



WORD CLOUDS



Word Clouds are applications that create pictures made of words based on the frequency of the words entered in the word cloud site.

Word Clouds in the Classroom: Ideas for YOU!

1. Guess the Word Cloud:
 - a. Use it to introduce your unit plan or lesson plan. If there are certain key words that you want your students to know, type them numerous times. Show the Word Cloud on the screen at the beginning of the period and let your students guess what the topic is.
2. Word Cloud Book Project:
 - a. Have students pick a character or event from a book and use words to describe that character or event. They can change the color of the words, backgrounds, etc to add more design and dimension to the description.
3. Word Cloud for Editing:
 - a. How many times can you use the word “fun” to describe something??!! Copy and paste your essay in Word Cloud to see how many times a word is used. If the word “fun” is HUGE in the Word Cloud, then it’s time to find some synonyms!
4. Definitions:
 - a. List vocabulary words and definitions in a Word Cloud. They will all be mixed up and students will have to search for the matches.
5. First Day Activity:
 - a. Describe yourself in a Word Cloud. Have students describe themselves in a Word Cloud. Print them out and hang them up around your room.
6. Famous Speech:
 - a. Find out what ideas are most important in a famous speech by pasting it into Word Cloud. You can remove words by right-clicking on them.
7. Writing Prompts:
 - a. Give students writing prompt. Student can think before writing and then write continuously for two minutes. Copy the text and paste it into a Word Cloud and it will show the student which words or topics stood out the most in their two minute writing.
8. Turn Essays into Posters:
 - a. Student can take their essays and turn it into a poster to include with the essay that they turn in. You could do this as part of the proofread and edit stage. Use the Word Cloud as a before edit and create another Word Cloud after editing.