THE EXTENSION

Made with ❤ by Peta Sittok

**#Edtech Tip**

<https://jamboard.google.com>

Jamboard is free whiteboard app great for interactive virtual lessons. Check out my Jamboard templates page.

**JAMBOARD**

5 TRUTHS & A FB

1 4 CORNERS 3

Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down

Good OK Bad

SIX WORD STORY

CHARACTER MAP

## QUICK TIP



**Ninja Keyboard trick:** Reset the page zoom level: **Ctrl + 0**

## Point to Ponder



# 10 video tips for students with SLOW INTERNET

- 1 Turn camera off during video calls.
- 2 Call in with your telephone.
- 3 Lower the video call resolution.
- 4 Do recorded vids in low resolution.
- 5 Record audio instead of video.
- 6 Use text. (Or text and images.)
- 7 Create images or infographics.
- 8 Make web tutorials with Iorad.
- 9 Create docs and files offline.
- 10 Provide files to use offline.

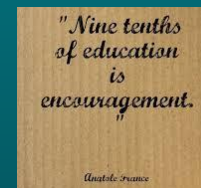
Make video easier for students to access. Or avoid video altogether for less data-intensive options.



Infographic by Matt Miller (@mattmiller / DitchThatTextbook.com).  
Post: DitchThatTextbook.com/slow-internet-tips



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### QUICK TIP



**Ninja Keyboard trick:** Open a link in a current tab (mouse only): Drag a link to a tab

**#Edtech Tip**

**FREE CAPTIONING RIGHT IN YOUR BROWSER.**



Web Captioner makes your event, speech, classroom lecture, or school program accessible with real-time captioning.

**START CAPTIONING** <https://webcaptioner.com>

**Digital Resource**

**ck-12** Engage Students & Save Time **EXACTLY!**



Gain actionable insights into student performance and get more time to do what you do best with our learning platform.


**Start Browsing** **Share to** 











<https://www.ck12.org>

<b>Math by Level</b>	<b>English</b>
Grade 1 - 5	Writing
Grade 6	Spelling
Grade 7	<b>Science</b>
Grade 8	Grade K - 5
Algebra I	Earth Science
Geometry	Life Science
Algebra II	Physical Science
PreCalculus	Biology
<b>Math by Subject</b>	Chemistry
Arithmetic	Physics
Measurement	<b>Social Studies</b>
Algebra	Economics
Geometry	Geography
Probability	Government
Statistics	History
Trigonometry	Philosophy
Analysis	Sociology
Calculus	<b>College</b>
<b>More</b>	College Algebra
Astronomy	College Precalculus
Engineering	College Human
Health	Biology
Photography	The Universe
Technology	

**Point to Ponder**

**10 NO-INTERNET** remote learning activities



- 1** Read. 
- 2** Teach someone. 
- 3** Start a passion project. 
- 4** Learn a skill. 
- 5** Ask someone questions. 
- 6** Make something you're proud of. 
- 7** Recall what you've learned. 
- 8** Reflect. 
- 9** Exercise. 
- 10** Be still. 

**During remote learning, teach students to optimize their bodies and brains to be better learners.**

**DITCH THAT TEXTBOOK**

Infographic by Matt Miller (@mattmiller / DitchThatTextbook.com).  
Post: DitchThatTextbook.com/no-internet-remote-learning



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If a child can't learn the way *we* teach, maybe we should teach the way *they* learn.  
- Ignacio Estrada

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