How to do 11 Techy Things In the New School Year

The new school year is here, why not try something new this year? This guide will get you started on 11 techy things all teachers can do.

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This is a free guide written by Richard Byrne. This guide is intended to be a quick-start guide for teachers who would like to try using more technology in their classrooms, but just aren't sure how or where to start.

For ideas on how the tools outlined in this guide can be used, please visit <u>http://bit.ly/11newthings</u>

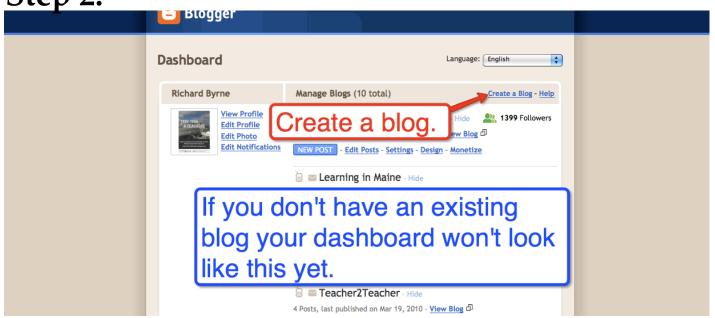
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Create a Blog using Blogger

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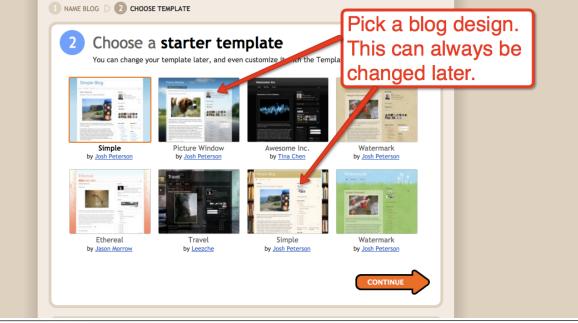


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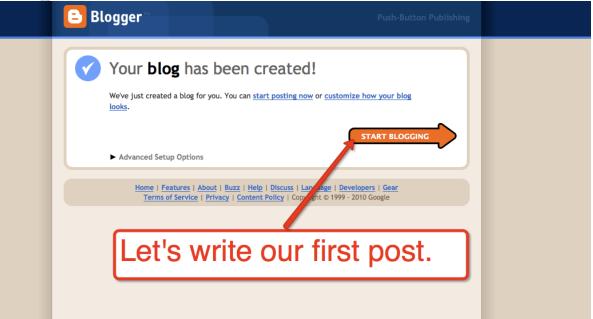


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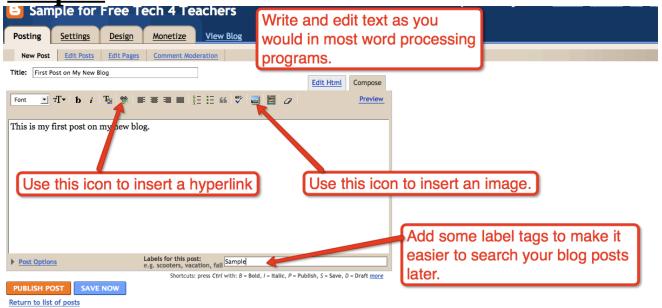


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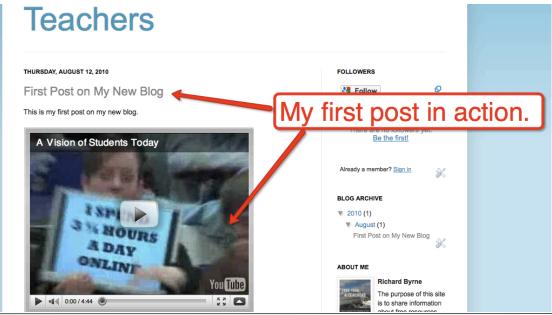
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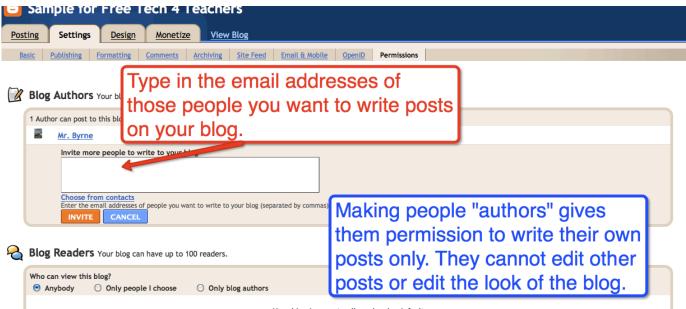
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Create a Blog using Blogger

Set Commenting Permissions.

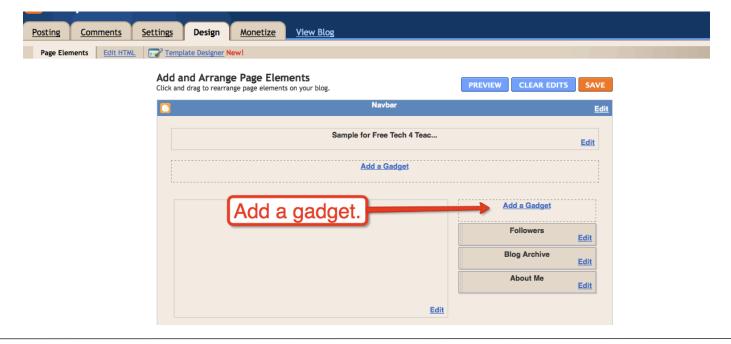
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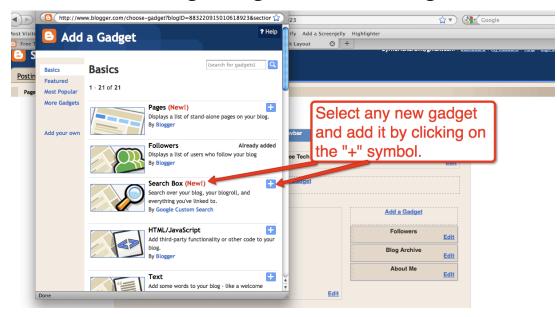
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<u>Step 1:</u> After creating an account select "create a wiki."

<u>Step 2:</u>

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Choose "education" version to have an ad-free wiki.

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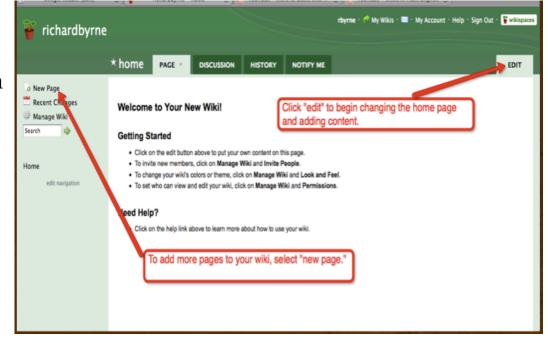
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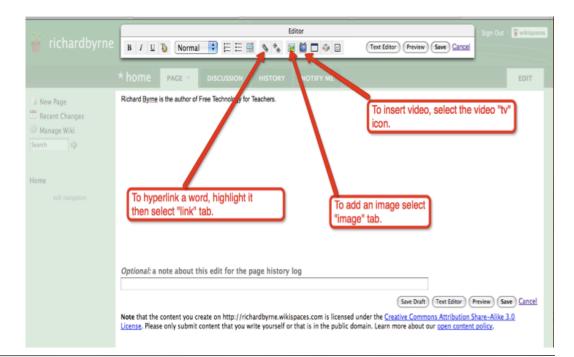
Build a Wiki Using Wikispaces

Step 3: Click "edit" to begin adding content to your homepage.

Click "new page" to add more pages.

<u>Step 4:</u> Use TV icon to embed videos, Google Maps, and other html widgets.



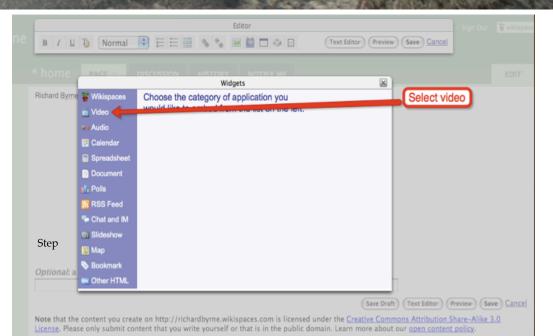


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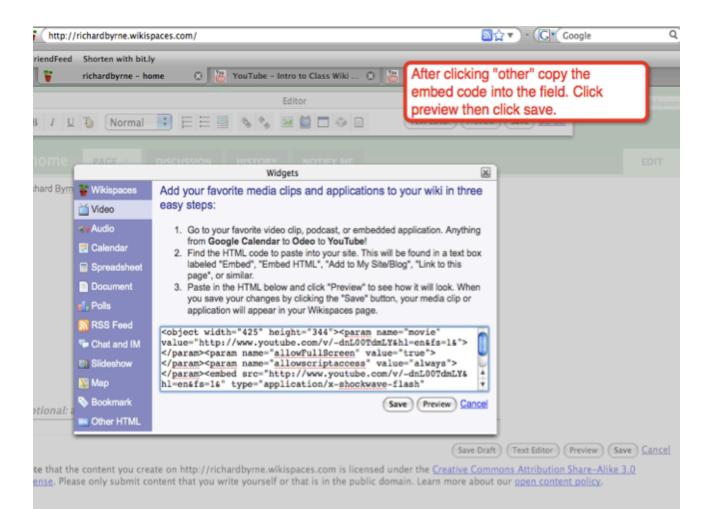
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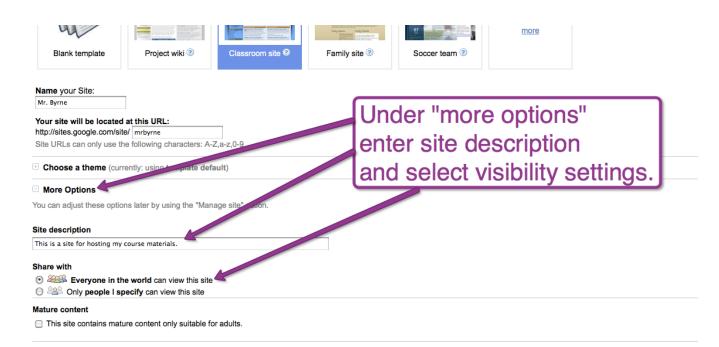




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<u>Step 2</u>: After selecting a template, name site, describe site, and choose visibility setting.





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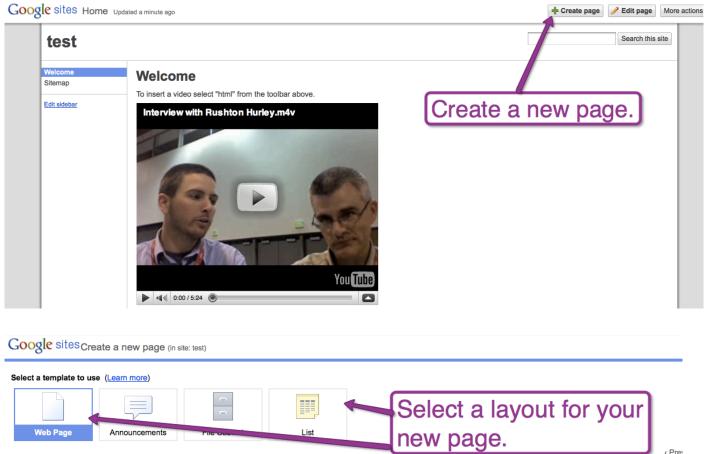


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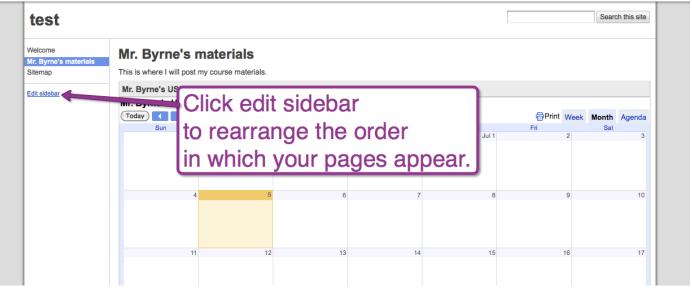
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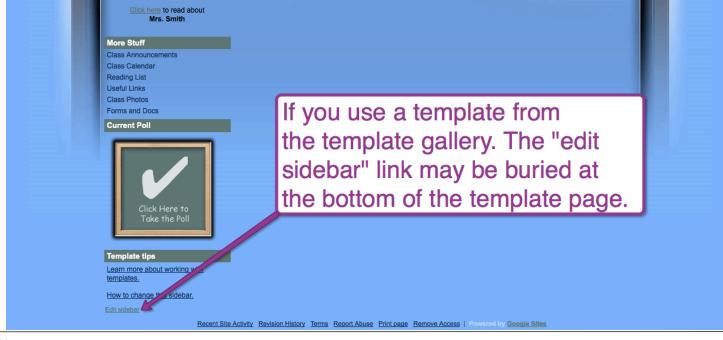


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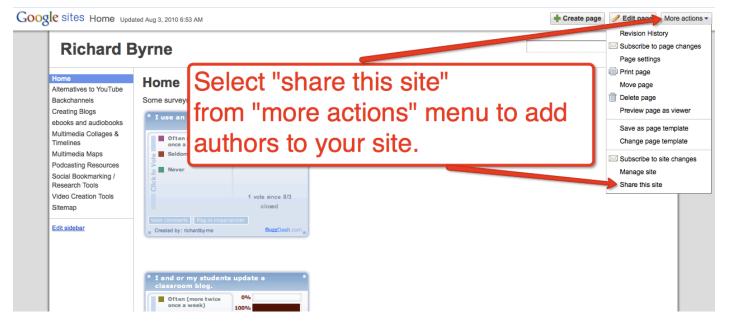
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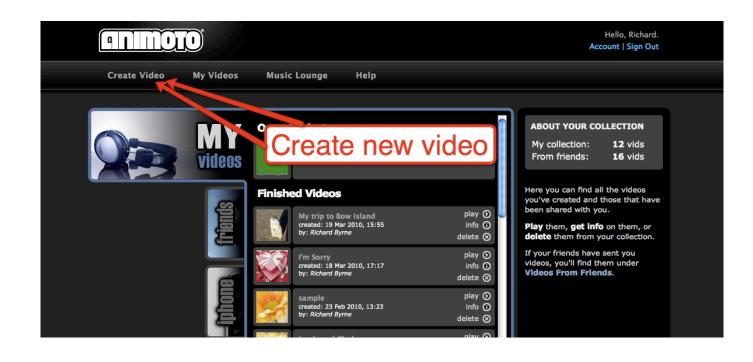


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Create Videos Using <u>Animoto</u>





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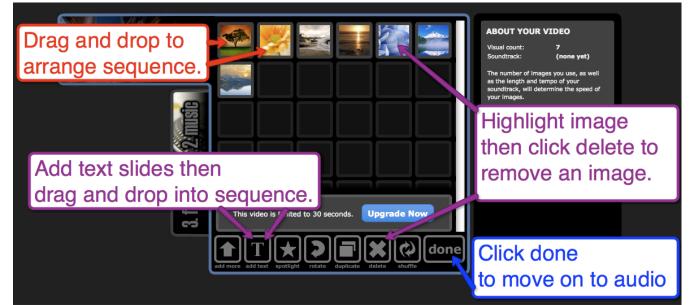
You can select more than one by holding ctrl or command. To see a preview of any image or video, click its thumbnail.

Once you've made your selections, press **done** to proceed to the workspace.

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Create Videos Using <u>Animoto</u>

Arranging Images and Text Boxes

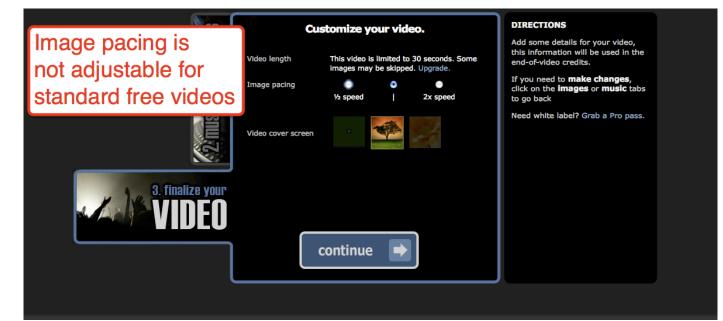


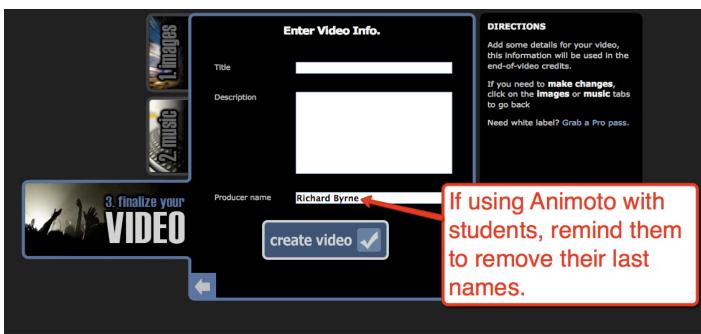
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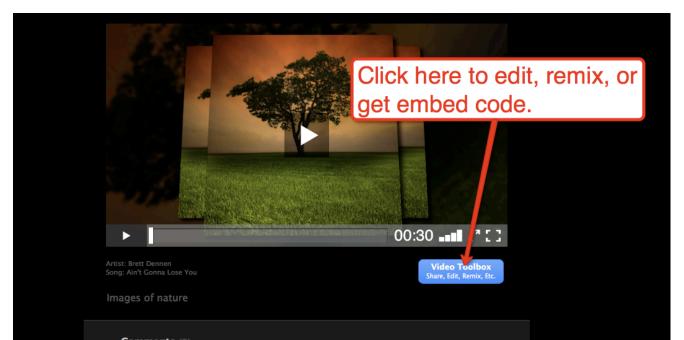
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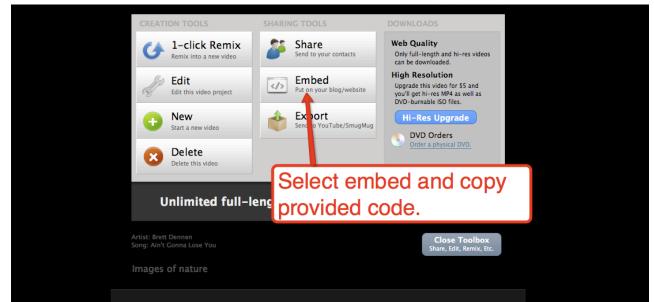


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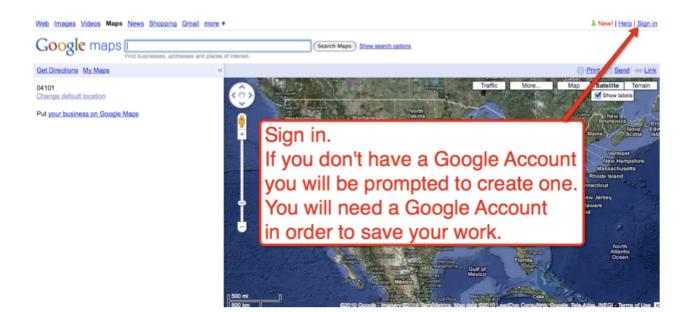
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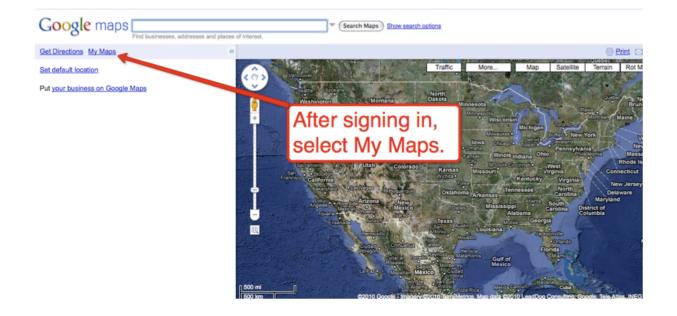


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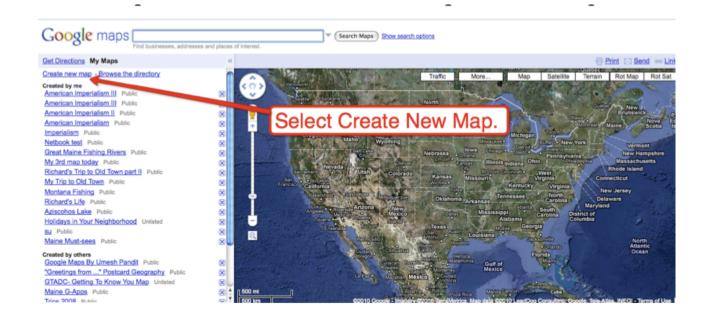


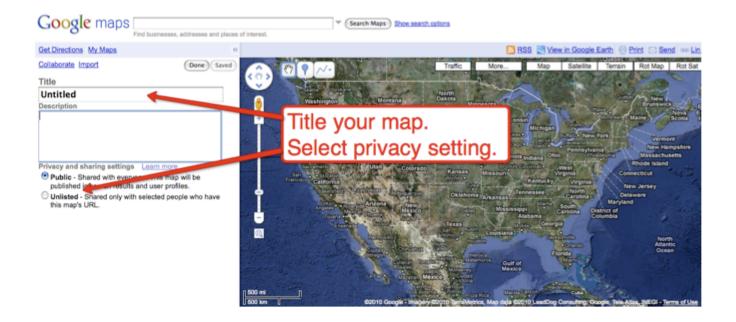
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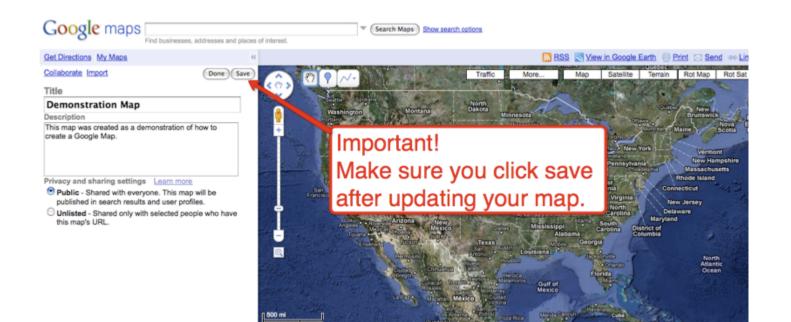


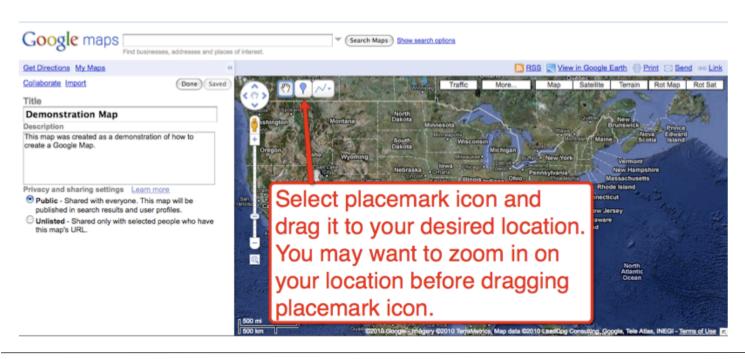




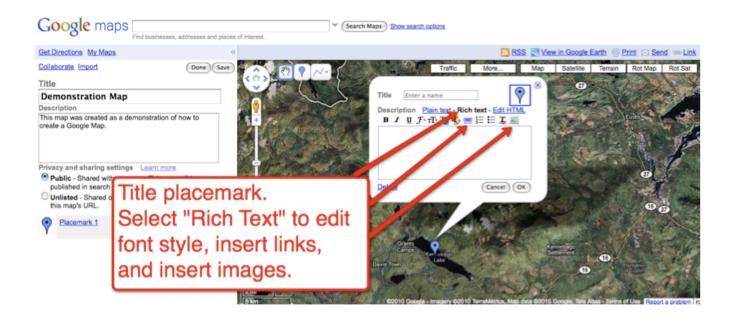


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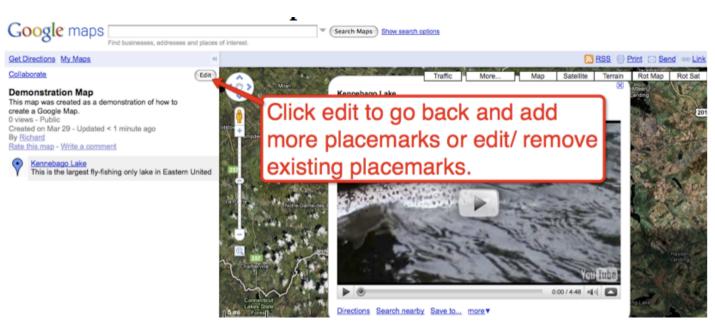






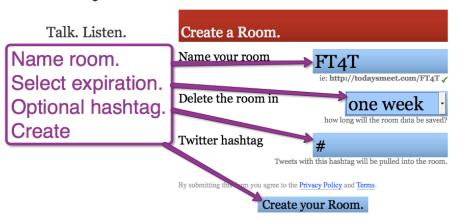
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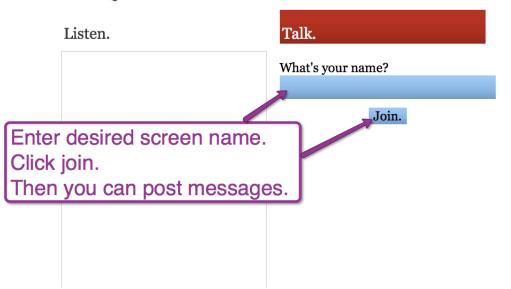
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RickWarren You LEARN faith thru testing ,hope thru darkness, patience thru delay, godliness by returning good for evil 2 hours ago

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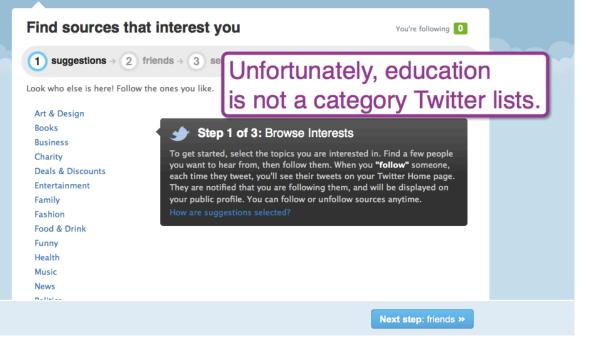
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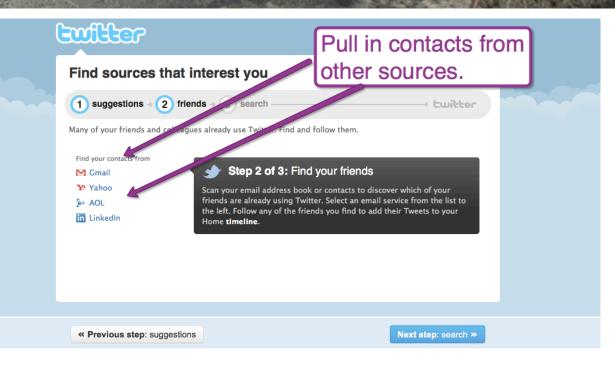
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Using Twitter for a business? Check out **Twitter 101**

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Build a Personal Learning Network on <u>Twitter</u>



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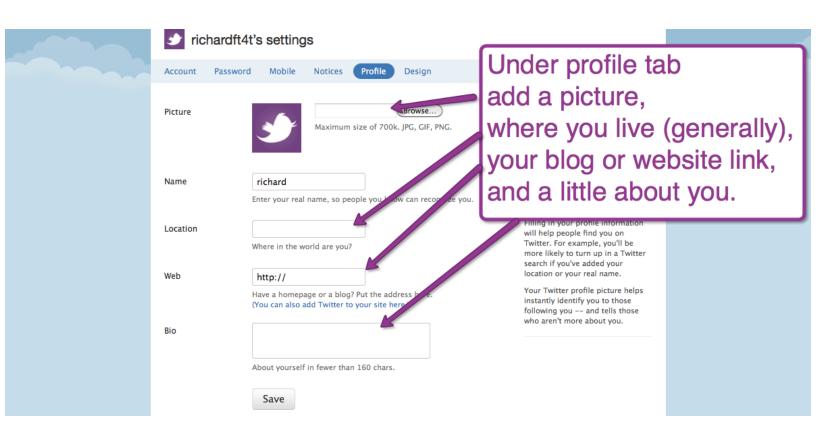
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Finding People and Making Connections on Twitter

Follow the people other people mention.



Use keyword searches

Starting Conversations

Share a link with a comment.





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Start a Collaborative Project

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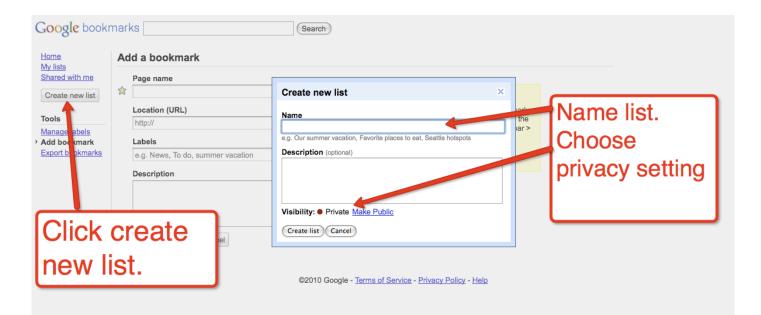
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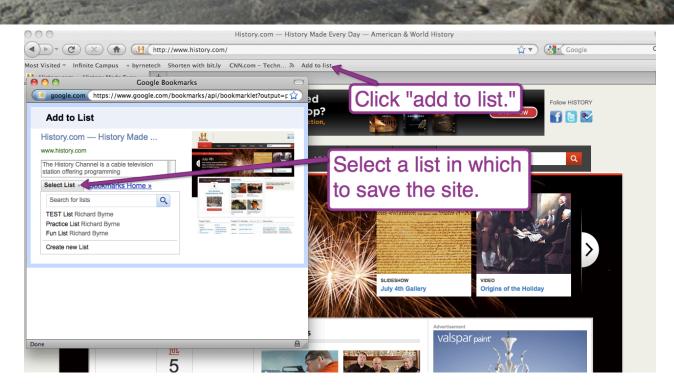




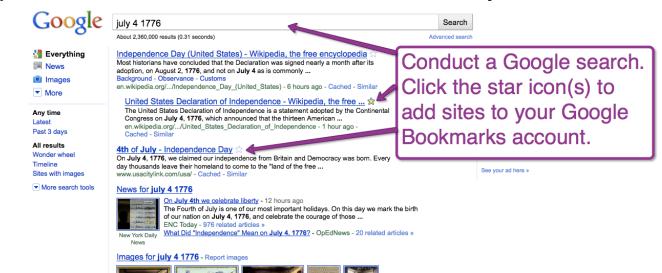
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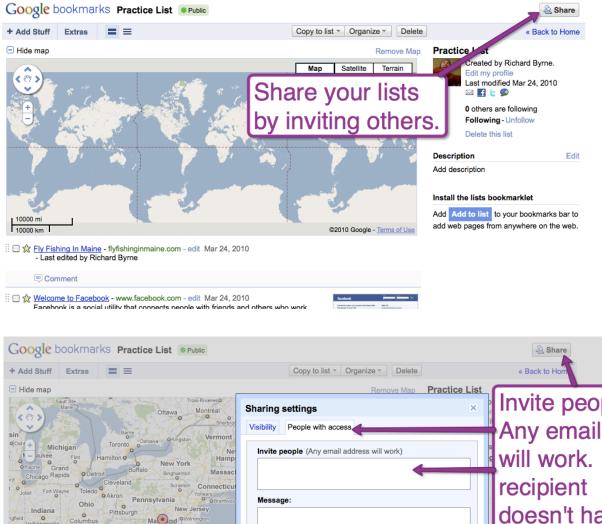
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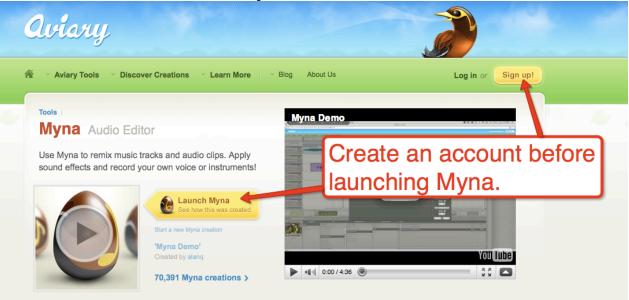
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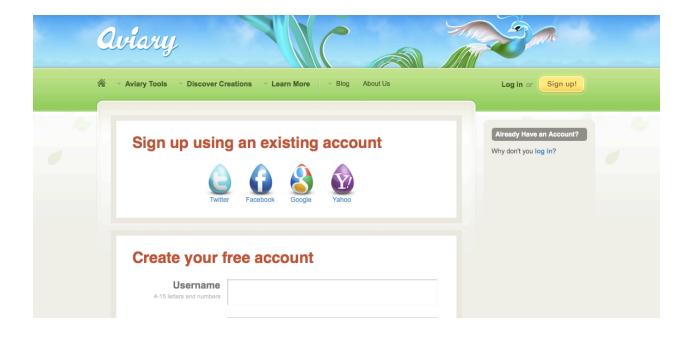
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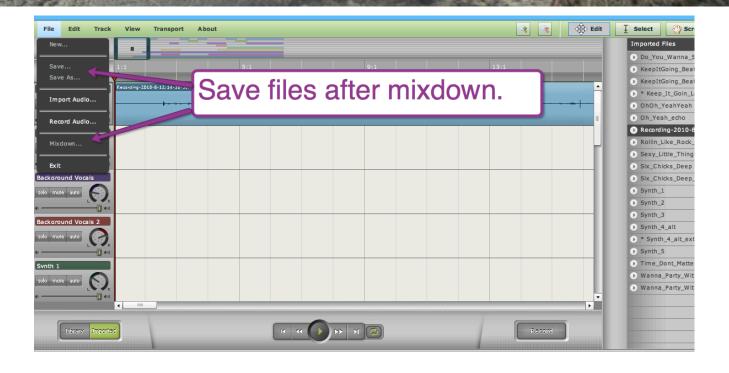
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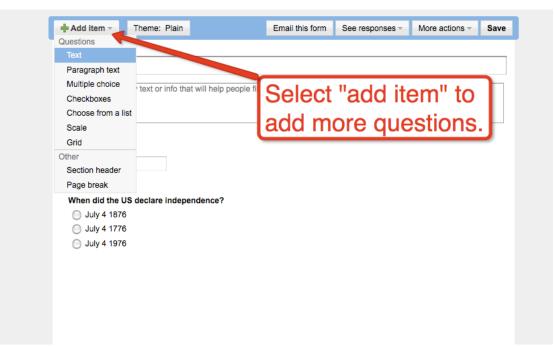
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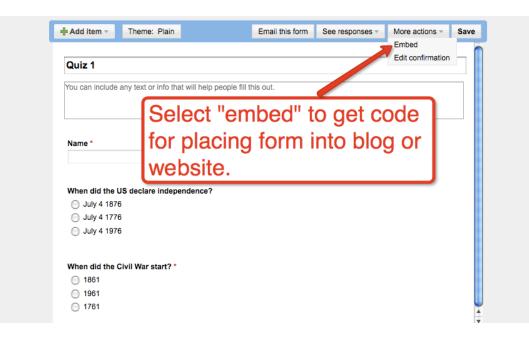
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