

Practical Steps to Smackdown Success!

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Blogsite with samples of Web 2.0 tools seen below: <http://tryonthefly.blogspot.com>

Smackdown Links: <http://files.me.com/debstanley550/0bfiss>

This handout: <http://files.me.com/debstanley550/sb1b0t>

1. Web presence

Blogger <http://www.blogger.com>

Example can be seen on my main blogsite: <http://theresearchprocess.blogspot.com/>

1. Google / more / even more / blogger / Create a FREE account
TIP: Build in Firefox and search for items in Explorer or Safari.
2. Begin to build your blog / choose template / add a title / save and view blog
TIP: Change your template = Customize / Pick new template (or Fonts & colors)
TIP: Navigate to your other blogs through Customize / Dashboard
3. Delete a blogsite: Open a blog/Customize/Settings/Basic tab = see the “Delete blog” link
4. To add pictures, links, videos, etc: Customize / Add a gadget = select as needed
TIP: Locate items you want to add ahead of time. I save them to a desktop folder.

2. Image generators

ImageChef: www.imagechef.com

Examples can be seen at: <http://teachnotetaking.blogspot.com/>

1. This site is FREE, but asks you to create account and sign in
2. See lower left menu for plethora of possibilities.
3. Create tab / Select&Type / Preview / Send-Share = More / copy code for blogsite & below=get URL
4. Other choices: Visual poetry = word cloud like Wordle. Click & play with the rest.

Wordle: <http://www.wordle.net/>

Example imbedded in lesson can be seen at <http://letslearnaboutanimals.blogspot.com/>

1. This site is FREE, requires no password, and is self-explanatory.
2. Click Create / type or paste words, repeated words are larger / GO / edit with tabs
3. Click Save to Public Gallery / type title – anonymous / OK / Copy code

3. Image slideshows

PictureTrail slideshow: <http://www.picturetrail.com/>

PowerPoint for Smackdown can be downloaded from: <http://files.me.com/debstanley550/qyrr5z>

Example imbedded in lesson can be seen at <http://asiancivilizations7.blogspot.com/>

1. This is a FREE site. You do NOT have to create an account.
TIP: Save images to desktop folder prior to creating your slideshow.
2. Begin on Slideshows tab. For completed slideshow:
TIP: Save the html code and paste into a blogsite or other social networking.
TIP: Can add to a PowerPoint or Flipchart by selecting the email choice and, copying the Web link, then create an action button.

4. Animation

Dvolver 2-D movie: www.dvolver.com

Example: <http://tryonthefly.blogspot.com/>

1. This site is FREE, requires no password, and is self-explanatory.
2. Save the html code so you can paste the code into your blogsite or social networking.
3. Save the Web address when it comes in your email.

STAGE'D 3-D animation: <http://stagedproject.com/>

1. This site is FREE, requires no password, and is self-explanatory.
2. Requires a harmless download for viewing, but I had trouble viewing on PC.

5. Avatars

Yahoo avatar

Example: <http://medievalhistory7.blogspot.com/> (with VoiceThread)

1. Create a FREE Yahoo account: <http://www.yahoo.com/> Yes, sign in.
TIP: It has you make a <yahoo.com> email address.
2. Search on "yahoo avatar" / navigate to page and follow directions
https://login.yahoo.com/config/login_verify2?.intl=us&.src=avt&.done=http%3A%2F%2Favatars.yahoo.com
3. To export: from your avatar main page / right menu box - click "export." / Generate arrow = copy code or get URL.

6. Resume creation

OurStory: www.ourstory.com

Example: <http://www.ourstory.com/home.html>

1. This site is FREE, but asks you to create account and sign in.
2. "Stories" are segments added to your timeline. "Choose story design" to change colors.
3. Click "Export" to get code.

7. Comics

Toonlet: www.toonlet.com

Example: <http://literature4you.blogspot.com/>

1. This site is FREE, asks you to Sign In, and is self-explanatory.
2. Click "Get started" character at top or "Watch tutorials."
3. Type title / create URL / Typing captions & making characters is self-explanatory.
4. Click "Make comic" / Click "Share" to send as email or "Embed" to get code.
Example: `<script type="text/javascript" src="http://toonlet.com/embed/strip?i=42666"></script>`
5. Click "Bookmark" / email to yourself / OR More / blogger & sign in = creates a separate blogsite and doesn't seem to allow embedding in a blog of your choice.

TIP: I copy/pasted toonlet into blog as an image and attached a link to the image.