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Board Builder

Discovery Education's Board Builder

Board Builder is like a “modern day poster board”. Teachers love it because you have the capability of creating classes or just having your students log in and begin creating them. Students love them because they are so user friendly to use, have neat templates and are customizable to your interests and can include a great deal of content.

You can include Discovery videos, images, add text, web links or you can upload your own videos, PDF files, word documents and more. It is such a versatile and easy to use program – it is a Discovery Fan Favorite. And parents love it because students can showcase and share all of their neat work and log in at home to show their parents. The possibilities are endless for this. No more tag board, markers, white out and glue - you now have access to Board Builder!

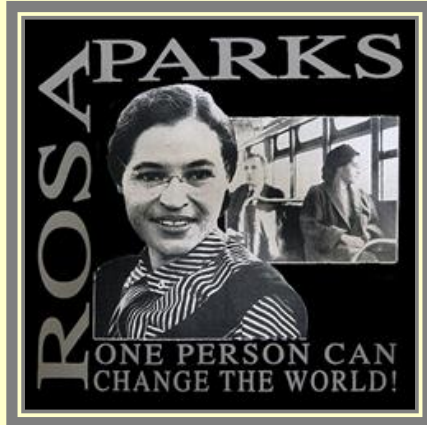
Features

- If you are familiar with GlogsterEDU, Board Builder seeks to accomplish a similar goal. If your school already subscribes to Discovery Education, it's a built-in feature available at no additional cost.
- Students can choose backgrounds, text formats, templates and color schemes.
- Students can tell their story using a variety of multimedia resources. Any Discovery Education resource can be added to the board and students can further personalize their work by linking web-based resources and uploading their own images, videos, audio and documents (lots and lots of file types are supported).
- When students share their work, it isn't visible to the class until it is approved by the teacher. One of the best parts of this feature is that there is a built-in feedback tool. This enables the teacher to leave personalized feedback for the student/student group, and it is a great way to challenge students to dig deeper before finalizing their work.
- Boards are versatile and user friendly.
- Boards are viewable on ANY device!

Board Builder Resources

[Step by Step Tutorial](#)
[50 Ways to Use Board Builder](#)
[Board Builder Webinar](#)

Rosa Parks Day



Rosa Parks Day is an American observance to honor civil rights activist Rosa Parks, Celebrated as the beginning of the end of segregation, December 1st is the anniversary of Rosa Parks' arrest for refusing to relinquish her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus and move to the back. The incident sparked a boycott of the municipal bus system that is now viewed as the beginning of the modern civil rights movement. Read all about the life of Parks, an

unlikely heroine, at Rosa Parks: Pioneer of Civil Rights. You can find the story of her involvement in the boycott at Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott. If you need a ready-made lesson on the subject to jump-start your study, Lesson 1: Riding the Bus -- Taking a Stand has everything that you are looking for! - See more at:

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson151.shtml#sthash.rxCHtpOF.dpuf

Rosa Parks: Pioneer of Civil Rights-

<http://www.achievement.org/>

Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott-

<http://www.holidays.net/mlk/rosa.htm>

Civil Rights Movement Unit-Lesson 1: Riding the Bus - Taking a Stand

<http://www.archives.state.al.us/teacher/rights/rights1.html>

Scholastic

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/rosa/sittingdown.htm>



<http://kids.usa.gov/teachers/calendar/december/index.shtml>

World Aids Day
Holidays
Donating to Charity
National Handwashing Awareness Week
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Bill of Rights Day



Center for Learning

<http://www.centerforlearning.org/t-free-resources.aspx>

Free webcasts, articles, and resources for 21st-century educators

The Center for Learning is pleased to present its new series of complimentary Online Workshops, conducted by today's leading authors and researchers. During these thought-provoking, 60-minute live webcasts, you'll hear first-hand from the most influential thought leaders as they share insights into their acclaimed classroom methodologies and instructional strategies.



<http://www.givinggetting.com/content/default.aspx?id=3>

Giving Getting is a website whose goal is to help people exchange free material gifts. The process for using Giving Getting seems straight-forward. If you're in need of something, register and request it. Giving Getting will then try to match you with a donor that has that item to give.



Today's Meet

<https://todaysmeet.com>

Today's Meet is the premier backchannel chat platform for classroom teachers and learners. The backchannel is the conversation that goes on alongside the primary activity, presentation, or discussion. Designed for teachers, Today's Meet takes great care to respect the needs and privacy of students while giving educators the tools for success.



[Common Core Cheat Sheet](#)

Keep this guide handy to refer to key acronyms, terms, anchor standards, and more - all related to the Common Core.

[Common Core Resources for Educators](#)

Use this tool to help you dig deeper into the Common Core - enjoy quick access to the best Common Core resources, articles, and more!



Craft Ideas for Kids

Too cold to go out? Stay in the house and enjoy these making crafts.

Make Your Own Jewelry

<http://goo.gl/Oua010>

The Family Tree

<http://goo.gl/7JKdmg>

Cinnamon Stick Framed Saying

<http://goo.gl/N6Do7F>

Edible FUN Dough

<http://goo.gl/AEbcTO>

Decorative Bank

<http://goo.gl/BLB67F>

Nylon Snake

<http://goo.gl/bL6zrO>

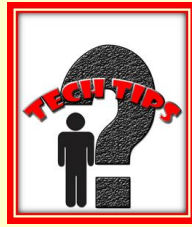


Number Line



Number Line, by the Math Learning Center
By Clarity Innovations

Number Line helps students visualize number sequences and model strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. It can be used to represent sequences of numbers, including whole numbers and multiples of a variety of numbers.



Math Input Panel

Go to the Start Menu
All Programs
Accessories

Math Input Panel, you will get a small input screen where you can write mathematical expressions by hand with a mouse, touch screen, or digitizer pen. (... and your SMARTBoard should allow this!)

Your handwriting should be converted to text and then can be inserted into a Microsoft Word document or any other program that supports Math ML.

To find out more about using Math Input Panel, you can check out this article from Microsoft: <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-CA/windows7/Use-Math-Input-Panel-to-write-and-correct-math-equations>

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