Technology in Action Guide

Copyright Fair Use Media Resources

Definition

Students living in a digital culture can access information instantly, rework media and share the creations globally. This can lead them to use online material without thinking about where it comes from or who owns it. When something is posted online for the world to see, someone, somewhere created that picture, song, or video. It belongs to that person. As digital creators our students need to take responsibility and understand that "copy and paste" without citing the source would be plagiarism. Downloading videos/music would be piracy. In order to facilitate our students to become digital citizens and innovative designers we need to provide resources that are copyright free and follow fair use guidelines. For more info on Copyright for students see Common Sense Media's classroom lessons: http://bit.ly/2vkcbw0

Video and Photo Content

Next Vista for Learning provides a library of free videos made by and for teachers and students everywhere. All content is licensed under Creative Commons Attribution. There are over 1800 videos on the website. They also have a large collection of career videos to help middle and high school students better understand and connect to their future possibilities. Math in the pharmacy is one example of algebra in the real world. http://www.nextvista.org/

WatchKnowLearn is a video platform that has educational videos curated not only by the website developers, but users can also upload videos. Categories range from standard subjects such as ELA, math to fine art, PE, crafts, foreign language, life skills, etc. They have a great selection of Careers and Community Jobs for early elementary classes such as Fireman, Police, and Postal worker. Educators can create accounts and save videos to a playlist so they are ready when needed in the classroom. http://www.watchknowlearn.org/

Pixabay has over 1.3 million images and videos all with a creative commons license for free use. The quality of the photos and videos are excellent. Videos can be used as backgrounds in user created movies for an added touch. The platform does a "safe search" when searching as a default. No login is required to save the files to any location. Users can select the "size" of the file to download and preview what the adjusted size would look like. https://pixabay.com/

Photos for Class allows photos and clipart safe search that returns images that are appropriate for schools by using filters. **recently added videos*** Downloaded images automatically cite the author and the image license terms. All photos shown are, to the best of their (and Flickr's) knowledge, licensed by Creative Commons for public use. No registration necessary to search and download photos. http://www.photosforclass.com/
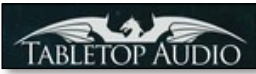
Unsplash - Photos for everyone - All photos published on Unsplash can be used for free. You can use them for commercial and noncommercial purposes. You do not need to ask permission from or provide credit to the photographer or Unsplash, although it is appreciated when possible. There is only a small filter system in place, no strong inappropriate photos, but use with caution for younger grades. No account is needed to search, but can be created to save photos. The website also includes a Google Slides add-on that can be added to Google Slides and used while in "Slides". https://unsplash.com/

My Cute Graphics provide free clip art for printing, lessons and projects. Creative Commons license for personal or educational use. Clip art is available in over 20 categories. The platform also has backgrounds from shapes to themes. Graphics are in both color or B/W coloring book styles. Graphics of children are "cute" and cartoon styled. No login required, simply select the choice and then right-click to "save as". https://www.mycutegraphics.com/

Stockio has creative commons and public domain photos, vector graphics, icons, videos and fonts available for download. When searching for one of these you may need to try different words to get what you may want. Once selected there will be a "download" button with the usage rights written next to the photo. No login is required, but can be created to keep a users collections. *(The website terms state not designed for students under 13 years.)* https://www.stockio.com/

Pick Wizard includes creative Commons and public domain photos that can be searched for by keywords or a theme for further choices. There is a small filtering systems in place so some photos may not be appropriate for younger grades, but none are offensive. No account is needed to use this platform. https://pikwizard.com/

Reshot is a platform that selects the photos that are housed within it's platform so they do filter content and do not allow inappropriate items. When users search for photo there is an "extra" selection of photos at the bottom of the screen that are housed on a PAID site so selecting them will take users to another platform. https://www.reshot.com/

Music and Sound Content

Tabletop Audio has a wide variety of 10 minute ambiances and music for game and story creations. Looking for a car chase, spooky sounds, fantasy or any number of genres they can be found here. Free to download and use based on the website having everything with a creative commons license. No account is needed to download music or sounds. https://tabletopaudio.com/

CC Mixter (Creative Commons Mixter) is a music website for downloadable music for all background music needs. Musicians upload to this website with complete creative commons share-a-like license release. Instrumental and vocal music is searchable and can be previewed prior to download. *Lower grade levels may need more guidance or teachers can download selections for students to work with since previewing lyrics should be done prior to some ages listening independently.* http://ccmixter.org/

Freesound aims to create a huge collaborative database of audio snippets, samples, recordings, bleeps, ... released under Creative Commons licenses that allow their reuse. Freesound provides new and interesting ways of accessing these samples, allowing users to: browse the sounds in new ways using keywords, a "sounds-like" type of browsing and more upload and download sounds to and from the database, under the same creative commons license. *Students can have accounts and search results will note if the sounds or songs have "explicit" content, so caution is advised.* Educators can of course create an account and download an entire library of sounds to host on a thumb drive or Google drive for students to select from without the need to go online themselves. Easy platform to preview the sound prior to download and simple download. https://www.freesound.org/

BBC Sound Effects hosts over 16,000 sound effects that are made available under the RemArc License. (England's CC) Website is simple to navigate, preview and download resources. There are categories to assist in searching and you can try keywords as well. Each resource shown in a search or just scrolling does have an accurate description to help you decide if it is right for the project. Remember it is from England so if you want movie sounds search for CINE. http://bbcsfx.acropolis.org.uk/

Jam Studio is a full music creation platform where students can build songs and background music online and save to use within any production or presentation. Educators can request an all access pass for a free account. This takes some emailing, but can be done. Users must be 13 yrs or older to have an account. The basic free account (not the one educators can request) is limited, but available. Educators, click on the "in classroom" button and follow the instructions to request a Grant. (Many are accepted.) http://www.jamstudio.com/Studio/indexStudio.htm

Classic Cat Music Catalog has 6000 music performances available for download. Choose a composer, then the piece you would like to download, and then the file icon. Be cautious there are many ads on the website. (Nothing inappropriate, just flashy.) No login required. http://www.classiccat.net/

SoundGator has sound effects in many categories. Users do need an account to download the files. (There are a few advertising "buttons" on the pages, so caution when clicking.) Some categories include sports, money, nature, phone, multimedia, animal, bell, beep, fire, household and musical. http://www.soundgator.com/

FreePlay music has over 50,000 songs that can be used for free within educational settings. (Uploading the YouTube requires a different license, however still free.) Users can search by category, genre, and mood. Using the music for any revenue generating production or off—campus use requires a business license. Currently that is $25/year for educators. https://freeplaymusic.com/index.aspx#/

Musopen has music by many composers and also includes the sheet music if users want to download. When using the site users can filter by All, Recordings or Sheet music. The search can also be done by instrument, so looking for a tuba piece. No problem. https://musopen.org/music/

Even MORE Resources

To find more resources and the latest up-to-date technology to support technology integration, please visit www.ilclassroomtech.weebly.com.

Resources available include:

◊ Assessment tools
◊ Audio/video tools
◊ Content area support
◊ Digital portfolios
◊ Computer science
◊ Learning management systems
◊ Mobile apps
◊ Research tools
◊ Social Emotional Learning
◊ Technology terms

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