Apps for Student Learning

Apps, Apps, Apps! There are so many apps available, how do you know which one is the right one for your class? The following two charts provide an overview of a few commonly used apps for creating digital stories, presentations, videos, or storyboarding an idea. Depending on your goals, you may need an app that allows you to create content for your students. However, you may decide that you want your students to construct their own knowledge on a particular topic and one of these apps might best fit your goals.

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Story Creation Apps: Chart Comparison

Features	Creative Book Builder	StoryCreator	Storyrobe
What is it?	Create, edit and publish eBooks or an audio book.	Create story books with photos, video, text and audio	Create story books with photos and audio
Cost	$3.99	Free	$0.99
iOS/Android	iOS & Android	iOS	iOS
Text, Annotation, Shapes?	Add titles and paragraphs of text, media files, charts, tables, quiz, drawings, html text and much more.	• Supports text highlights • You can add text at the bottom of each page. Text should not be long in length. Drawing in 4 colors only.	No
Recording Audio	Yes	Yes	Yes
Import capability	Add photos, videos, audio recording, music and links. Import pdfs as images. Works with Dropbox, Google Drive, Quizlet, Flickr and a few others.	Add your own photos or videos from your photo album, camera, Dropbox, Flickr, Picasa or Facebook	Add your own photos from your photo album or camera
Account required	No	Yes, to share your stories you can login via Facebook or create a new account	No
Sharing capabilities	Export: • Email book • Export to pdf • Upload to Dropbox, Google Drive • Transfer book to iTunes	Send through: • Email. Friends need to download the app to view the story	Saves as an .mp4 file. Export: • Email • YouTube • Camera roll • Storyrobe with other users

Video Presentation/Interactive Whiteboard/Recording Apps: Chart Comparison

Features	Doceri	Doodlecast Pro	EduCreations	Explain Everything	ScreenChomp
What is it?	Interactive whiteboard, screencasting and remote computer control	Video recording tool	Recordable whiteboard	Screencasting and interactive whiteboard tool. Includes a laser pointer	Video recording tool
Cost	Free. Doceri Desktop $30 (CTL has a few licenses for classrooms)	$4.99	Free	$2.99	Free
Device	iOS	iOS	iOS	iOS & Android	iOS
Whiteboard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Text, Annotation, Shapes?	Annotate over your presentation, add a whiteboard page. All drawings, photos, objects can be cut, pasted, or resized at any time.	Yes. You can annotate on the whiteboard or annotate over a photo, charts or graphs.	Yes. You can add text to any slide, annotate on the whiteboard, or annotate over a photo, charts or graphs.	Yes. You can add text to any slide, annotate on the whiteboard and add shapes and lines. You can also scale, rotate, copy, paste and move any object.	Yes. You can annotate on the whiteboard or annotate over a background image.
Recording Audio	Yes	Yes, record your voice as you annotate	Yes, record your voice as you annotate	Yes	Yes, record your voice as you annotate
Import capability	Insert images	Add images and pdf file	Add photos from your photo album, Dropbox, camera or web	Import pdf, ppt, docs, xls, keynote, pages, numbers and rtf files	Add photos from Dropbox or the photo album. Photos can be added in the background
Integration	Present from PC in classroom using an iPad with the Doceri Desktop	Will accept pdf files from Keynote, Safari or any other program that handles pdfs	Dropbox	Evernote, Dropbox, Box, GDrive, Email, iTunes, and more	Dropbox and the photo album
Account required	Yes, if you want to save your files.	No	Yes, if you want to save your files.	Yes	No
Sharing capabilities	• Share images, pdfs and videos • Save to camera roll, YouTube, Twitter, Facebook • Records as .mp4	Save to: • Photo Album • Dropbox • Youtube • Email	Save to: • Email • Facebook • Twitter • Embed in website or blog	Export as .mp4 movies, .pdf documents, .png images, or .xpl project files Can be saved to camera roll, YouTube, Dropbox, Drive, iTunes	• Download video as an .mpg 4 • Saves a url link that you can send