Better Collaboration with Curation Tools

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When choosing to share information with teachers I try to keep two thoughts in mind: 1) teachers are overwhelmed already and 2) whatever I share needs to be exactly “one step away from their front door.”

With that in mind, I have one chance to clinch the deal, so I am going to share three “web aggregators” that allow teachers to share information and allow collaboration with students at the same time with one click.

(video from Classhook)

Padlet and the padlet mini extension

My first go to…. For collaboration and teamwork.

- The extension allows you to post to your padlet on the fly
- You can share any padlet with an embed code, a link or a QR code and collaborate with others.
- You can make it private
- You can make it read only
- There are a number of ways to display your padlet format
  - By using the shelf format you can pose questions and have students post their answers under each column
- [20 useful ways to use Padlet in class now](#)
Pearltrees -
I use this site for my own professional development mostly because I follow other “Collections”

- Streamline your digital life
- Curation tool
- You can share one Collection at a time.
- Social bookmarking tool
- Pearltrees also makes recommendations based on your Collections
- Create an account make sure to use education account; get 2 GB free
- Can create collections within Collections
- Pearltrees also has an extension so you can add information on the fly
- Users can customize it and make subsections inside your Collections
  - Easy to drag and drop into other sections
- [https://youtu.be/icP6t-U8iOg](https://youtu.be/icP6t-U8iOg) - good overview video
- I follow all things Joyce Valenza and EdWebet

If you click the recommendation button ...

...you get whole bunch of other great Collections you didn’t even know you really needed!

These are websites inside the Collection, “School Libraries make a difference.”

These are Collections I follow and one that I made.
Google Keep -

I love this app/google suite program- It allows you to create lists and share/collaborate on notes with students, take photos directly to notes, export notes to google docs.

- User can create labels for all notes so they can be pulled up easily
- Notes can be color coded
- You can share notes (ie: I shared a yearbook note with my yearbook class and they made a checklist of items they could put on their final to show me what they have learned.)

Watch these youtube videos and you will be ready to roll...

- Quick 12 min tutorial
- Google keep in the classroom
Keep allows you to draw out items as well...

Here is an example of a new note with a drawing.

Google Keep will convert an image and make it into text which you can then copy over to Google Docs!

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**Using Google Keep for Grading Comments in Docs** - cool!

[https://youtu.be/FgV1ypW6ZL8](https://youtu.be/FgV1ypW6ZL8)

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See how to use Google Keep to store and organize your comments for grading student work, and how to select and insert those comments in Google Docs with the integrated Keep tool.