

IDEAcon 2025



Edtech Coaching **Reimagined with** **TeachersFirst**

Monday, February 17
10:45 - 11:45 AM (Schaumburg H)

Tuesday, February 18
9:30 - 10:30 AM (Epiphany)

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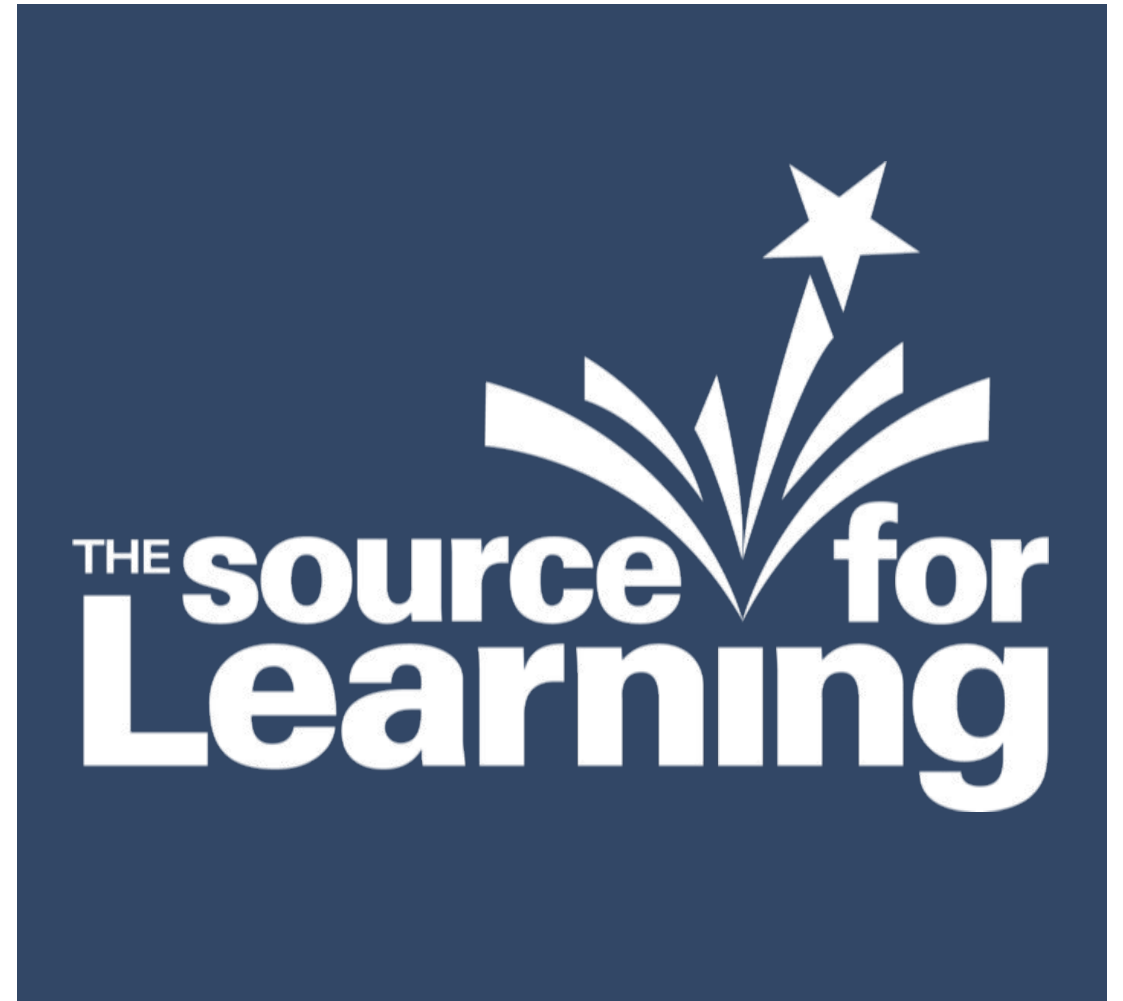
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Resources for Today's Session

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.



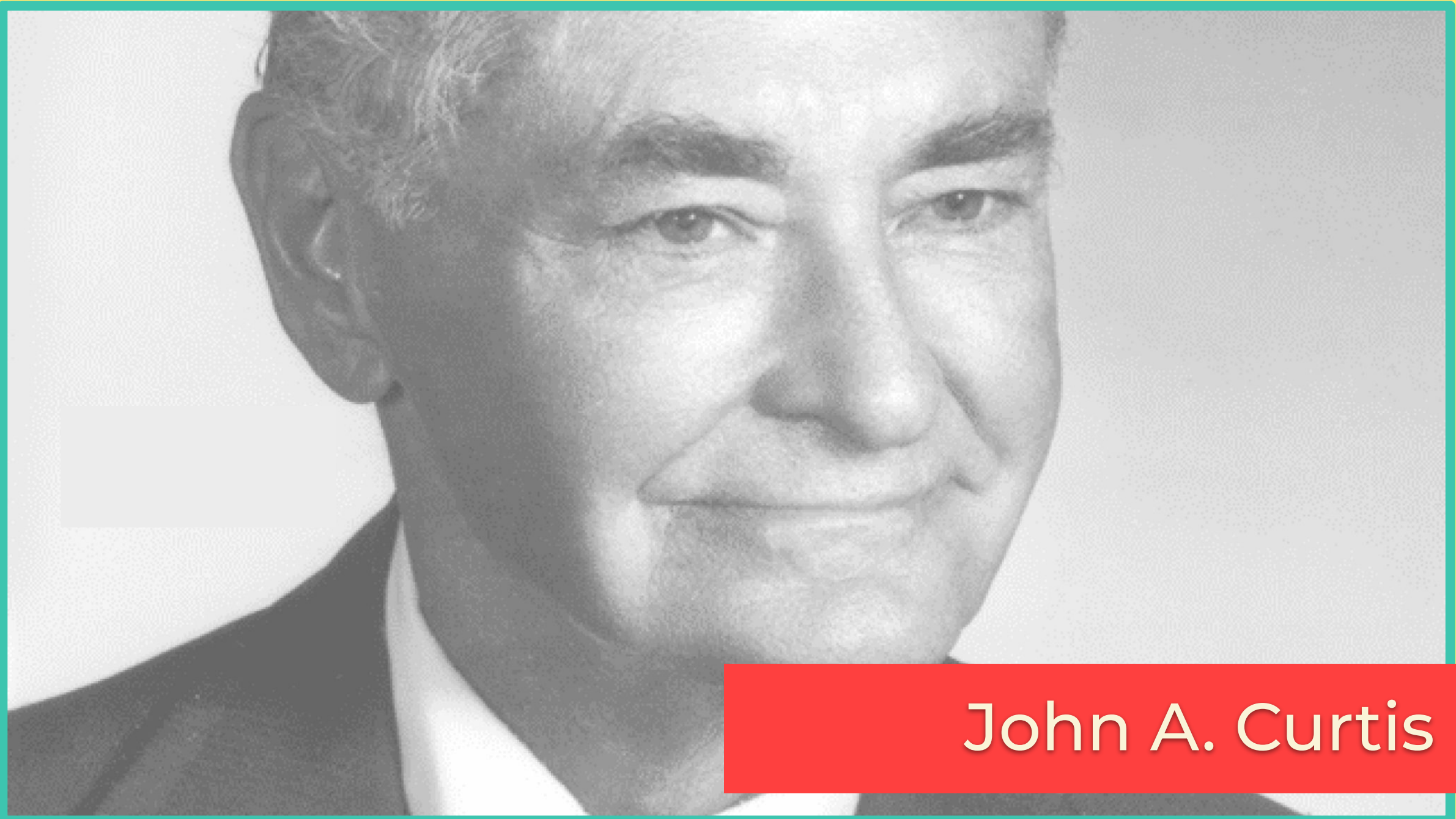
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POLL



**What's the
catch?**





John A. Curtis

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...create and deliver high-quality, technology-based content and services that enhance learning for all children, and to *empower teachers*, child care providers, and parents to support that learning.

The Source For Learning Mission

**How do you
find resources
to share with
educators?**





In a Nutshell



WEB DIRECTORY

Web-based resources reviewed by educators. Listing gives a synopsis of the resources and shares lesson plan stems. Our hope is to save you time and help you determine if the resource is a fit for your classroom.



CLASSROOM RESOURCES

We create a number of original pieces of content that include our Reading Treks, the “Help” series, social learning platforms, and planners to help educators find resources for all kinds of lessons.



TECH TOOLS LISTING

Discover tools you and your students can use to create images, timelines, whiteboards, mind maps, and more. Learn how the TeachersFirst Edge collection is organized so you can find a tool that fits your needs.



Anatomy of a TeachersFirst Review

- Review by a teacher
- Lesson plan stems
- Edge features
- Commenting

SEARCHABLE DATABASE

The database includes:

- 196 On-Demand Web Workshops
- 200+ Exclusive Instructional Support Resources
- 830 Tech Tool Reviews
- 12,000+ Web-Based Resource Reviews

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WOW!





Demo

Curated Resources

- [Curated Topical Collections](#)
- [Weekly Update](#)
- [Featured Sites](#)
- [AI Handout](#)

COACHING

ISTE Standard 4.3 challenges coaches to establish productive relationships and to collaborate with educators. there are a few ways to do that: sharing relevant resources, helping educators evaluate web based content and tool, and helping them to plan effective use of technology.

Special Topic Collections

Share these with a teacher who wants to drive their own research about a topic or with an educator who wants to find the just-right resource.

Weekly Update

Subscribe to get a weekly list of items to check out. Share resources of interest to teachers who might be interested in checking out something new.

ALL TECH COMFORT LEVELS

Edge Tools

These free tools are categorized and can be used for student projects or to create learning objects. Share with educators looking for something like that specific paid tool.

Featured Sites

These topical lists are based on the weekly update with a few extras added. Educators interested in the topic might appreciate a link to those not included in the weekly email.



Instructional Support Materials

- [Help! Series](#)
- [Reading Treks](#)
- [Planning Calendar](#)
- [Connection Events](#)

COACHING

Cultivating coaching relationships (ISTE Standards 4.3.a) requires that you strike the right balance especially with those who are new to the profession, school, or those who may be struggling. Here are some resources you can share to help start a foundation.

Planning Calendar

Help teachers look ahead and plan for cultural and instructional celebrations, as well as holidays.

Connection Events

Help educators discover extension activities for their classrooms and clubs.

LIGHT
TECH
USERS

Reading Treks

Give a teacher the materials to turn a book into a field trip. These units allow students to build background knowledge as they read.

Help! Series

Introduce another coach! Our virtual librarian has prepared a few ideas on how to introduce or extend a topic in this series of articles.



How do you create personalized learning paths that support teacher growth?

COACHING

Our professional learning tools can help you work with teachers to build capacity. Using our materials as a part of your practice means that you can spend more time guiding and reflecting with your teachers.

Professional Learning Units

Use these one hour units to introduce some basics. When finished, you can help the teacher determine how to add the strategy to their practice.

Blog Posts

Share blog posts that address strategies that you might not have experience with. Then work together to plan the lesson.

Supporting Teacher Growth

Book Groups

Got a teacher in need of community? Help them begin building a PLN by adding a book group to their learning plan.

OK2Ask Web Workshops

Use live or on-demand sessions to teach the basics. Afterwards you can work with the teacher to plan and execute a lesson using the strategy.



Professional Learning

- [OK2Ask](#)
- [PLUs](#)
- [Book Groups](#)
- [Learning Log](#)
- [Blog](#)

Try it Out

- Think of an educator you're working with.
- Find a resource to help them.
- Send a note to self with the link.





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