



Pedagogical Assessment of:
Modern Tool Rating: 4
Website: www.pinterest.com



Usage

Pinterest is a thematic social networking service available as a free website or downloadable as a dedicated app for Android and iOS systems. It is the visual bookmarking tool that helps you discover and save creative ideas. Users can upload, save, sort, and manage images and other media content through collections known as pinboards. It is possible to browse the content of others in their feed.

Pinterest is an online tool that has quickly become a favourite among educators. Using online “pinboards” teachers can save everything from photos to blog posts in one easily accessible and usable place. Pinterest can be used to do research boards for different classroom research topics/assignments where they can pin relevant articles, images and videos. Historical figures presentation as an online poster with pins to online content and images relating to a famous historical figure; then present them in class. Online bibliography of all of their online references and add as a link to websites, presentations, or blogs in lieu of a formal works cited. Group collaboration create a board that multiple users can post on and then use it for group collaboration or team projects. An example includes decades boards (visually reflect the important people, trends and culture of that time periods).

Ease of Access

Pinterest is a relatively straightforward tool to use. It requires the student or the teacher to set a free account and then selectively set up a board by pinning images from their research to that corresponding board. As well as this Pinterest offers students and educators the platform to upload their work and share it in order to collaborate with others and dynamically create ideas as well as this the images can be linked to relevant websites that will provide more information on certain areas being researched. Furthermore Pinterest has a free app that can be downloaded onto any mobile device that can be used on the go.

Pedagogical Assessment

Pinterest is an important tool for educators as it gives them the ability to direct students to information that will likely inspire and influence their work. Pinterest is a very interactive and engaging tool that students will find easy to navigate through. Pinterest, as an educational tool, can help students to improve research and organisational skills. These skills will be developed, as students will have to be able to think logically about what they want to research and what is the best way to condense that information.

Reviews

“This tool is great to use for educators who are looking for ideas to use in the classroom. Educators can create different boards such as Math, Reading, Educational Videos, etc. and save links to these boards that are accompanied with pictures. Students can do the same for research and group projects as boards can be shared with others users” Julia B. (Educator)

<http://bit.ly/2dFsbBO>

Advantages

- Pinterest is an important tool because of the wide variety of users and the search features that it offers. The scope of research that is offered from the one platform is impressive.
- It is a free tool and signing up to it is very easy.
- It has an app that can be downloaded and used on the go.
- It allows for the uploading of work, it becomes a valuable sharing base for ideas and themes.

Disadvantages

- Students can become easily distracted from their work and view content which is unrelated.

Conclusion

Pinterest has almost replaced magazines because it has all the components of a magazine but without all those ads. This tool can improve the imagination and learning capacities of the students.