

Discovery Education

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- Creating a New Account
 - www.discoveryeducation.com
 - click on “Passcode/New User” below the top navigation bar
 - enter the appropriate code for your building:
 - Davis: D2C0-B3AD
 - Flanders: 41AA-2CAF
 - St. Joe’s: 1D73-FCCC
 - MMS: 3D6F-1F81
 - FA: 0D6C-4D7C
 - follow the steps from that point
- Streaming Plus - This is the successor to PowerMediaPlus and other video services we’ve had in the past.
 - Using the search box at the top of the page will return results for Streaming Plus.
 - You can refine your search right away, or wait until you have your first set of results.
 - You can narrow it with criteria from: service, subject, grade, media type, video detail, and related materials.
 - To view a resource, click on its title in the results list.
 - If the result was a video segment, you will see all of the segments in the whole video. You can play them individually, or play the whole video.
 - The triangle on each segment or video will give you a set of options.
 - add to your content (think of this like bookmarking)
 - assign to a classroom or students
 - add to builder tool (add content to custom assignments for students)
 - Details:
 - This will tell you more about who made the video and when, age group it is appropriate for, standards it addresses, as well as give you complete citations.
 - Download:
 - Yup, you guessed it. Unless you want to leave a video for a sub or something like that, this isn’t something you have to do. All of the videos in Streaming Plus are actually hosted on our own servers, so you don’t need to worry about any of the buffering issues that you might run into with streaming from another source, like YouTube.
 - Materials:
 - Some resources have teacher guides that go along with them. These are always in a pdf format which may be downloaded, printed, etc.
 - More to Explore:
 - This gives you a short list of additional resources that are related to the one you are viewing that you might also be interested in.
 - Streaming Settings (in the video window)
 - You will want this set to 1000k for Windows for the best video quality. The only reason to go with the lower setting is if you are experiencing some kind of lag.

- Board Builder
 - This tool lets you or your students create multimedia boards (like a digital poster) on any subject. If you're familiar with Glogster, it's like that with a few different pros and cons.
- Teacher Center
 - There are a number of additional resources here that can be used by teachers and/or students, including complete lesson plans, an interactive atlas with videos, and teacher forums.
- Professional Development
 - Here you will find tutorials for everything within DE as well as additional topics like using Windows Movie Maker or Google SketchUp.

Symbaloo

- What is it?
 - Symbaloo bills itself as a "Personal Learning Environment." In some ways it's similar to iGoogle. Each page, or Webmix, is made up of individual tiles. You can create your own tiles or add ones that are premade. New tiles can
- Where is it?
 - edu.symbaloo.com
- Some examples:
 - <http://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/edu-tools3> - the "24 best" tools for teachers on the internet
 - <http://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/ffeskto2> - online activities and resources for the primary grades
 - <http://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/webmix32-collection1> - another for the primary grades
 - <http://edu.symbaloo.com/mix/commoncore> - Common Core resources
 - <http://sd735.symbaloo.com/> - example of a district's premium webmix
- Possible Uses:
 - Bookmarking Tool
 - Use this to keep track of all of the websites, YouTube videos, etc. that you use. Unlike bookmarks saved in your computer's browser, these you'll be able to access and change anywhere.
 - Curate Online Resources
 - You could use a webmix as a jumping off point for students to send them to sites and resources you want them to use.
 - Student Webmixes
 - You could have students create their own webmixes on a topic they're researching and then share them with you.
 - Department/Grade Level Resources
 - A coordinator could create a webmix with sites submitted by the group, or you could share a common account and all add to a webmix.