

CONNECTED LEARNING

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Activity Four

Curating Content on Social Networks



DIGITAL MEDIA LITERACY 1.3 CURATION

Curation is the ability to use repository software applications to archive digital content for current and future references, while shared information is being produced and consumed on the Internet .

Background Information



To introduce the idea of content curation the teacher may have students use a content harvesting tool like Paper.li to create newspapers aligned to units of study. Teachers may also want to integrate

their content into different fields of interest demonstrating that content is not learned in isolation. To provide a blended content approach would be to have students generate a literature paper by following a particular author or a social studies paper that

follows a historical figure or event to distinguish what people are saying about it today. The teaching of digital literacy is a way that helps students recognize the value of social networking. Helping students curate information properly can provide them with expanded opportunities to enrich their learning. This enrichment of learning can only become recognizable when students make associations with becoming curators of content as the links to articles, videos, and images, become a personal compilation of information curated by the student and as it was shared by others. This also teaches them that education is no longer in a box, it is a free resource for learning and if taught well in schools, the process of education has the potential of truly opening the doors of many more opportunities.

Guide to Activity Four

Activity Four, "Curating Content on Social Networks" will provide participants with information on how to use a curation tool like Paper.li as an information harvester. The activity is designed to teach the necessary skills that are associated with the role of the digital content curator while applying various software applications as it is associated with personal learning networks. To start the activity a discussion will be established on why curation tools are important in education with a follow-up demonstration on how to setup a Paper.li account.

The steps outlined in this activity include;

- Curate an Online Daily Newspaper with your Twitter account
- Curate an Online Daily Newspaper with a Twitter #Hashtag
- Curate an Online Daily Newspaper with a Twitter List

Steps to Setting Up A Paper.li Account ([See Reference Guide for Setting-Up a Paper.li Account](#))

- Step One: Go to paper.li and click the "Create your own daily paper" button.
- Step Two: Sign in to your Twitter or account to authorize the app's access to your account.
- Step Three: The site creates a paper for you — click the "my paper.li" link. You can also click "create a newspaper" to add a Twitter user you follow, a #tag (though this doesn't always work) or a Twitter list.
- Step Four: [View Podstock Paper.li](#)

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DIRECTIONS

Getting Started with Paper.li

STEP One: Go to :<http://paper.li/>

Step Two:
Click on
Start Your Paper

Start your paper

Authorizing Your Account

STEP Three:
Sign into Twitter

Sign in with

twitter

f Facebook

Authorize Paper.li to use your account?

- This application will be able to:
- Read Tweets from your timeline.
 - See who you follow, and follow new people.
 - Update your profile.
 - Post Tweets for you.

Username or email

Password

Remember me [Forgot password?](#)

Sign In

Select Sign In

- This application **will not be able to:**
- Access your direct messages.
 - See your Twitter password.

STEP Four:
Type e-mail Address
Enter Twitter Password

Creating A Newspaper

paper

x

title

Podstock12

STEP Five:
Enter A Title

note

Get all of the top news from Podstock Educators and the top 20 notables

Describe Paper

frequency

Daily edition

Toggle Publishing Frequency

Cancel

Next

Select Next

Extended Activity: Exploring Curation Tools

Extended Activities would include the exploration of other curation tools that are included in the list below. Each student in the class could be assigned one curation tool to use and teach other students how to apply it as a learning tool. The students could create their own evaluation rubric, explore various reviews and write their own review from their experiences with the application.

Tweeted Times

Tweeted Times is a real-time topical personalized newspaper produced from a Twitter [account](#). The Tweeted Times aggregates news in your Twitter stream and ranks them by popularity among those who you follow. The application rebuilds a subscribed users newspaper hourly which allows subscribers to create a newspaper for any topic of interest. The aggregation tool is made possible [Semantic Dimension, Inc.](#) You can access the application online or download it to a mobile platform such as iPad or iPhone.

Live Binders

[LiveBinders](#) is a way for users to bookmark and showcase WebPages in a categorical format using tabs to organize web url's. The user can select a broad topic category like "Learning Support Tools" designed to help struggling students and then organize sub categories around language development through the use of tabs. It is suggested that the user install the [bookmark tool](#) to the browser by dragging a widget to the taskbar. The bookmark tool will then work the same way as any social book-marking resource, like Delicious. Live Binders (<http://livebinders.com>) Live Binders is a website that allows you to view links like pages in a book instead of urls on a page. PDF and Word documents can also be combined with links in a binder. Links and documents can be organized into tabs and sub-tabs. Live Binders are easy to share from the Live Binder website, on desktops, or embedded in a class blog, wiki, or website.

Pinterest

[Pinterest](#) - A relatively new site that is growing at a record pace. It's easy to use, ideal for curating the web (by saving/sharing favorite sites), and visually engaging for users. There's lots of potential for education as it is being used by educators everywhere.

DIGITAL TOOLS



Live Binders



DIGITAL TOOLS



Bag the Web

Bag the Web - Bag the Web is a great site for curating the web into "bags". With their educational portal, teachers and students can share resources, collect information for assignments, embed them into a site, and more.

MentorMob

MentorMob - A site that has been getting quite a bit of press on Twitter lately, is one of the best around for curating the web into "playlists". These playlists can contain different types of media such as: video, articles, pictures etc. Once these playlists are created they can be rated and shared w/ others.

Middlespot

Middlespot - Is a unique site that allows a user to browse the web and stick sites onto their "dashboard" These dashboards can be edited and shared w/ others. More features are available for a paid account.

Bundlr

Bundlr - A great way to organize the web into "bundles". These bundles can contain all sorts of media and then be shared w/ others in a grid or timeline view.

Searcheeze

Searcheeze - Another fun site for curating web content (text, video, images, articles) and turning it into a digital magazine that can be shared w/ others.

Themeefy

Themeefy - A cool way to curate web content and then publish it to a digital magazine.

Storify

Storify - A great site for telling social stories by curating web content through video, photos, and text.

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