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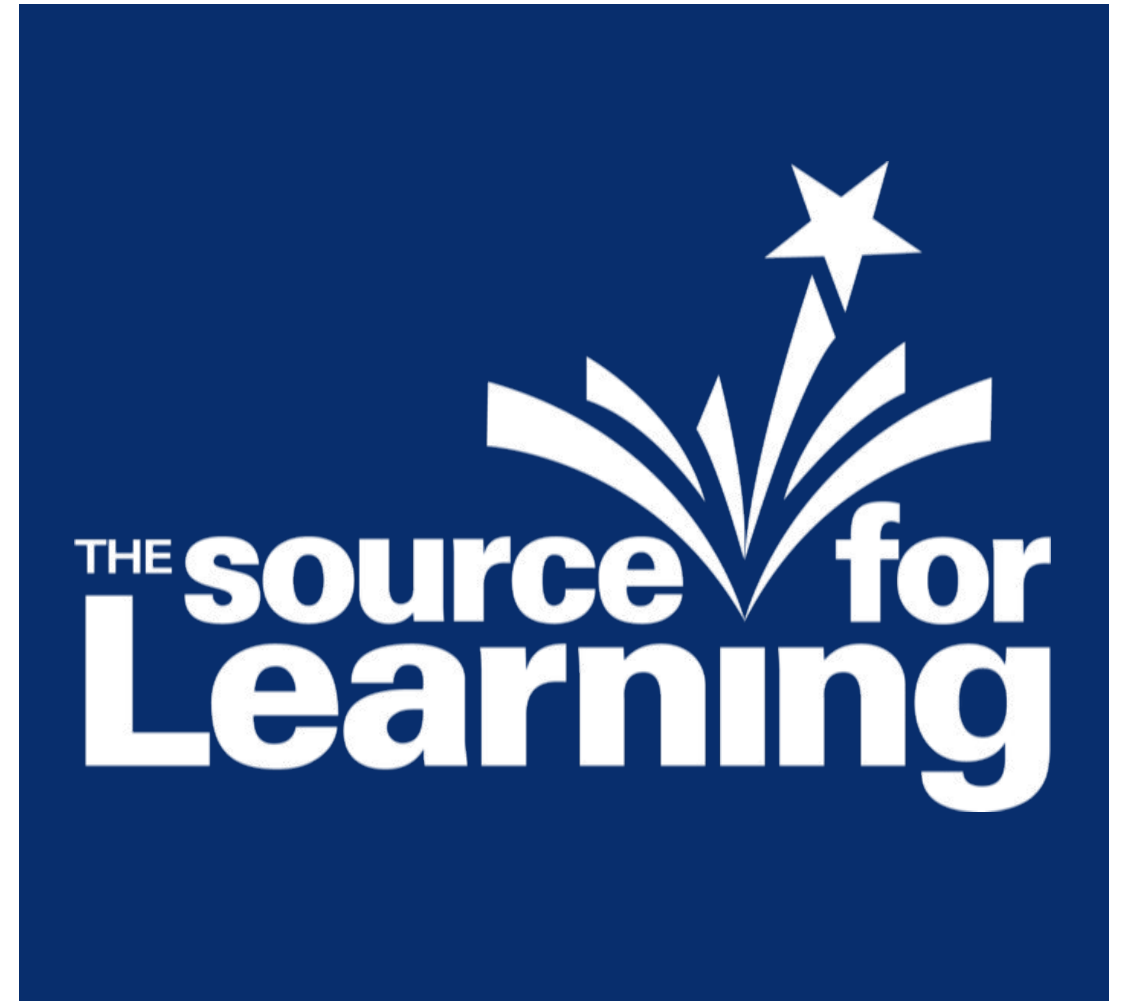


**TeachersFirst:
Instructional
Resources for
Teachers by
Teacher**

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Resources for Today's Session

Complete the form with your name & email for access to the slide deck and a few extras that we'd love to share with you.



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WHAT IS TeachersFirst?

TEACHERSFIRST

TeachersFirst is a collection of thousands of free, teacher-reviewed, classroom-ready K-12 resources and professional learning offerings focused on technology integration that saves teachers time and delivers what they need in a practical, ad-free environment.

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EXTRA FEATURES FOR MEMBERS

Membership is not required; however, members can:

- Create a START PAGE to learn about recent additions and topics you are interested in
- Rate, Save, and Organize Resources
- Create a PUBLIC PAGE to share information with others
- Receive access to the IN-SERVICE KIT to share these resources with others

- ▶ All content is **FREE** and the TeachersFirst website is ad-free.
- ▶ TeachersFirst resources are designed to save you time while helping you to integrate technology in your classroom.

Resources Overview

1 TeachersFirst Website - Instructional Planning Resources

2 TeachersFirst Website - Exclusive Classroom Instructional Resources

3 Professional Learning Opportunities



TEACHERSFIRST WEBSITE – Instructional Planning Resources

SEARCHABLE DATABASE

Thousands of
teacher reviewed
classroom resources



SEARCHABLE DATABASE

The EDGE – find tech
tools to create
projects



SEARCHABLE DATABASE

Over 100 Special
Topic Pages listing
the 'best of the best'

FEATURED EDTECH RESOURCES



15,000+ Teacher-reviewed Resources Since 1998!



Writing & Digital Storytelling Treasures

This week we feature writing, poetry, and digital storytelling tools for you and your students. December includes the birthdays of authors Emily Dickinson and Rudyard Kipling, as well as the publishing of the holiday classic, A Christmas Carol. Explore our collections to find resources to celebrate these occasions and more!

Classroom Planning Calendar

- Jan 9 OK2Ask Make the Most of Your TeachersFirst Membership
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 15 100th Day of school- date varies
- Jan 16 OK2Ask My Students Need That! Chrome Features & Extensions for Accessibility
- Jan 18 Twitter Chat: Project-Based Learning
- Jan 29 "The Raven" was published on this date
- Jan 30 OK2Ask Engage & Inspire: Comics in the Classroom
- Feb 1 Black History Month

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Anatomy of a TeachersFirst Review

Title(s) Exactly Matching Your Search Term


 **Padlet** - Padlet 

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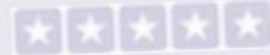


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9 FAVORITES

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tag(s): bulletin boards (18), **DAT** device agnostic tool (178), gamification (86), images (272)

IN THE CLASSROOM

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IN THE CLASSROOM

Use a **Padlet** to collaborate in collecting ideas, brainstorming, and more. Use this tool easily in your Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) classroom since all students will be able to access it for free, no matter what device they have. **Padlet** does not show which work is attributable to which student, so you may want to require that students initial their contributions in order to get credit. If allowing all students to post to the wall or make comments, you may want to discuss internet safety and etiquette and establish specific class rules and consequences. Making the setting private again will prohibit content from later being replaced by classmate "vandalism."

Use a **Padlet** to collect webquest links and information to share with students. By leaving the wall open to comments, solicit input, discussions, or viewpoints from students. They can even contribute other sources they find. Color code resources to indicate different reading levels or "high challenge" sources for your more able students. Assign a student project where students choose their theme and design a wall around it. For example, have students create a wall about an environmental issue. They can include pictures, audio or video, links, and other information to display. Use as a new format for book reports. Do your students have favorites such as music or sports? Create a wall around these favorites or hobbies. Use a wall for grammar or vocabulary words. Create walls for debates or viewpoints. Post assignments, reminders, or study skills on a wall. Do you use student scribes or reporters? Use the **Padlet** site to create a wall with the goings-on in class. Embed your walls in a blog, wiki or website. See a similar tool (and more ideas to use either tool) in the TeachersFirst review of Lino [here](#). Decide which one you prefer! Unfortunately, the **Padlet** embedded viewer is very small but can be scrolled in both directions.

Use **Padlet** as a class space during snow days and school breaks. Share the link to a teacher-created, public wall where students can share notes about what they did during the snow day or respond to a thought-provoking question.

Encourage creativity and organization by having your gifted students (or anyone doing independent projects) create **Padlets** to collect ideas, images, quotes, and more in an "idea bin." Require them to share a brainstorming **Padlet** to show you the ideas they considered before they launch into a project. Have them brainstorm (and later sort/color code) the possibilities for a creative problem solving or "Maker Faire" project. In writing or art classes, use **Padlet** as a virtual writer's journal or design notebook to collect ideas, images, and even video clips.

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Demo

TeachersFirst Database:

- Browse by Subject
- Search
- Sharing a resource

ACTIVITY 1

- I have shared how to search the TeachersFirst database
 - You will have **7 minutes** to complete this activity.
 - By the end of this activity time, find and share a resource that you can use that is new to you.
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1. Take a few minutes to search the TeachersFirst database for a resource that would be useful in your educational setting.
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Anatomy of a Special Topic Collection

▼ Educational Podcasts for Students - TeachersFirst

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In this collection, we share many educational podcasts for students of all ages in various subject areas. The act of listening to podcasts offers many benefits to our students. The...[less](#)

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tag(s): podcasts (57)

IN THE CLASSROOM

Share these podcasts with your students to use when learning related material. Share a link to this collection on your school web page and in your school newsletter (or email). Find podcasts to incorporate into your lessons.

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[Other TeachersFirst Special Topics Collections](#)

[Teachers Guide](#) 

31 Results | sort by:

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Anatomy of a Special Topic Collection

Special Topics Teachers Guide

Use these collections as a guide while creating lesson plans, sharing the collections with colleagues, or sharing the link to a specific resource with your students.

To find the link you can share with families, students, or colleagues, click on the word LINK in the review, and the purple box will open with the link to the direct page.

Digital Storytelling Resources - TeachersFirst

LESS GRADES **K TO 12** **+ SHARE** **LINK** **1 FAVORITES** **0 COMMENTS**

This editor's choice curated list of reviewed resources focuses on digital storytelling. Engage and excite students to get writing. Many of the tools shared are device agnostic and...[less](#)

Here is the direct link to share this resource review. Feel free to copy and paste this URL into an email or place it on your web page or blog so others can read this TeachersFirst review:

CLOSE LINK

Getting the Most out of a Collection

Let's look at an example. Perhaps you are going to share the Free Image Resources collection with students when looking for images to use with a project. You'd click on the link and share it as described above.

Free Image Resources - TeachersFirst

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This curated list of resources provides free image tools. As educators, it is important for us to set good examples of digital citizenship. Image usage is a perfect time to ...[more](#)

TEACHERSFIRST EXCLUSIVE

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Special Topics Collections:

- Navigating to collections
- Sorting Topics
- Tags

Anatomy of The Edge

813 Results | sort by: Most Recent First ▾

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Free Comic Strip Maker - Adobe Express

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Easily design and share comic strips using one of the many templates available from Adobe Express. Select any shared templates on the home page to begin, or sign in to ...[more](#)


Witeboard - Slack

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Witeboard is a free and simple-to-use online whiteboard. Begin using the whiteboard without registration; click and draw! Then, use the tools at the bottom of the screen to change colors, ...[more](#)

Geckersoft PDF Converter Online - Geckersoft

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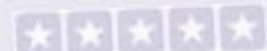


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Concept Maps/Mind Maps
Curating
Data Visualization
Digital Annotation

Digital Design
Digital Storytelling
Drawing
File Converters
Game-Based Learning
Geo/Mapping
Images/Photos
Organization
Presentations
Research
Stickies/Walls
Study Aid Creator
Timelines


Video
Virtual Reality
Web Page Makers
Whiteboards
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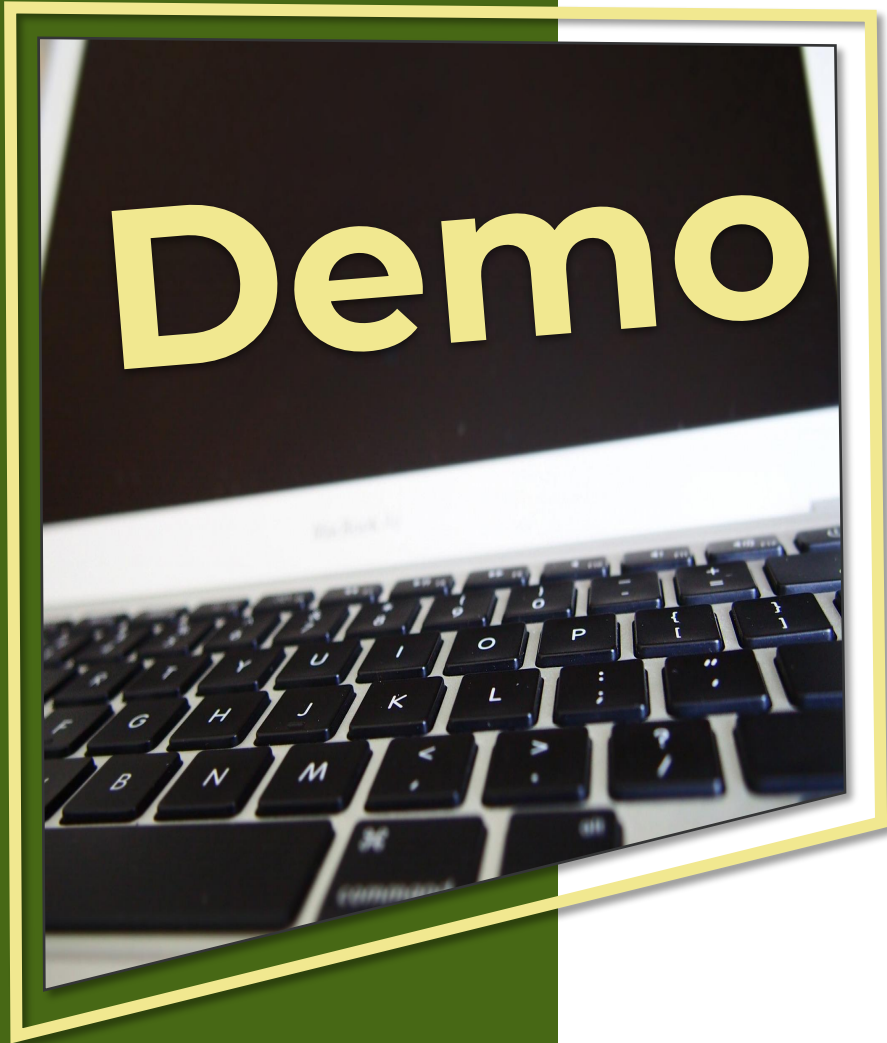
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- Navigating to The Edge
- Exploring topics
- Edge Features

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OK2Ask

Live 90-minute,
hands-on, virtual
workshops



Twitter Chats

Twice a month on
latest tech tools and
education topics



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OUR CHAT TOPIC

DIFFERENTIATING INSTRUCTION
FOR ALL LEARNING



Book Studies

Twice a year in the
winter and summer.



TeachersFirst Blog
provides short,
informative Edtech
articles

**Professional
Learning Resources**
Step-by-step, time
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