

Post Student Work Online

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WHY A TECHTORIAL?

What will I learn today?

You will learn how to help students post their work online.

What hardware and/or software does the techtorial apply to?

The techtorial applies to any computer with Internet access.

Which National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers does the techtorial address?

The techtorial will help teachers accomplish standard IIIb in particular.

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) has developed a set of National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers. Standards or Performance Indicators are included for each techtorial to help teachers and administrators improve technology proficiency. For a complete description of the standards indicated, go to [NETS for Teachers](#).

POST STUDENT WORK ONLINE!

Take your next major project up a notch and have students post their research online. A free tool called Project Poster -- primarily intended for students in grades 4-12 -- allows students to upload their work to the Web with just a few clicks of the mouse.

Take a look at a few [projects](#) that have been uploaded recently. Notice that many of the projects are fairly simple -- one or two paragraphs with a picture copied (and cited!) from the Internet.

STEP ONE: THE REPORT

Before going online, have students research and write a report as they usually do.

Any report that requires research, original writing, and images is perfect for this activity. Examples might include book reports, history reports, biographies, or summaries of science fair projects.

Students should include the following elements in their reports:

- Project title
- Text
- Original artwork or photos. Images can be pen-and-ink drawings or other graphics scanned onto the computer, digital photos, or clip art. Note: All images must be saved to the computer. To save an image from a Web site, right click the image (or CTRL and click on a Mac), select Save as, and then save it to the computer. Do not simply copy and paste the image.
- Links to additional resources
- Links for resources used (bibliography).

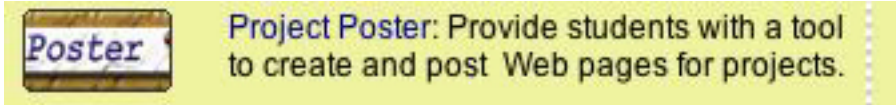
Be sure to discuss plagiarism with your students before they begin their reports. The creators of Project Poster will remove any page that contains content (text or graphics) that is not original to the student or properly cited.

When students have completed their research and writing, it's time to upload their reports to the Web. The process is simple and can be completed in one class period. Let's get started!

STEP TWO: PUT THEIR REPORTS ONLINE

Walk students through the following steps to post their reports to the Web.

- Go to www.4teachers.org.
- Click Project Poster (located at the bottom of the list of icons on the right side of the page).




- At the bottom of the page, click **Take a look at the pages created since yesterday** to see what the final product might look like.
- Click **Build My Project** (the gray button in the peach box in middle of the page).
- Click **Begin**.
- Complete the fields on the following page, including your first name only, your teacher's last name, a password, and your area code. Click **Next**.
- Copy and paste from a word processing program the project title, subtitle (optional), and text. Click **Next**.
- Add the URLs of Web sites that either were used for research or could be used by the viewer for additional information. The "label" is the actual name of the Web site, such as "Education World." The URL is the Web site's address, such as

"http://www.educationworld.com."

- To add an image, click **Choose File**, select the saved image, and then click **OK**.
- Type a short description of the image. If the image is copied from a Web site, be sure to include the URL. If you created the image, type your name and the year.

Please select an image for your page.

Current File:

 George-wframeless.jpeg

Please enter a short description of the image (less than 10 words).

Description:

You should add information about where you found the image you was borrowed, if you used an image from the web. If the image is y

Image Copyright:

- Click **Build My Page**. If you get an error message, you might have to select a smaller image or choose an image in a different format. You also can contact the Web site administrators for help.

You're not finished yet! Be sure to write down

- the Poster ID#. This will be needed to edit the page later.
- The Poster URL. This will be needed so family and friends can visit your page!

STEP THREE: VIEW AND LEARN FROM PROJECTS

Need more teaching and learning ideas? How about...

...a mini-fair? Reserve a computer lab, and have students load their pages onto the computers. Have other students or family members come in and move about the lab and view the pages on each computer screen. This is a great activity for a history fair, an international day, or a mini-science fair.

...students as teachers? Have each student research a topic not covered in class, but related to a current unit, create a page, and then create 3-5 questions based upon the page content. Compile all the questions, then have students answer the questions on each page.

... a preK-2 project? Have students narrate a story. Create a page and include a picture of the whole class or a scanned picture of a mural made by all the students.

TELL ME MORE!

Where can I find more information about troubleshooting my computer?

If you're excited about Web pages and want one for your own use (posting homework, test dates, and so on.), 4teachers also has a free [Web Worksheet Wizard](#) tool. You also might want to check out the Education World techtorial [Put Your Class on the Web!](#)