Create & Innovate: Eight Approaches

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1 - Be Realistic

Explore creative ways to read and share.
Provide students will scaffolding for reading and writing.

Create using the Glogster or the cartoon maker.

2 - Think Different

Take time to ponder, contemplate, and create.
Rather than using traditional references, think visually.

Compare three online thesaurus. Brainstorm visual vocabulary.

3 - Provide Options

When vision doesn't equal artistic skills, technology can help by providing options.

Create an avatar to help tell a real or fictional story.

4 - Model Creative Tools

By modeling use of the technology, young people can generate ideas for how they might incorporate the tool into their work.

Create an animation or comic activity focusing on comparison.

5 - Stress Innovative Approaches

Involve students in exploring creative ways to think about information presentation such as the use of infographics.

Explore infographics. Search Google for an topical infographic.

6 - Infuse Varied Resources

Expose students to many methods of communication. Infuse a wide variety of resources into learning materials.
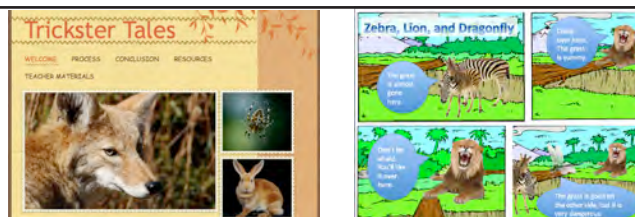
Use Google Books and Stixy.

7 - Scaffold Creativity

A well-designed series of activities can provide scaffolding for student creativity. Take small steps toward original products.

Explore features of PowerPoint that go "beyond the bullets".

8 - Teach Creatively

Combine modeling and scaffolding. Jumpstart creative projects by finding meaningful local connections.

Explore HugeLabs and ReadWriteThink Interactives.