

The Epic List of Teacher Resources

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<http://www.giftedguru.com/epic-teacher-resource-list/>

Techy-ness and websites:

General:

- [Classroomscreen](#) (watch intro video below)
- [Quizizz](#)
- [Quizlet](#) Quizlet live is really engaging!
- [Quizalize](#)
- [Bloomz](#) is Remind, Signup Genius, and Class Dojo all in one
- [Bitly](#) (link shortener)
- Use [Classtools.net](#) to easily create arcade or games using your own created questions/vocab/etc.
- My GT kiddos love [Ozobots](#) (really all kids love them) and you can teach so much using them.
- [Remind](#)
- [Seesaw](#) is a great website for all subjects and it's free for all educators to sign up.
- [Yo Teach](#) (Lisa says: I was really excited to see this alternative to Today's Meet, a backchannel app, since Today's Meet went away.
- [Flapjack Education](#) – smart class website
- [ClassDojo](#) is life! It tracks behavior and gives students points. You also can invite parents to view.
- [Socrative.com](#) is a way to create quizzes that students can take on their phones that is not as glitchy as Canvas.
- Assignment builder on [BrainPop/Flocabulary](#)
- [Gimkit](#) is an awesome review tool! Allows the class to compete individually or in groups.
- Use [Schoolology](#) for video lessons and online testing and it uploads to the grading system. It's so much faster and fun!
- [Khan Academy](#)
- [Roomrecess](#)
- [Superteachertools](#)

- [Zipgrade](#) for multiple choice tests/quizzes. You can create scantrons that you can print for students and later scan with an app on your device.
- [Dreamscape](#) (VR)
- [Flipgrid](#)
- Use [Vocabulary.com](#) for vocabulary jams.
- [Education.com](#)
- [Teachers pay Teachers](#) specifically: for bilingual resources, you can go to [Bilingual Planet](#). It's the TpT for bilingual. For early Elementary – [Amy Lemon's store](#). Lisa says: I have a little [Gifted Guru store](#) there, too.
- [Plickers](#)
- [Nearpod](#) is great and interactive.
- [Padlet](#)
- [Kahoot](#)
- [Canvas](#) to grade your homework
- [Pear Deck](#)
- [Time for Kids](#)
- [Wheel Decide](#) is a great tool to random choose topic/word/student
- Make your own cube at bit.ly/rwtcube
- [Otter meeting note transcriber app](#)
- [Canva](#). I love Canva for projects! (Lisa says: Me, too! I use it all.of.the.time.)
- [Smallpdf](#) (Lisa says: This was one I shared the day before, and I love it! You can do so many things with PDFs with this free website.)
- [Go Noodle](#) for indoor recess
- [Edpuzzle](#). Use a YouTube video and add questions to it.

Math:

- [Reflex Math](#) for learning quick math facts!
- [Imagine Math](#)
- [Mathplayground](#)
- [Prodigy](#) (math game)
- [Xtramath](#)
- [Dreambox](#)
- [Mathplayground](#)
- [IXL Math](#)
- [Geogebra](#)
- [Desmos](#)
- [Graspablemath](#)

Language Arts:

- [Epicbook](#). This reading website is great. They also have some bilingual books. All grade levels. Some of them can be read to the students as well.
- Act out stories. Read more [here](#).
- [Visual Thesaurus](#)
- [Readworks](#)
- [Toontastic app](#) is a great way to teach creative writing and plotting a story.
- [Ereadingworksheets](#)
- [Newsela](#)
- [Readworks](#)
- [Storyworks magazine](#)

Science:

- [Phet simulations](#)
- [STEMscopes](#)

Social Studies

- [CNN10](#)
- [National Geographic](#) for free political and physical maps for geography

Google Specific:

- [Google classroom](#)
- Google forms used as a quiz
- Google Slides for visual lesson planning
- Google drive for turning in papers
- Put the apps on your phone: Google docs and Drive, calendar, email
- Use Google Slides to take notes!
- Google forms pre-filled = attendance tracking
- Use [Flippity](#) to turn Google Sheets into really cool stuff

Lisa says: Learn about Google in your classroom at [ShakeupLearning](#). There's even a podcast!

Non-tech ideas & General

- Highlight grading keeps student focus on content and not grade. Learn about that strategy [here](#).
- QR Codes (Lisa says: Grab ideas [here](#)!)
- Make them write it before they can say it out loud
- Matching cards for vocabulary.
- Consistency in all procedures (setup, warmup, transitions, wind down, exit tickets). Students, like adults, are uncomfortable with constant change and the unknown.
- Score assignments with students
- Escape rooms
- Try the [Wagon Wheel](#) strategy for Socratic seminars
- Plan ahead!
- There are tons of SMART document resources that you can download. I have downloaded and use interactive fraction bars before.
- Date stamp for grading daily work; – no stamp, no grade
- Use printed sticky notes for graphs
- Start your year building relationships and building trust with your students to begin your classroom management!
- Enjoy what you do!
- Have fun and enjoy!
- Project-based lessons
- Gamification
- Specific feedback when grading helps the learner differentiate their learning as they work through the challenges.
- Write, read to partner, repeat.
- Lab group jobs
- Whisper all the time, all day long.
- I have a turn in, pick up, and needs more time bin for each class period. When students don't finish an assignment, they put it in "needs more time" so they don't lose it.
- Have fun!
- Daily warm-ups help get kids settled quickly and on task
- [Sticks of fate strategy](#)
- Classroom jobs
- I teach high schoolers who cheat, so I give all answers to the homework. The cheaters never pass the tests.
- Get to KNOW your students.
- Have students make memes as an assignment. They have to understand the material to make a joke about it AND they are fun to grade.
- Use a document camera to record yourself reviewing student essays and upload the video to Canvas/your district's online platform

- [Wireless doorbell](#) to regroup students <https://www.peergrade.io>
- Smile often and greet others when going throughout your campus.
- Toothbrush holder for student pencils
- Relational capacity is everything (level of trust and safety) read more [here](#).
- Always have snacks!
- A sense of humor
- Always input grades as soon as possible to avoid student and parent concern for current grade in any class.
- Have students peer grade essays, then talk about what they found with the writer. It gives them more practice with less essay grading for you. (Lisa's tip: Peergrade.io)
- I work with EL students, therefore singing really helps them to learn new vocabulary, use it, and remember it!
- Independent reading daily
- Use formative assessments to constantly provide feedback to help students aim for their learning target
- Goodwill is a great place for buying books for your classroom library. Discount for teachers on Wednesday!
- Half price Books will give teachers boxes of free books. Check the website and go to the [donation form](#).
- Video taping self-reading, word study, spelling rules
- Grade while the activity is going on during class time