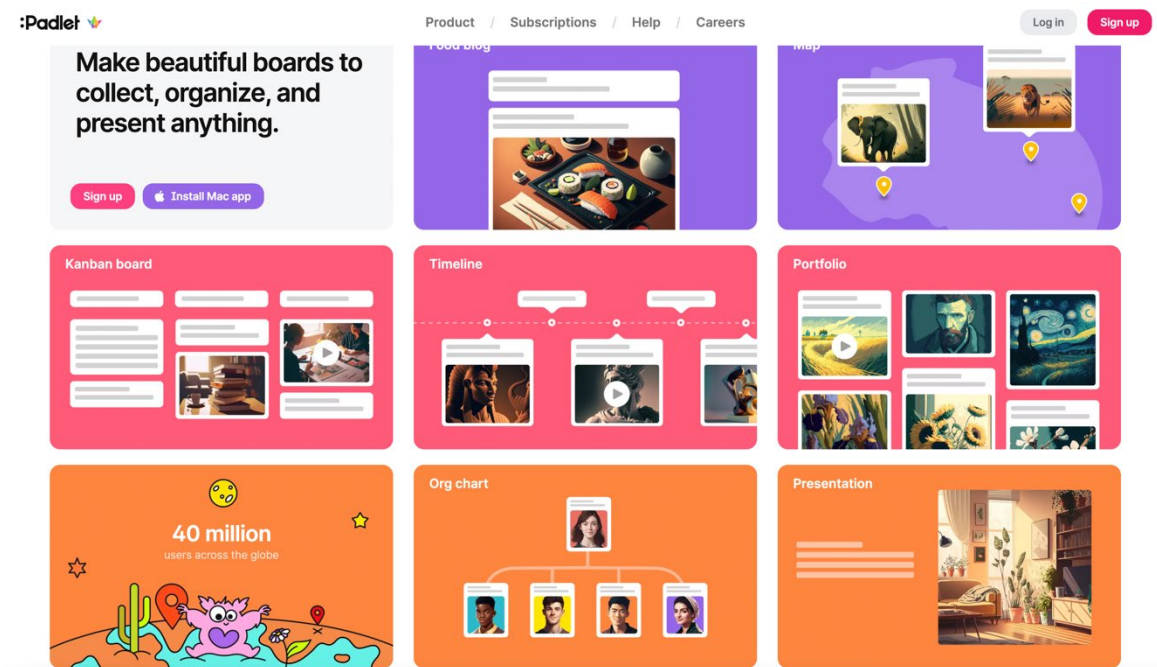


What is Padlet?

Padlet is a free online tool best described as an online notice board. Padlet can be used by students and teachers to post notes on a common page. The notes posted by teachers and students can contain links, videos, images and document files. (Padlet Instruction Manual)



(Example of the Homepage of Padlet.com)

How to sign up for Padlet

Search for Padlet via a web browser or visit the app store. Padlet is available on multiple devices such as PCs, laptops, tablets, and smartphones making the service device-neutral. This online tool can be used anywhere that has internet access. To create a Padlet first create an account and choose from the following membership options. Padlet offers different categories of memberships such as Personal, Team, and School. Under these categories are subcategories based on how many Padlet Walls or storage is needed. The different membership options can be found by clicking on the following [link...https://padlet.com/memberships](https://padlet.com/memberships)

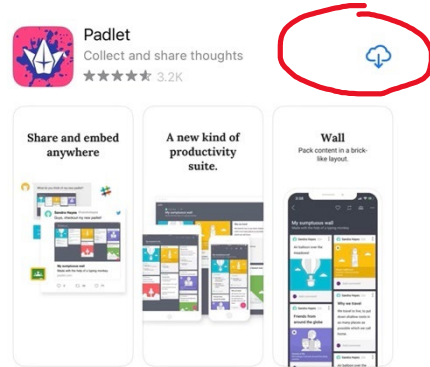
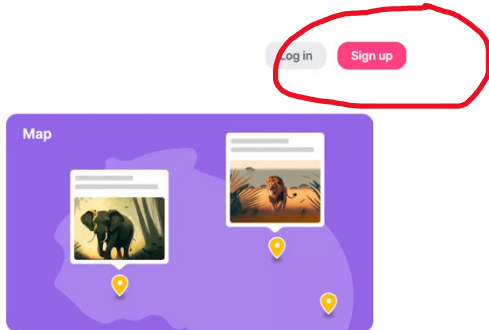
An example of a personal memberships listed below

Personal			
Membership for one. Pay monthly or annually. Change or cancel anytime.			
Neon	3 padlets 20MB /upload	Free	Sign up
Gold	20 padlets 100MB /upload	\$6.99 /month \$69.99 /year	Sign up
Platinum	Unlimited padlets 500MB /upload	\$9.99 /month \$99.99 /year	Sign up

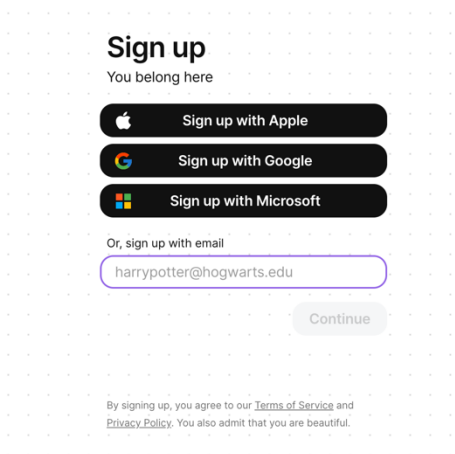
(One category of Padlet Memberships listed on Padlet Website)

How to create a Padlet Step by Step (Video Tutorial Linked At The End)

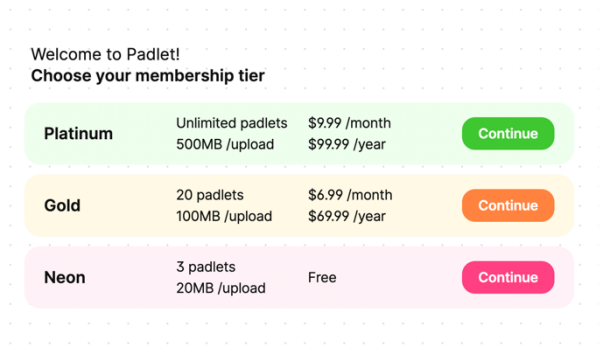
1. Visit Padlet.com or download the Padlet App.



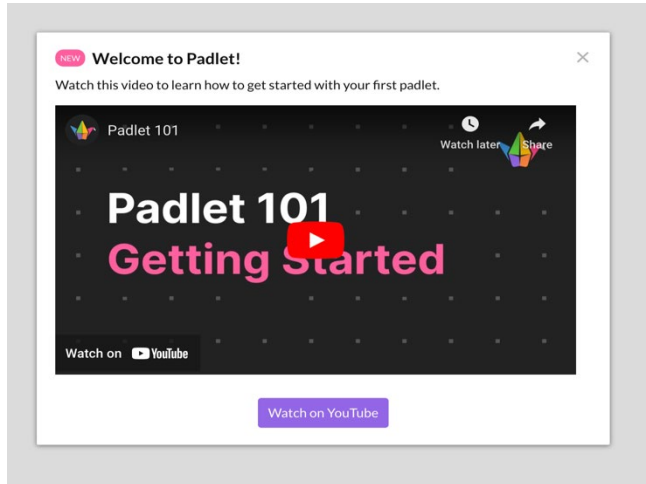
2. Login or Signup for a free Padlet Account



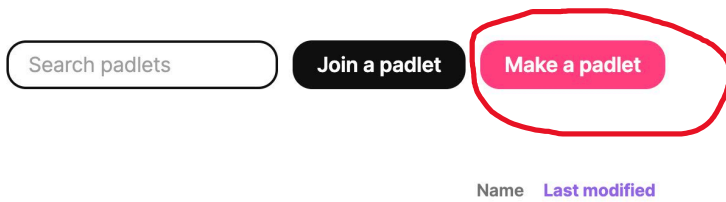
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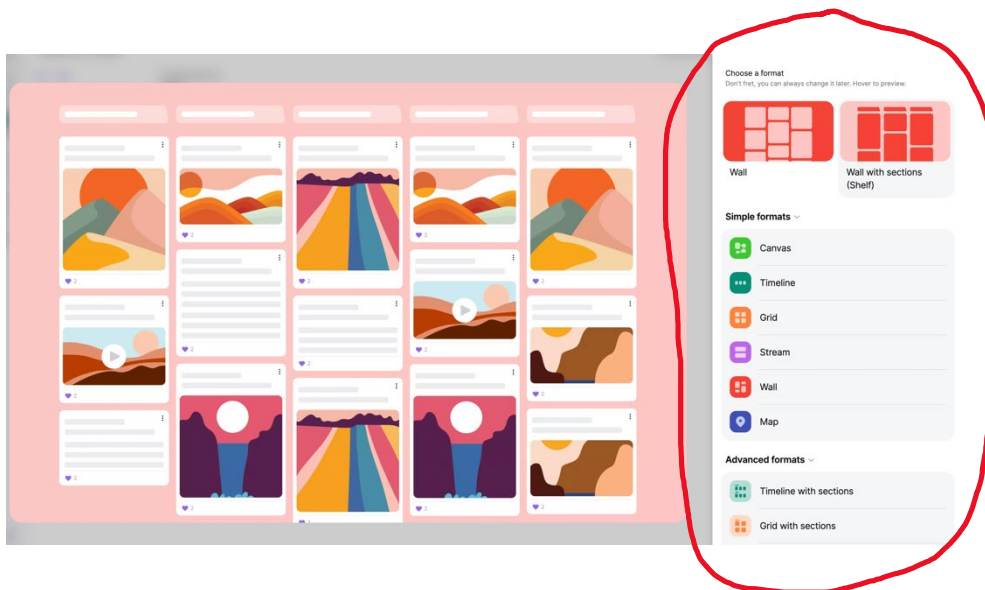
4. Watch the getting started tutorial.



5. Click the Make a Padlet Button.



6. Select a format option and a preview will appear on the left.



7. Once a format is selected. The settings for the Padlet can be changed from the default settings.

Different Setting Categories

Heading

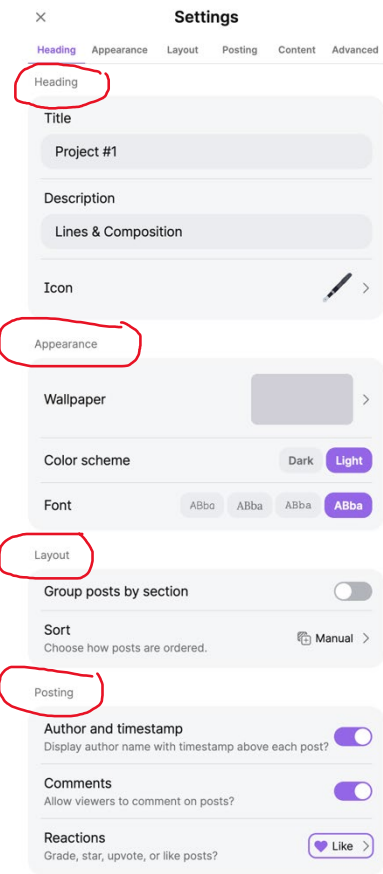
Appearance

Layout

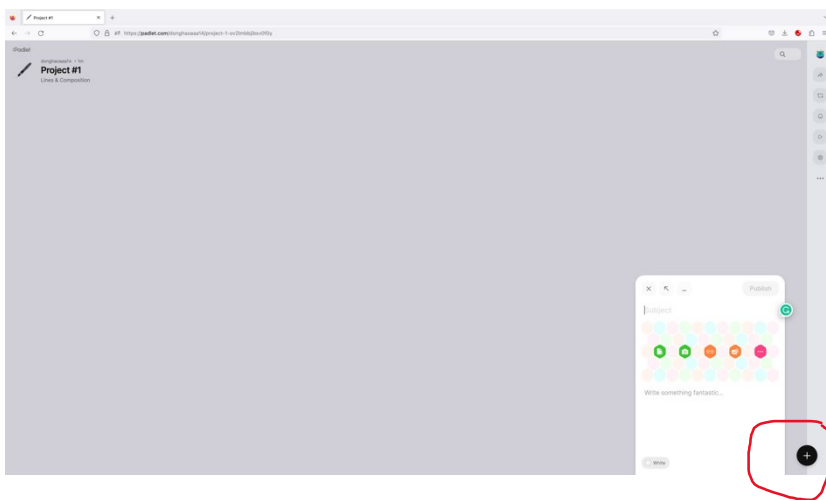
Posting

Content

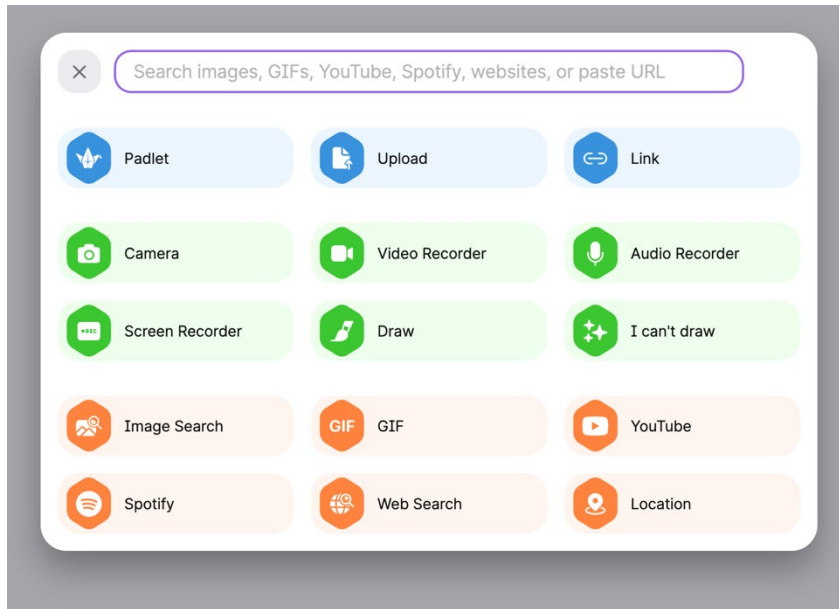
Advanced



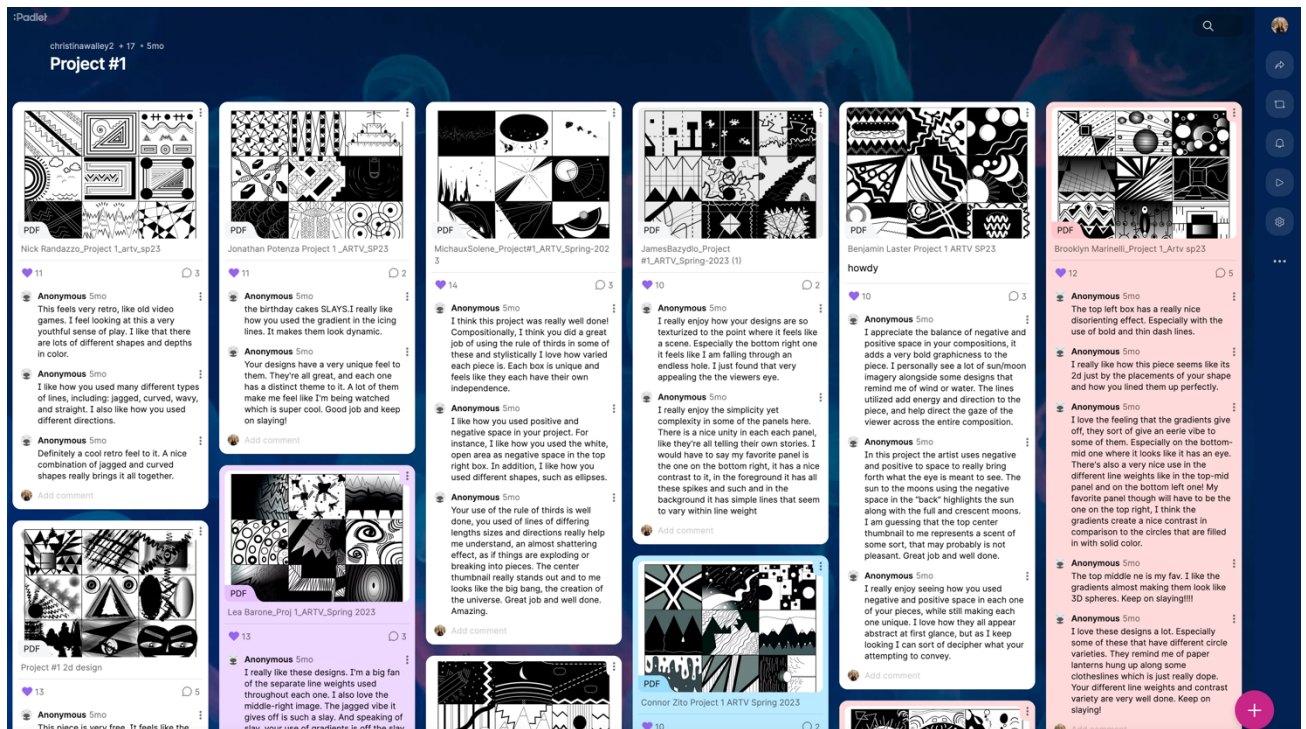
8. Click on the Plus Button at the bottom right to add content.



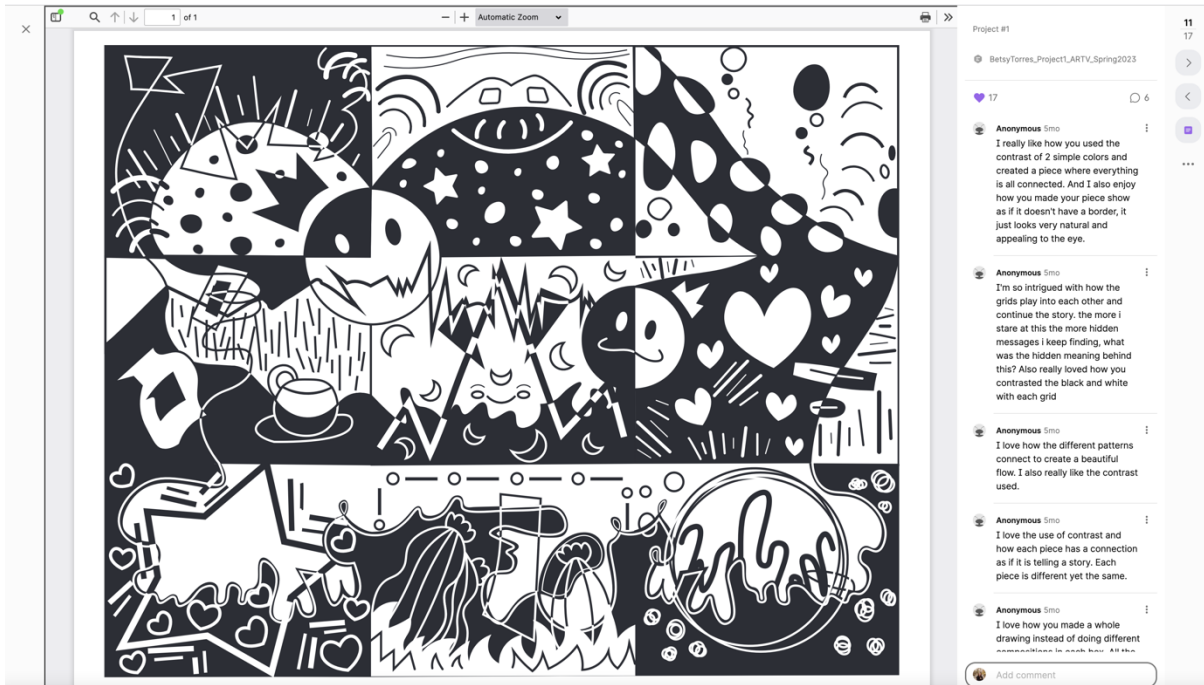
9. A variety of content can be added to the Padlet.



10. An example of how Padlet was implemented for a critique during an Intro to 2D Digital Design Course. (In this portion of the critique, comments are anonymous. This setting can be changed where the student's names and time of posts are recorded)



11. Each thumbnail can expand to full screen where the viewer can see the content on a larger scale.

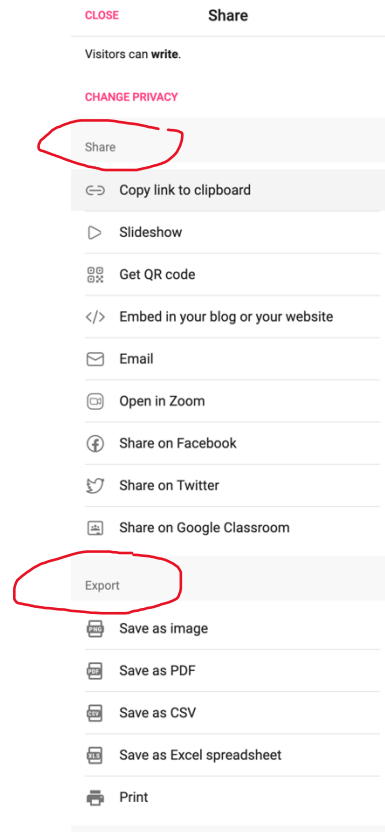
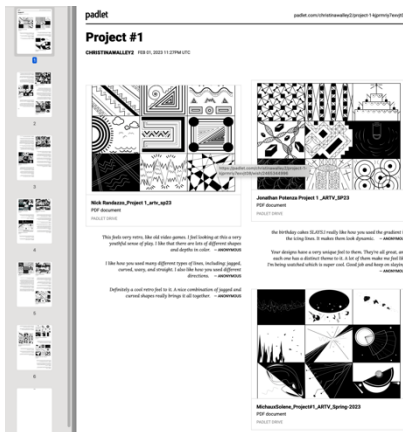


12. Once the Padlet is complete it can be shared, saved and exported in multiple forms.

Note the share option is accessible as soon as the Padlet is created.

The link or QR code option can be posted on Blackboard & Google Classroom making it accessible for students.

Below is a sample of a PDF export...



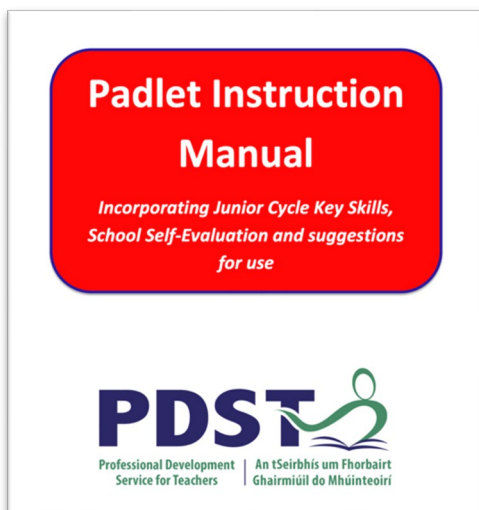
Video Tutorial - How to Use Padlet

Click on the link for a short but informative You-Tube Tutorial on how to use Padlet by New EdTech Classroom...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC69Sr-OQik>



(Screenshot from New EdTech Classrooms You-Tube Tutorial on Padlet)

Padlet Instruction Manual & Case Study



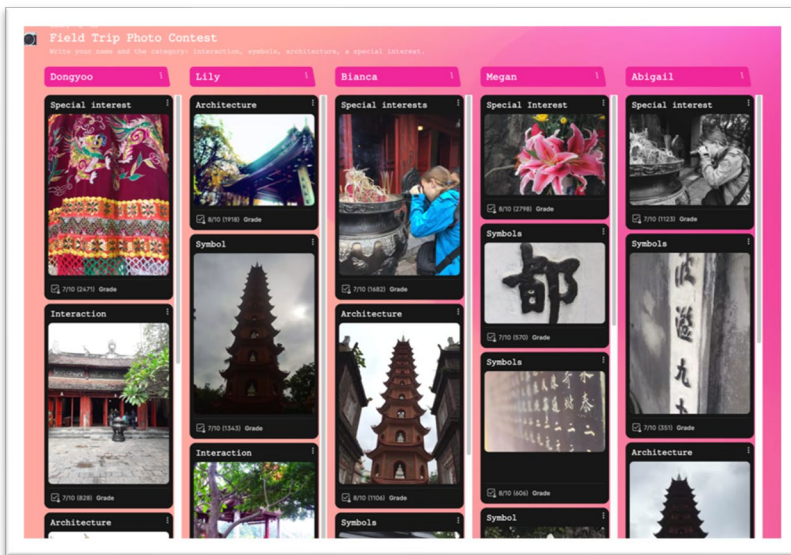
Click on the link for a more in-depth look at Padlet Instruction Manual including Skills Learned, Learning Outcomes & Different Ways to Include Padlet in your course.....

<https://www.pdst.ie/sites/default/files/Padlet%20Instructions.pdf>

(Screenshot of Padlet Instruction Manual)

Examples of Padlet Layouts (click the link to view a live Padlet)

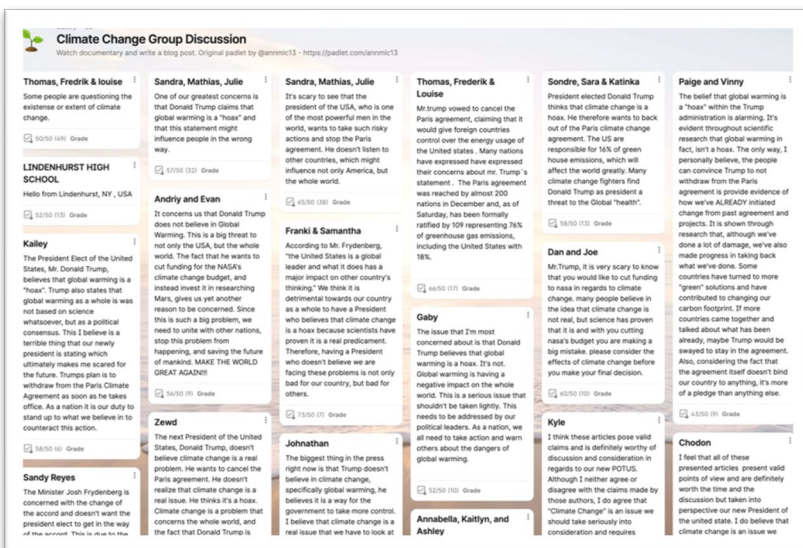
Padlet Using Wall with section (Shelf) Format – Uploading Photos for Contest



Click the link below to view this Padlet...

<https://padlet.com/gallery/field-trip-photo-contest-zneckwrrtq9a>

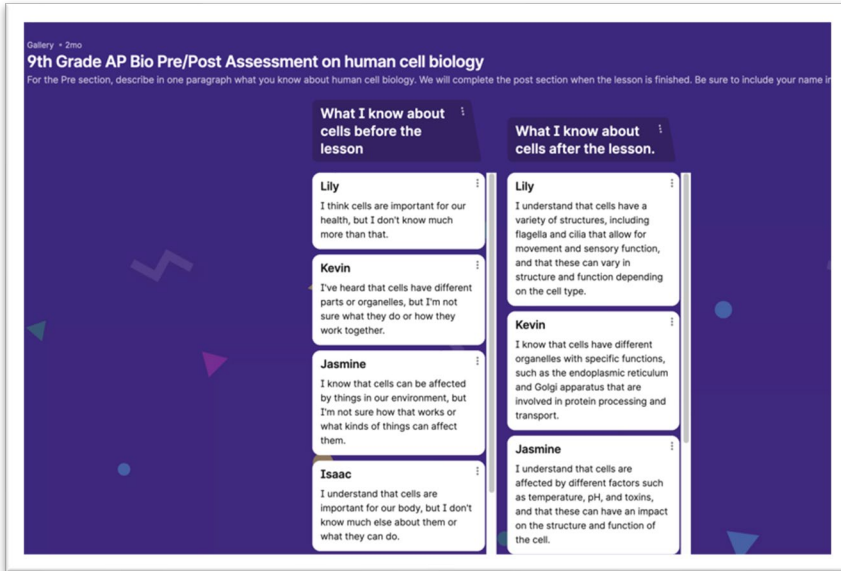
Padlet Using Wall Format – Plain Text for Discussion



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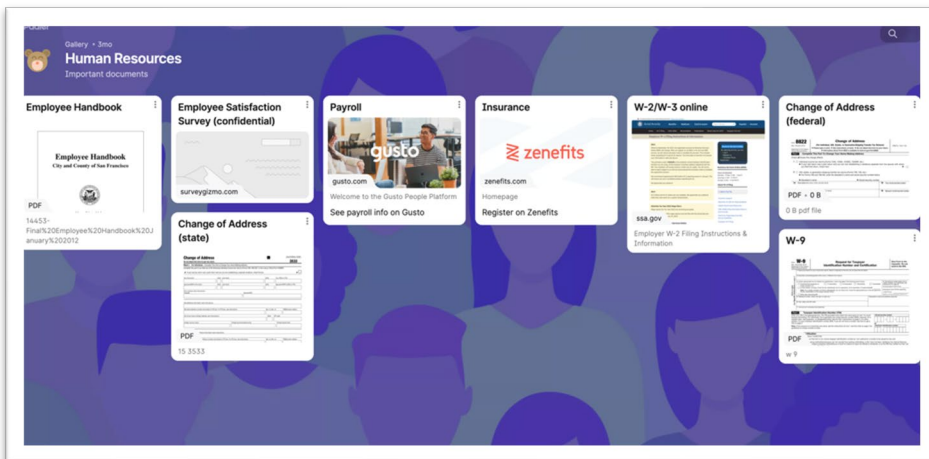
Padlet Using Wall with section (Shelf) Format – Plain Text Before Lesson vs After Lesson



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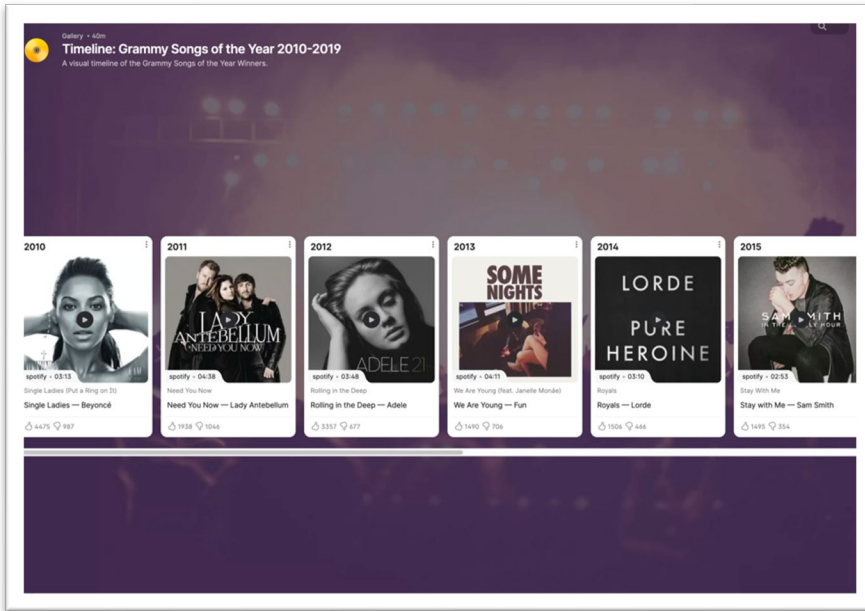
Padlet Using Wall Format – Different Files for Employees



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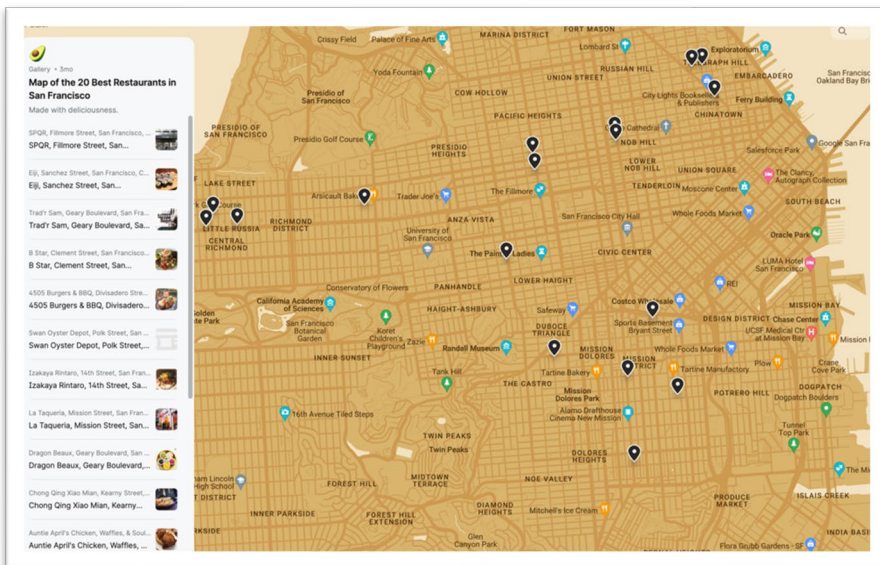
Padlet Using Timeline Format – Uploading Audio Files



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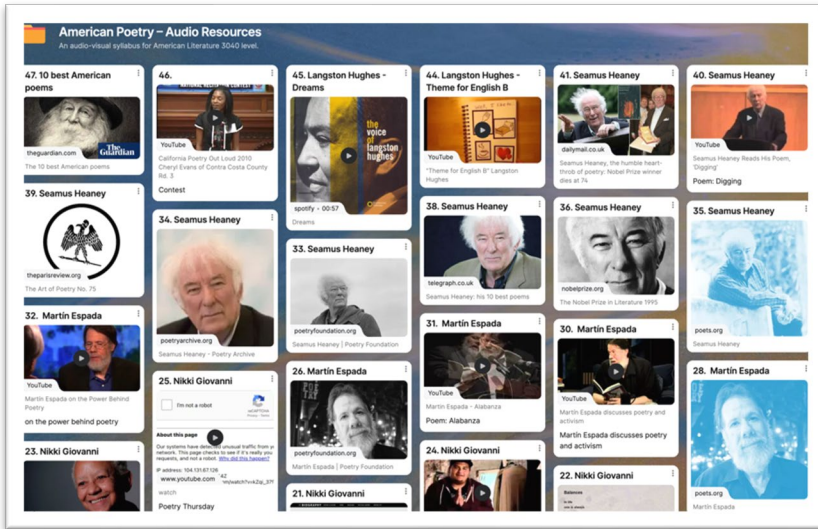
Padlet Using Map Format) – Listing Different Restaurants



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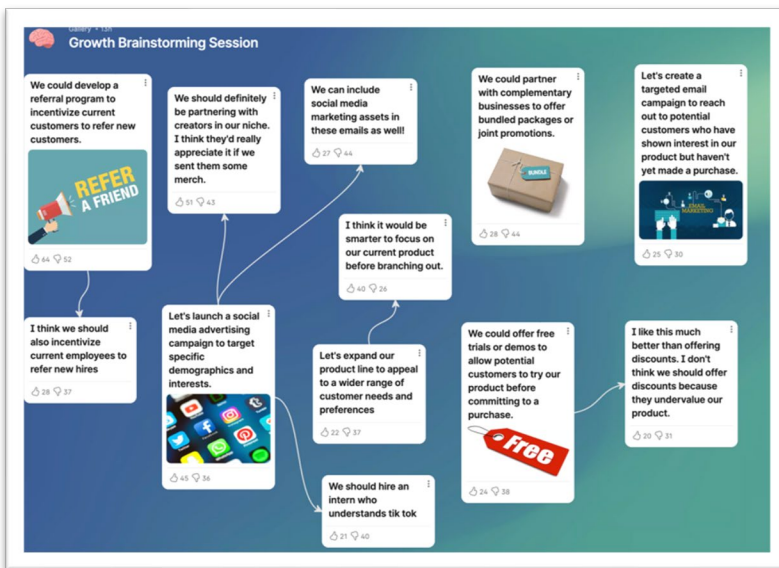
Padlet Using Wall Format and Audio Files – Audio Resources for American Poetry



Click the link below to view this Padlet...

<https://padlet.com/gallery/american-poetry-audio-resources-nwacdlyyr9gw>

Padlet Using Canvas Format – Brainstorming



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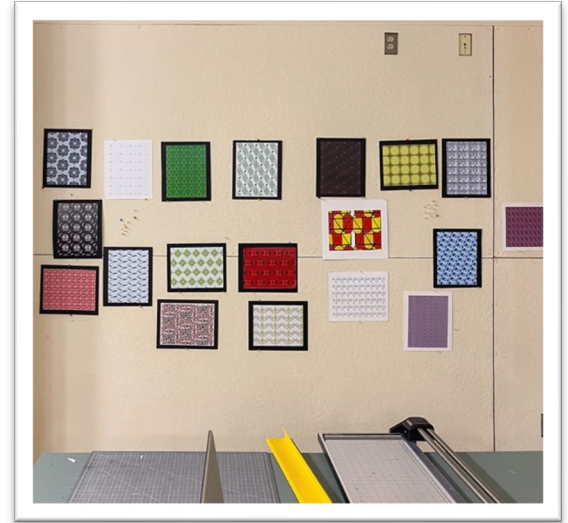
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How Padlet was implemented in an Intro to 2D Digital Design Course Critique

Traditional Approach to Critiques

Traditional critiques would take place in the classroom with students mounting their physical work on the wall. Due to the structure of the computer lab and the size of the prints, viewing work could be difficult especially when observing the details within the work.

Another challenge with the traditional critique process was student participation during critiques. This participation was approached in two ways. First, students could write down critique comments on paper which would be anonymously read. Second, students could voluntarily raise their hands to verbally participate in the critique discussions. During these approaches, student participation was low and lacked substance.



(Sample of traditional critique wall)

New Approach to Critiques

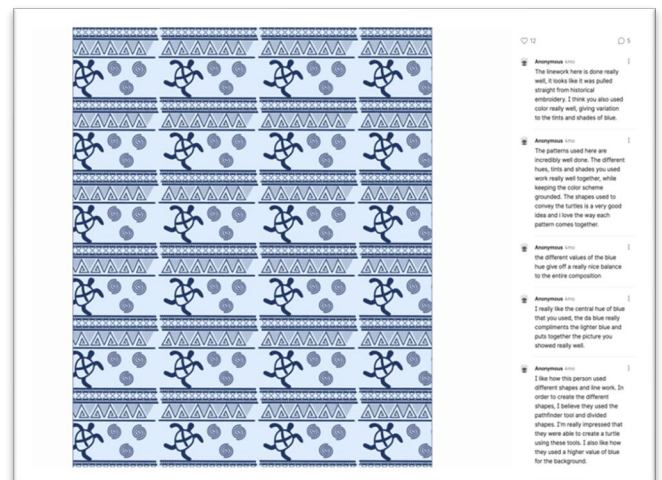
For the new approach to the critique process, the incorporation of Padlet was introduced in the first portion of the critique. Students were to post their digital files on the online Padlet Wall. Once all the files were posted students were encouraged to click through and view their peer's files at a larger scale. When all student's work was viewed students were given 10-minutes to post 2 comments incorporating vocabulary terms learned from the project. For this portion of the critique, students could remain anonymous when posting to encourage participation and feedback. Students were also encouraged to like different students' work by clicking the heart icon.

Once this process was complete the class could raise their hands to verbally ask questions to the designer regarding different sources of inspiration and what tools were used to create the design. The Padlet wall would also be displayed on the projector at the front of the classroom so students could reference which pieces were being discussed and then view them on their computer or device. This method increased student participation while actively engaging the students with their fellow peer's work.

For the last portion of the critique, students would then post their physical work on the wall and verbally reflect on where improvements in design, printing, and mounting could be made as well as the difference between viewing work digitally verse viewing work physically.



(Padlet Wall w/ Multiple Student Posts & Comments)



(Expanded View of Student Work Displaying Details and Comments)

Pros & Cons of using Padlet during an Intro to 2D Digital Design Critique

Pros	Cons
Free Membership	Free Membership only allows 3 Padlets or requires a paid membership for more Padlets
Available on multiple devices	Needs internet access
Easy to learn Padlet	The students and instructor need to learn Padlet
Students & Instructor can view work in detail.	Does not cover the physical printing and mounting portion of the course.
Comments can be anonymous encouraging more students to participate.	Harder to track student participation if anonymous is selected. (note this can be changed under settings)
Students can refer to comments made at a later date.	
Both students and instructor can export Padlet as different file types for documentation purposes,	

Conclusion when using Padlet during an Intro to 2D Digital Design Critique

In conclusion, Padlet is a wonderful resource that can be incorporated into any course in various ways. These implementations will be explored further next semester. Using Padlet during the critique process student participation did improve and discussions gained substance. Padlet could not replace the traditional form of the critique process due to the physical requirements of the course where printing and mounting needed to be evaluated.

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