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PBworks wiki http://www.pbworks.com	collaborative in theory, but only one person at a time can access a page to edit.	basic - free	yes - tiered prices for teacher vs campus	* laptop/desktop * internet * flash plugin to edit (*can view only on mobile platforms)	thumbdrive (for image/music/other files to upload)	email login (basic) can create username educator version can create login/passwords for kids (no need for their emails) can set wiki privacy & access to page viewing vs editing; pay-for have greater flexibility in settings	very easy interface, much like a word-processor, for most things. a bit tricky for uploading images & files; multi-step. Same for embedding things - can be tricky.
Blogger http://www.blogger.com	independent (collaborative collection & content generation)	free	no	* laptop/desktop * internet * flash plugin to edit * can add content from mobile platforms (there are apps)	thumbdrive (for image/music/other files to upload)	connected to your gmail account, so easy to access & link up. does require an email to set up. can set up without gmail, however. can create "username" and hide identity a bit.	very easy interface, but some elements hard to find (non-intuitive location) such as themes, privacy settings, etc.
EduBlogs http://www.edublogs.com	independent (collaborative collection & content generation)	free	yes - tiered prices for teacher vs campus	* laptop/desktop * internet * flash plugin to edit * can add content from some mobile platforms (there are apps)	thumbdrive (for image/music/other files to upload)	email-based can create username "mask"	very easy interface, basic blogs for students are easy to set up and maintain.
GoogleDocs GoogleSites http://www.google.com	collaborative to the point of confusion	free		*laptop/desktop for each participant *internet * flash plugin * mobile app	thumbdrive	linked to gmail account, but can be used & accessed via any email account	very easy interface, but extremely basic for docs. Sites

<p>Voicethread</p> <p>http://voicethread.com/</p> <p>http://ed.voicethread.com/</p>	<p>independent generation of a thread</p> <p>collaborative input for commenting</p> <p>(could be collaborative in content collection/generation)</p>	<p>VT basic - free (30 second video)</p> <p>edVT basic - free</p>	<p>ed VT - free (no time limit for videos, but only 50 threads allowed)</p> <p>Classroom edition - \$10/month. Can set up students & unlimited threads.</p>	<p>* laptop/desktop</p> <p>* internet</p> <p>* flash plugin</p> <p>* speakers</p> <p>* good microphone</p>	<p>thumbdrive (for image/music/other files to upload)</p> <p>computer video camera</p>	<p>email login for basic classroom account can be set up for students (but requires email)</p> <p>edu version is a separate environment for schools. Filtered.</p> <p>In edu accounts, teacher can "approve" comments prior to their being published.</p> <p>in all versions, can create a "username" to mask email info</p>	<p>super easy interface, once you have the concept and pieces.</p> <p>very simple for response/comment</p>
<p>Animoto</p> <p>http://www.animoto.com</p>	<p>independent (again, possible for collaboration in concept and image elements)</p>	<p>free - 30sec vids only</p>	<p>yes - but have to apply & be approved. Then unlimited length vids.</p>	<p>* laptop/desktop</p> <p>* internet</p> <p>* flash plugin</p> <p>* speakers</p> <p>* has mobile viewing edition</p>	<p>* thumbdrive for image/sound files</p> <p>* video files</p> <p>* music files (but includes open source music to use)</p>	<p>email login</p> <p>limited "external" content</p>	<p>once you have all the elements, it's quick to put together, but the final "rendering" takes a bit of time.</p> <p>to get really good vids with pauses and emphasis needs a bit of practice, as a lot of the show is created automatically.</p>
<p>Mixbook</p> <p>http://www.mixbook.com</p>	<p>collaborative in that several people can contribute to one book, but not sure if they can do so at the same time</p>	<p>free for online scrapbooks</p> <p>"for pay" to print out</p>	<p>no</p>	<p>* laptop/desktop</p> <p>* internet</p> <p>* flash plugin</p> <p>* image files</p>	<p>* thumbdrive for image/sound files</p>	<p>email login</p>	<p>easy, but a LOT of choices so best to have a theme and overall "look" in mind. Overwhelming number of layout, sticker and other options.</p>

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Glogster http://www.glogster.com http://edu.glogster.com	independent (definite possibilities for collaboration in concept and image elements)	free for basic	free edu basic (up to 50 students can manage) pay-for teacher/campus editions with more features	* laptop/desktop * internet * flash plugin	* thumbdrive for image/sound files and other data collected	email-based login but edu editions can create "user name"	takes a bit of navigation to find all the features; a lot of options for font, background, layouts, etc. adding in elements takes a little practice, but fairly intuitive.
MuseumBoxes http://museumbox.e2bn.org/	independent entry, but could definitely do collaborative concept + research + collection process	free	yes, but requires "approval"	* laptop/desktop * internet * flash plugin	* thumbdrive for image/sound files and other data collected	create username, password link to school, or "other school"	not intuitive. tricky to figure out how to "create a box" and also finding afterwards is tricky (no apparent link ... have to go back to create a box then sign in) however, actual box creation is clear and straightforward (more or less) but there are some multi-step processes that take a little figuring out.

Some other useful links:

Learning to Blog and comment lesson plan: <http://www.notesfrommcteach.com/2010/09/learning-to-blog-using-paper.html>

Web 2.0 Tool aggregator/search engine: <http://www.go2web20.net/>

45 Websites for students to create original artwork online: <http://mrssmoke.onsugar.com/45-Websites-Students-Create-Original-Artwork-Online-3442983>
(It's all over a good blog - "Making Teachers Nerdy" <http://mrssmoke.onsugar.com/>)

(It's a great blog in general for tips, as are: <http://www.edutecher.com> and <http://www.speedofcreativity.org>)

Open source images from Flickr: <http://compfight.com/>