

Making Thinking Visible - We've Got an App for That!

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Adobe Spark Video (formerly Adobe Voice)

What it is: Adobe Spark Video is a free iPad and iPhone app that helps you create stunning animated videos in minutes. No filming — just talk to tell your story, one line at a time. Voice will make you sound amazing.

How it connects with PBS: Adobe Spark Video is easy to use for students and teachers alike, helping build **high levels of engagement**. Adobe Spark Video can be used for all of the core areas to make lessons **address difficulty in academic task and to ensure academic success**. It can help teachers make all lessons **culturally relevant** and offer students choice in creativity and storytelling. It is excellent as a means of expression for ESL children. Teachers can use Adobe Spark Video as a means of **extending works** previously presented such as a **reteaching of a classroom procedure**. It has publishing capabilities to **engage families**.

Details: This is a free app found in the iTunes store. You will need iOS 7 and an iPad 2 or later.

How to use: <https://spark.adobe.com/about/video>

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2152585/adobe-voice-captures-some-of-apples-magic-in-its-video-storytelling-software.html>

Resources/templates: The Adobe Education Exchange has lesson plans and templates for Adobe Spark Video. <https://edex.adobe.com/> Login with your Adobe account.

Here's a great cheat sheet:

http://library.semo.edu/sites/default/files/kl-hmgmc_adobe-voicce-cheatsheet.pdf

Examples: <https://youtu.be/s3TG9yU7WZA>

<http://blogs.neisd.net/teichh/2014/06/01/5th-grade-considers-the-big-idea-of-gt/>

iMovie

What it is: iMovie is a dynamic app that allows your students to have a powerful movie studio on their device. Students can easily create projects that can be saved to the camera roll, or share & publish their productions! The movie trailer option is the best feature to use when you are getting started. Students are able to follow a design template to create a Hollywood-style movie trailer.

How it connects with PBS: iMovie provides teachers with a way to incorporate technology and learning to provide high levels of **active engagement** for students. When using **project based learning**, teachers have the opportunity to give **students voice** to activate their learning. It provides an excellent way to offer choice to students, provide them with **multiple opportunities to respond** and enable **task difficulty** so all students are on an equal playing field. iMovie provides the teacher with a visual assessment of student skills as well as a way to publish student work. This allows for increased **positive specific feedback** from **family and community**.

Details: iMovie is an iPad app found in the iTunes Store (\$4.99). iPads purchased after September 1, 2013 and running iOS 7 or later are able to download iMovie at no cost. New iPads will have iMovie installed.

How to use: <http://iosguides.net/create-trailer-imovie-ipad-iphone-part-1/>
<http://iosguides.net/create-trailer-imovie-ipad-iphone-part-2/>

Resources/templates:

<http://learninginhand.com/blog/2014/8/6/plan-a-better-imovie-trailer-with-these-pdfs>
<https://bhshelpdesk.com/2014/05/28/keep-students-engaged-try-imovie/>
<http://www.appsinclass.com/imovie.html>

Examples:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMFA_Ke8IY2wo64oDdyyljMPrc_m3hBaf
<http://www.schooltube.com/search/?term=iam+ladue>

Explain Everything Classic

What it is? Explain Everything Classic is an easy-to-use design, screencasting, and interactive whiteboard tool that lets you annotate, animate, narrate, import, and export almost anything to and from almost anywhere. Create slides, draw in any color, add shapes, add text, and use a laser pointer.

How it connects with PBS: Explain Everything Classic will help teachers and students transform simple projects into an informative and **engaging** experience. It allows students to **create, collaborate and communicate** ideas to others in a video format easy for all age levels. Being much like an interactive whiteboard, Explain Everything is great for teachers to use in giving **positive specific feedback** and **attention to student work**. It allows for all academic levels to use so **level of difficulty is addressed**. It also gives **students choice and creativity** allowing for **high levels of engagement**.

Details: Found in iTunes for \$5.99. You will need iOS 8 or later.

<https://itunes.apple.com/en/app/explain-everything-interactive/id431493086>

How to use: Free eBook- How to use Explain Everything:

<https://itunes.apple.com/book/explain-everything/id591601596?mt=11>

Resources/templates:

Free eBook of lesson ideas

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/explain-everything-lesson/id939801330?mt=11>

Examples:

<https://sites.google.com/a/millburn.org/teach-learn-tech/home/flipped-classroom-tools/explain-everything>

<http://www.mrswideen.com/2013/03/using-explain-everything-in-primary.html>

<https://iteachwithipads.net/tag/explain-everything/>

Ideas for using Spark Video, iMovie, and Explain Everything

- Assessment
- Book Trailer
- Create a campfire story...have students sit in a circle, have each one record their piece to the story and pass to the next person.
- Create a dictionary (vocabulary, grammar or script)
- Cultural diversity - student share their background
- Descriptive language practice
- Digital Storytelling
- Document a series of steps
- Flashcards - create a deck focused on a specific genre and share link with peers
- Journal of field trip
- Portfolio Show
- Publishing for communication with families
- Presentation for student-led conference
- Self Introductions
- Six word stories
- Social stories