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Application & Link	Task Type	Cost	Educator version?	Required	Optional	Security/ Privacy	Ease of Use
PBworks wiki http://www.pbworks.com <small>(www.pbworks.com/)</small>	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 <small>(www.blogger.com/)</small>	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 <small>(www.edublogs.com)</small>	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 <small>(www.google.com/)</small>	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
Voicethread http://voicethread.com/ <small>(voicethread.com/)</small> http://ed.voicethread.com/ <small>(ed.voicethread.com/)</small>	independent generation of a thread collaborative input for commenting (could be collaborative in content)	VT basic - free (30 second video) edVT basic - free	ed VT - free (no time limit for videos, but only 50 threads allowed) Classroom edition -	* laptop/desktop * internet * flash plugin * speakers * good microphone	thumbdrive (for image/music/other files to upload) computer video camera	email login for basic classroom account can be set up for students (but requires email) edu version is a	super easy interface, once you have the concept and pieces. very simple for response/comment

	collection/generation)		\$10/month. Can set up students & unlimited threads.			separate environment for schools. Filtered. In edu accounts, teacher can "approve" comments prior to their being published. in all versions, can create a "username" to mask email info	
Animoto http://www.animoto.com	independent (again, possible for collaboration in concept and image elements)	free - 30sec vids only	yes - but have to apply & be approved. Then unlimited length vids.	* laptop/desktop * internet * flash plugin * speakers * has mobile viewing edition	* thumbdrive for image/sound files * video files * music files (but includes open source music to use)	email login limited "external" content	once you have all the elements, it's quick to put together, but the final "rendering" takes a bit of time. to get really good vids with pauses and emphasis needs a bit of practice, as a lot of the show is created automatically.
Mixbook http://www.mixbook.com <small>(www.mixbook.com/)</small>	collaborative in that several people can contribute to one book, but not sure if they can do so at the same time	free for online scrapbooks "for pay" to print out	no	* laptop/desktop * internet * flash plugin * image files	* thumbdrive for image/sound files	email login	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.

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Glogster http://www.glogster.com <small>(www.glogster.com/)</small> http://edu.glogster.com <small>(edu.glogster.com/)</small>	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/ <small>(museumbox.e2bn.org/)</small>	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)

