

VIRTUAL CREDIT4WVTIS

a resource site about webinars and online professional development

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Has earned 2 hours credit for the following online professional development sessions:

The 10 Tasks Challenge

Ana lives in Brazil and teaches English. Her presentation used various Web 2.0 tools to encourage her students to speak, listen, hear, and read English. To complete her 10 tasks, her students had to use email or smartphones to send her information, or they posted their assignments on Edmodo.

Some of the websites that her tasks included were <http://writecomics.com>, <http://recordr.tv>, www.stixy.com, www.pics4learning.com, <http://fotobabble.com>, <http://audioboo.fm>, <http://goanimate.com>, <http://livetyping.com>, <http://voki.com>, <http://voicethread.com>.

Ana also shared YouTube tutorials for some of the tools that were addressed in her assignments. She provided samples of students' work in the "chat" area during the conference so we could click and easily see the work.

I was amazed at the efficiency of this conference and the speed with which all of the links and websites opened. I plan to share this information with all of the language teachers at Preston High School.

Integrating Digital Tools

Tonya Gilchrist shared several free websites that she used with her students. I was familiar with a few of the websites such as Prezi and Glogster. Some of the other websites that she shared are described below.

Storybird.com is a website where students can create stories and poems and insert artwork directly from the website. Tonya shared some of her students' work and showed us how easy it was to embed the work into edmodo.

Goanimate is a website that allows students to create animated movies. Goanimate4schools.com is a part of the website that is more suited for education.

GlogsterEDU is part of Glogster that is intended for classrooms. Tonya also shared Glogpedia which is a collection of the best of glogs.

Tonya also shared some websites that had hundreds of Web 2.0 tools and interactive sites useful for teachers:

Web 2.0 Guru Phenomenal Educational Blog Teach Web 2.0

I hope I have more time in the near future to investigate some of these sites.

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