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# Tech-Talk

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## REMINDER

If you need any help with these tools, please stop by the lab.

### ClassTool

### Virtual Book

Turn any piece of prose into a virtual book!

Just use the 'Add Text' function to paste in your text.

Then, simply turn the pages by clicking on them. It's a simple and effective way of breaking up a long piece of prose to make it easier to analyse and discuss as a class. This template allows you to turn a piece of prose into a virtual book. Just use the 'Add Text' function to paste your text into the book, then turn the pages forward or backward just by clicking on them. It's a simple and effective way of breaking up a long piece of prose to make it easier to analyse and discuss as a class. This template allows you to turn a piece of prose into a virtual book. Just use the 'Add Text' function to paste your text into the book, then turn the pages. It's a simple and effective way of breaking up a long piece of prose to make it

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### Website:

[http://classtools.net/main\\_area/template\\_loader.php?turningPage](http://classtools.net/main_area/template_loader.php?turningPage)

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### ClassTool

### BubbleShare

BubbleShare is a great way to have students "reflect". It's free to get a log-in and password.

At BubbleShare, photos are more than just static images. Every photo is a story - an adventure, a piece of solitude, a relationship, or a tall tale.

Tell your story using fun Web-based tools that make your photo sharing experience easy and entertaining.

Suggestions on using BubbleShare with your students:

Take pictures of kids (have 2 students per picture); Remember, you can have one student in the photo, but it can't go on the website. The rule for the website is to have at least 2 students per picture. In BubbleShare, if you use the text bubbles, two is really as many as you need...three students will work, but crowded.

1. Have them respond to a Slam-Dunk Question using bubbles (Example: What is a friend?)
2. Any unit: (example: U.S. Presidents) Using text bubble, give facts)
3. Choose a famous African American (example: Jackie Robinson; Rosa Parks; etc) have students give facts using text bubbles.



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4. Art Work: Have students showing their art work in picture; using text bubbles explain their art project.
5. Music: have each student in the pictures holding a musical instrument; using text bubbles, tell about their instrument.
6. Story student has read: Using text bubbles, have student(s) explain beginning, middle and ending of story.
7. Contractions: Using text bubbles, students could take one contract and give the two words the contract stands for; (or synonyms; antonyms; homophones, etc)
8. State reports: Using text bubbles, students could give facts about the state chosen. (or if everyone did Georgia, each student in the picture could give one fact.
9. Math: Using one or two students, have them (with text bubbles) explain a skill (regrouping in subtraction; multiplying two-digit

numbers; perimeters; areas, etc)

10. Geometry: students could create pictures using shapes; explain using text bubbles
11. Patterns: students create different patterns (with different manipulative ) and explain the pattern & what would come next. (Example: AB; AB; AB or ABC; ABC; ABC; or more advanced:  $+1 \times 2$ ;  $+1 \times 2$ ;  $+1 \times 2$ ;) )
12. Science: Outer Space: Students draw or create a model of one of the planets, sun, moon, etc. Then, using text bubbles, give facts about the planet they have as a model.
13. PE: Take pictures of students in PE; using text bubbles, have them explain what skill they are doing.

**Website:**

[www.bubbleshare.com](http://www.bubbleshare.com)

**ClassTool**

**CastTV**

**One Stop Watching**

CastTV is a video search engine designed to find all your favorite online videos: from TV shows to movies, celebrity, news, sports and viral videos. CastTV search video sites from YouTube, to iTunes, and everything in between, to find the videos that matter to you

**How is CastTV different than YouTube?**

CastTV does not host videos, we are a search engine and we find videos from various sites all over the web. Here is just a handful of the places we search:

**Website:**

[www.casttv.com](http://www.casttv.com)

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