

# “Using Podcasting & Wiki’s in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology Rich Classroom”

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## Podcasting

### What is a podcast?

A podcast is an audio or video file that can be placed on the web to be listened to or possibly downloaded to a mobile device to listening on the go.

### WHY Podcasts?

1. Easy to download and listen to.
2. As up-to-date as you can possibly get. (Sometimes daily episodes)
3. Incredibly vast variety of topics to listen to (anything you can imagine)
4. It’s FREE!

### Finding podcasts for students to listen to:

[www.itunes.com](http://www.itunes.com) -- Here you can find millions of podcasts ready for subscription and download for easy listening for the students. You can also place these on your wiki for listening!

You can also listen to individual podcasts from other websites besides iTunes. iTunes just does a nice job of categorizing them for easy searching and quick downloads. You can even choose not to subscribe to them and only download one particular podcast.

### How to create simple podcasts:

We can use microphones, video cameras and/or cell phones to create podcasts for students to listen to. For the purposes of this workshop, we will use our cell phones.

We first need to visit: <http://www.gcast.com>

## Wiki’s

### What is a wiki?

A Wiki is basically a group of web pages with “edit” buttons on them. It’s a simple way to edit web pages and to have others edit them with you.

Wikispaces isn’t limited to text. It can hold many pages, each of which can have pictures, videos, discussion forums, documents, spreadsheets, and more. This means you can work on essays or other text-based projects, but you can also upload classroom handouts and homework assignments or have your students create visually interesting multimedia classroom projects.

## **WHY wikis?**

1. Easy to learn how to use.
2. Teacher has control of who joins, and how much freedom they have.
3. Versatile & FREE!

## **What could I use a wiki for?:**

\*Simple websites: Build a class website where you share information about your class and your projects with parents, your school or larger community.

\*Peer-reviewed projects: Have your students peer-review each other's work in an environment you can monitor.

\*Group projects: Do your class projects online, having your students research their topic and place it on a shared wiki.

\*Manage school and classroom documents: Store all your handouts, homework assignments, school policies, or other documents on the site.

\*Classroom discussion and debate: Use the wiki and discussion pages for everything from discussing class material to mock trials.

\*Teacher collaboration: Use a wiki with your colleagues as a way to share resources and easily collaborate within your tight schedules.

\*Post classroom assignments: Post classroom assignments on the wiki for everyone, including absent students and parents, to see.

\*Collaborate with an international classroom: Wikis can be used anywhere, making it easy to collaborate with classrooms across the globe.

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Visit: <http://www.wikispaces.com>

Follow the screen shots below to help create a user account

1. Go to this website:

<http://www.wikispaces.com>

2. In the upper right hand corner, you'll see this:

**Join Now!**

- 1. Pick a username**
- 2. Set your password**
- 3. Enter your email address**  
  
We don't spam or share your email address.
- 4. Space name (optional)**  
 .wikispaces.com

[Terms of Use](#)

Select a Username that is easily identifiable

Select an easy to remember password

Type in your email address. If your students don't have one, tell them to make one up.

Type something memorable for students. No spaces, or underscores. Only Dashes. I'd suggest: teachername-classname, "mrscott-spanishII"

3. After you have chosen a valid username and password, look in the upper left hand corner of the screen. You will see this:

Wikispaces

Actions

- Make a New Space
- Search

Type this:

4. After you have typed in my name, click the green arrow. You'll see this:

**Looking for a wikispace by its name?**  
 We found one space with "trevorchapman" in its name: [trevorchapman](#)

5. Click on my name, and join my wiki!

## **Editing Content**

Editing content on the wiki is fairly simple. Just click, “Edit this Page”. Once you have done so, your wiki website turns into a document that you can edit.

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[www.pollseverywhere.com](http://www.pollseverywhere.com)

[www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com)

[www.teachertube.com](http://www.teachertube.com)

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

## **Discussions**

Wikispaces already has a portion of its site dedicated for class discussions. You can facilitate these discussions in two different ways:

1. Have each student post their own separate response, and then have other students do peer responses.

**OR**

2. Have student respond to your prompt where everyone can view all of the responses in one place.

## **Managing Your Space**

This is a place where you can monitor who is a member of your Wikispace, delete members if need be, change the look and feel of your space, or manage files used within your wiki.

## **FREE Upgrade for K-12 Educators**

Be sure and request a free upgrade because you are a K-12 Educator. This will allow you extra security for your space, as well as additional options for themes and applications. You can do this under: “Manage Space”

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Questions or need a little extra help getting started? Shoot me an email if you’d like.

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