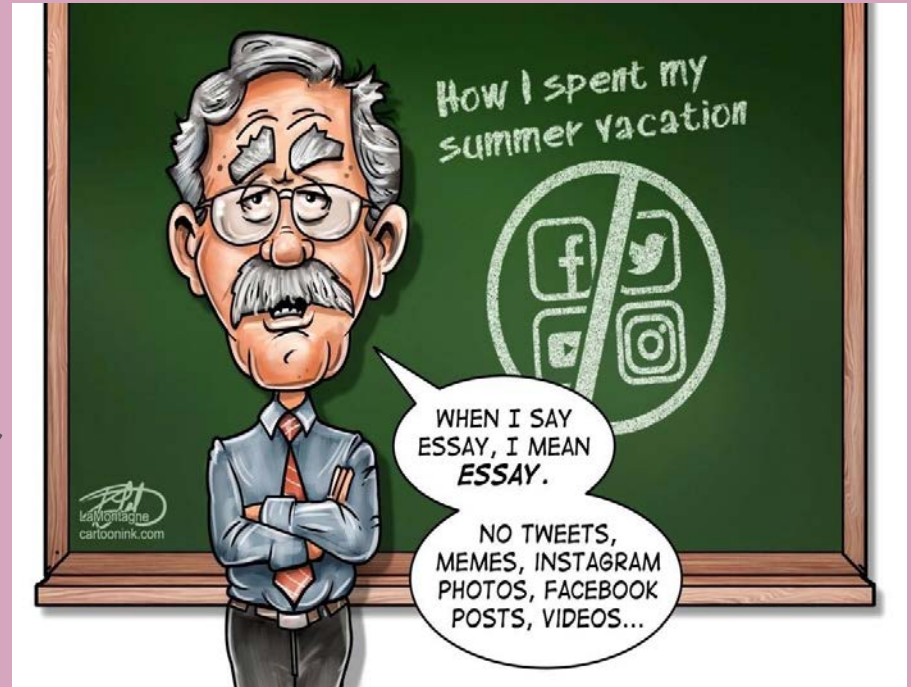
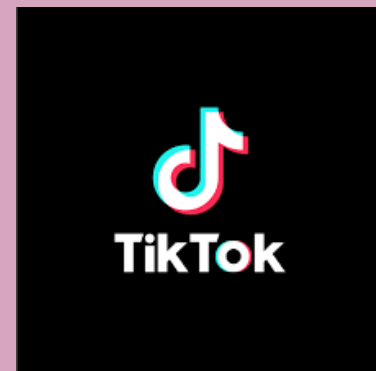


# Social Media for Learning

Meeting our students  
where they live!

Don't be like  
this guy!





# Reasons to use Social Media for Learning

- ❖ Collaboration/Community
- ❖ Online Learning - assignments for students
- ❖ Professional Development
- ❖ Real World into Teaching



# Collaboration/Community

Students develop a sense of community and connection by being part of a group. They want to interact with and gain attention from peers; they want to express themselves (have a voice).

For younger students, provides a space for families to become involved in learning.

<https://twitter.com/HornetsLMC>

<https://www.instagram.com/teachmrsfigueroa/>

<https://www.tiktok.com/tag/onlineclass?lang=en>



# Online Learning

**Regardless of the platform you choose, encouraging students to like, share, and comment on each other's posts is key! And hashtags!!**

Use a social media platform (like a Facebook group) to share class announcements, post work assignments, post read-alouds and class lectures. Invite students/families to respond to a daily question or daily quote or post a daily picture.

Create a class board on Pinterest, then ask students to share links to relevant articles and post images to the board. You can also create boards devoted to study tips, tricky grammar rules, and other helpful resources.

Find a song that represents a character in the story and act as that character in a TikTok.

<https://www.learningliftoff.com/tiktok-in-the-classroom/>

Use Twitter to hold group discussions. Be sure to create a hashtag for your discussion that students can use to follow each other's posts. You can simply look over the thread when grading participation. <https://buffer.com/library/twitter-chat-101>

Reimagine historical figures as modern-day social media users. If your students are studying Amelia Earhart, have them tweet in Twitter as she would or give interesting facts about her life. Or post a famous event in her life in Instagram commenting on why it was important.

Instagram is a visual platform of photos and videos where you can add captioning and commenting. Ask students to comment on an assigned chapter of a book or respond to a painting for art class or post a drawing. Students can respond to a poem with an image they feel it evokes or comment with an emoji on how it made them feel.

Use social media "events" with students, such as <https://www.instagram.com/sirpatstew/> or <https://www.youtube.com/user/CincinnatiZooTube> or <https://www.instagram.com/storylineonline/>

# Professional Development

**All social media platforms offer opportunities for professional development.**

Search for lessons and information in Pinterest for teachers - such as at home science experiments for kids or

Join Facebook groups to support your teaching and find resources.

Follow professionals' accounts and #hashtags on Twitter.

**#edchat**

**#remotelearning**

**#distancelearning**

**#teachfromhome**

**@GoogleforEdu**

**@alicekeeler**

**@ctreadinginc**

**“By increasing peer interactions, incorporating visuals, and even being a little playful, we can elevate social media from an extracurricular hobby to a powerful learning tool.”**

~ Blog from the Lexia company

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