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Google Docs Information

http://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=ddvq3bdb_4f66fnqfz&hl=en

~ How to Learn to use Google Docs

- Google Docs help menu
- Teacher Tube **Google Docs** http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=602a4f0118326dd6c72a
- YouTube - Google Docs Community <http://www.youtube.com/GoogleDocsCommunity> -
See *Basic Information* Vince Campi is a very informative introductory video
- Google Docs for Educators http://www.google.com/educators/p_docs.html

~ Ideas for using Google Doc in the Classroom

1. Elementary. Assign "Buddy Book Reports" where two students read the same book and collaborate on their final book report in an online document.

2. Middle School. Partner with a class at another school, enter data from the same science experiment in a spreadsheet, and compare the results online.

<http://www.infinitethinking.org/stuff/Docs.Spreadsheets.pdf>

3. Create a classroom or school newspaper

<http://www.google.com/educators/activities.html>

4. **Esther Wojcicki:** (*Very informative PowerPoint for classroom ideas!*)

[Docs and Spreadsheets in the Classroom](#) [PDF]

- Collaborative Book Reports
- Co-editing Essays
- Collaborative Research Papers
- Group discussion for literary topics
- Classroom Blog (Publish document to Blogger.com)

5. **Spreadsheets** http://www.shiftedlearning.org/wiki/Google_for_Educators#Spreadsheets

- Creating a spreadsheet
- Collaborating on a spreadsheet

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Activity

This activity is called *Leaving on Jet Plane*. This past winter has been brutal. It's time we jumped a one-way flight to anywhere. Your task: Pick a one-way, non-stop flight anywhere that leaves from Minneapolis, MN (Airport Code: MSP). I suggest checking [Northwest Airlines](#) website. You need to record a) Destination, b) Airport Code, c) Travel Time in Minutes, d) Distance of Flight in Miles, and e) Cost of flight. When complete, visit [this form](#) and submit your data. Visit [the entire spreadsheet](#) when finished to see where everybody else ended up traveling.

6. Laura Botte - Peer editing for Science journaling when responding to Essential Questions.

~ Concerns about Using Google Docs

Privacy Concerns/Lack of encryption Cybernet News <http://cybernetnews.com> Ryan and Ashley Wagner

Suggestions for addressing concerns:

- *Letter home to parents about online open source tools.*
- *Use school email account*
- *Use school computers for collaborative work*

~ New Features

+309 templates <http://docs.google.com/templates>