

Script for 50 Apps in 50 Minutes

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Animoto: This website will allow you to take pictures and make a slide show set to music. It is free but the videos are limited to 30 seconds. There is a pro version available for a minimum of 50 students for \$1 per student. All ages

Audacity: This is a recording program. You can download it to your computer, record your own audio and save it as an mp3 and then your students can play it on their own devices. All ages

Bitstrips: This app makes an avatar of you and allows you to make comic strips. You might have seen them on Facebook. Middle and High School

Blabberize: This app takes your words and has an animal say those words. It is really fun. All ages

Bubbl.us: This is a webbing app which is great for brainstorming and planning papers. All ages

Chartle: This app allows you to create charts. It has a very short video if you want to watch it. All ages

ClassFlow: This app allows the teacher to send slides directly to student devices. It allows for quizzes to be sent as well. All ages.

ClassTools: This app allows you to turn any bit of text into a book. Elementary

Critical Thinking Puzzles: This is a blog that posts a critical thinking question every day. The answers are found in the comments. Secondary

Diigo: This is a bookmark storage tool. But my favorite part of this app is that you can join groups and you are sent an email when other people bookmark. To choose a group, you click on my groups at the top and search for groups. Education is one my favorites. Teachers

Doodle: When you need to have a meeting—you can use Doodle to schedule it. You begin by selecting times when you are available and everyone else picks the times they are available. Voilà—your meeting is set. Teachers

Dropbox: The easiest cloud storage. 2-5 GB are free. One Drive and Google Drive are two other cloud storage sites.... But Dropbox is easiest. You can share your files with others. Teachers

Dropittome: This site allows you to send large files to others. Teachers

Edmodo: This is a learning management system that is free and has unlimited storage. It allows you to communicate with your students and give them quizzes. It looks similar to Facebook. Grade 3 and up

eduClipper: I love this site. It is Pinterest—but just includes education items. Teachers

eQuizzer: Allows teachers or students to make and take online quizzes. Teachers

Evernote: A note-taking program that will sync between all devices. It has many uses—taking notes, recording while you take notes. Teachers

Fur.ly: You can put in multiple URLs and the software will combine them into one URL so students can go from one to the other without changing URLs. Teachers

Glogster: There is a free version or a free 7-day trial to the paid version. This app allows you to take pictures and text and make them into a poster. Grades 3-12

Internet 4 Classrooms: This site is a cornucopia of websites that will help you with anything that you are teaching. Teachers

Linoit: This site allows you to make a bulletin board of post-it notes and pictures. It syncs across devices. It is great for a to-do list. Teachers

LiveBinders: This site is great for making an e-portfolio or finding activities. You can add pdfs of notes or websites into a folder. You can search for other people's live binders or make your own. Grades 3-12

Mr. Nussbaum: This site has games for all subjects in grades 2-6.

Nearpod: This app allows teachers to control the computers in the classroom. The teacher can add PowerPoints to Nearpod and send the students to specific websites. If the students leave the program, the teacher is notified. Teachers

Nozbe: A free to-do list. It does sync across devices. It allows you to schedule tasks for projects as well as just one-time tasks. Teachers

Padlet: You can make a virtual wall and the students can write comments that can be moved around. Teachers

PDF to Word converter: Upload a pdf file and this site will convert it to Word so that you can type on it. It does not do graphics very well. Teachers

Phet Online Simulations: Online simulations for Math and Science. Grades 7-12

Poll Everywhere: This is a free polling device. It works with phones or computers. The poll can be added to a PowerPoint and the answers show up in the next slide. Free for up to 50 people to respond to the poll. Teachers

Prezi: This is a PowerPoint alternative. Use one big canvas to insert your pictures and words and then insert a path for your presentation. There are great tutorials. Grades 3-12

Printable Puzzles: When you need a puzzle, word search, etc., this is the place to go. Teachers

QR Stuff: The perfect place to print QR codes for all your projects. All ages

Quizlet: A great place to make flash cards to use for study. Both students and teachers love this site. All grades

Remind: This site allows teachers to send text messages to students and/or parents with reminders about tests, papers that need to be returned, etc. All Grades

Shmoop: Some of this site is free but there is a cost for the Test Prep sections. This site has lessons for all different subjects. It is somewhat like Cliff Notes and contains lots of novels, Grades 7-12.

Slideshare: All sorts of PowerPoint presentations are free to view. If you sign up, they will send you the PowerPoints of the week. All grades

Socrative: Give a test or an exit ticket by using this site. It also has races that can be a really fun sponge activity. It requires a smartphone or tablet or computer. Grades 3-12

Storybird: Write or read a story that is written by others. The site has the pictures and the students provide the words. Grades K-4

Study Stacks: Put your study guides in Study Stacks and your students are offered 14 different games including that information. You can also use ready-made flash cards. Grades 3-12

SumoPaint: Students can draw or edit pictures. It has many features similar to Photoshop. Grades K up

Survey Monkey: Surveys with 10 questions or less for free. Charts are available with the data. It's really easy to set up. All ages

Super Teacher Tools: Want to play Jeopardy, draw a random name from a hat? All of these items as well as many more are available in Super Teachers Tools! Teachers of all grades

Ted Talks: Great short speeches about current topics ranging from "How to tie your shoes" to educational policy. All ages

TimeToast: Do you need a timeline? Timetoast makes them quickly and easily. You can also look at other people's timelines. Grade 3-12

Today's Meet: This is a great way to have a back channel. Students can write questions or comments about the topic while you are teaching. Grades 5-12

ToonDoo: A great way to make cartoons. Students can load different backgrounds and characters and add word bubbles. Grades K-6

Virtual Manipulatives: Math manipulatives for all ages grouped by subject and grade level. All grades

Voki: A great way to make your own avatar. You can choose your own features and you can even record your own voice. Teachers

Weebly: Easy website-creation tool. It is drag and drop and best of all—FREE. All ages

Wikispaces: A wiki is a website but others (whom you approve) can edit it. It is a great way to collaborate with others. Teachers can also see who wrote what to know if one person is doing all the work. Grades 3-12

Wordle: Take any speech and put it in Wordle and a visual depiction of the most frequently used words will appear with the most important words largest. Students can also use this with their writing. Grades 3-12

Wordpress: A great way to make a blog. Teachers can write a blog post and students can respond. Grades 3-12