Have an Awesome Summer Break!

Voki (Avatars) in the Classroom

Voki's are animated avatars that can be given a voice using a variety of methods. Voki characters can be made to speak by recording a voice, typing or pasting text, calling in a recording or uploading a recording.

Voki's are great classroom attention getters because they let you and your students speak using different personas.

Creating a Voki is pretty straight-forward, but this YouTube video gives step-by-step directions.

http://safeshare.tv/v/ss57210d0ca58dd

Here are a few ways to use Voki in the classroom.

- Student Book Talk or Report

- Assignment Announcements in an LMS

- Reading Dialog or a script about a curriculum topic

- English as a Second Language or Foreign Language vocabulary or conversation topics.

- Reports about current or historical events

- Developing Characters In Stories And Books from the characters point of view

These ideas above were modified from the article "20 Ways to Use Avatars in the Classroom" Check out the article for expanded information.

http://www.techlearning.com/default.aspx?tabid=100&entryid=624

Voki is free, but there is an educational subscription available for a fee.

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https://www.youtube.com/user/bkbfwisd

Website Spotlight

The Voki Blog - https://blog.voki.com/

One of the things I often do during the summer is browse through educational blogs. Many of the blogs have great classroom tips, but sometimes they will share personal information. That is how the Voki blog is. It has information about using Voki in the classroom, but it also has cupcake recipes. Variety is the Spice of Life! Find more of my favorite blogs here:

http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=307540

Mystery QR Code

Awesome Apps

Voki Ed & Sock Puppets

Recently, last Thursday (4/28) to be exact, Voki released an free iOS app called Voki Ed. Since it is brand new, I haven't had a chance to play around with it. I did notice that you can record your voice or type text to make your Voki talk. There appears to be a lot of modification options for, faces, backgrounds, clothes, etc.

Another option it you are not going for a realistic avatar, would be Sock Puppets. The Sock Puppets app is free and creates an animated sock puppet that speaks with your recorded voice.

Credits and Resources

- Mycutegraphics.com

- Digiscrapkits.com by Trina