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Web Essentials

ENGAGING APPLICATIONS FOR HUNTER CENTRAL COAST CLASSROOMS



Creating a chart using ChartGizmo

Visit our **Laptop Support COW**



The Laptop Support COW is one of the Hunter Central Coast Regional COWs (Collaborative Online Workspaces).

Access

Access the COWs via the link on the HCC Regional Intranet:

https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/reg

ions/hunter_ccoast/

Login with your DET portal username with the suffix @det

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Creating a Poster ('glog') using Glogster

What is 'Glogster EDU'?

'Glogster EDU' is a web-based application designed to create a 'glog', or 'interactive poster' from a variety of multimedia elements such as text, images, audio, video, graphics, drawings and data using a 'drag and drop' interface. You can share your 'glogs' with other people via email, through social media such as Twitter or Facebook or you can embed your 'glog' into your website, blog or moodle. Glogster EDU is unblocked for all students K-12.

What does a 'Glogster EDU' glog look like?





Above: Examples of glogs created in 'Glogster EDU'

Where can I find Glogster EDU?

'Glogster EDU' is located at the following URL: http://edu.glogster.com/

What does Glogster EDU cost?

Nothing. A basic single teacher licence with Glogster EDU covers up to 50 students and is free. You can choose to upgrade for additional program features. A premium single teacher license covers up to 200 students at a cost of \$99/year and a premium school multilicense covers an unlimited number of students at a cost of \$2/student per year.

Do I need a Glogster EDU account?

Yes. You can create a free Glogster EDU account that will allow you and up to 50 of your students to create your own glogs.

How does Glogster EDU work?

After you create a Glogster EDU account you can create a 'glog' in five easy steps: ★ GRAPHICS

A TEXT

IMAGE

VIDEO

€ SOUND

■ DATA

/ DRAW

WALL

- Click on the CREATE NEW GLOG button and give your glog a name
- Choose from the categories on the floating tool menu by clicking on a category to open up its built in content and/or options (NB: DATA and **DRAW** are premium options)

3. Click and drag items from the galleries onto your glog and arrange them as you choose (or click on them to

select them and then click on

USE IT!

4. Click on the PREVIEW button to see how your glog will look to others

5. Once you are happy with your glog click on the ✓ SAVE OR PUBLISH button, complete the name, category and tag details and you're done!

Can I personalise my Glogster EDU glog?

Yes. You have some options that allow you to personalise your glog including importing your own photos, video and audio into your glog by using the following tool bar options:



How do I share my Glogster EDU glog?

There are a few ways you can share your Glogster EDU glog with others:

- Share it on a social networking site such as Facebook, MySpace or Twitter.
- Email your glog to a friend.
- Embed your glog in a blog, website, Moodle, etc. using the embed code.
- Use the link to link to your glog from anywhere.

How can I integrate Glogster EDU into my teaching program?

There are endless opportunities for the relevant integration of Glogster EDU into your teaching program, particularly considering it is a self-contained tool that allows students a wide scope for individual creativity. Here are three ideas that you might like to try using Glogster EDU for in your classroom:

Presenting research

Create a glog based on individual or group research conducted on a specific topic (historical event, environmental issue, significant figure, etc.) including animations, audio and/or video.

2. Outlining a process or procedure

Explain a specific process or procedure (e.g. the water cycle, phases of the moon, how to create a podcast, etc.) using a combination of images, text and clip art.

Sending a social message

Design an eye-catching, interactive poster to communicate an important social message to young people (e.g. saying 'no' to drugs, how to stay 'cybersafe', maintaining a healthy body image, etc).

Check out the 'Categories' section for more ideas!