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## Capstone

Part A: Archive

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Part B: Tool/Resource Match

1. *How can I “hook” my students to engage with content I intend to teach?:* I chose powtoons for this question. I had never used the tool before until these past few weeks because it kind of intimidated me. It seemed like it would be a lot of work and that I would really need to understand the tool in order to use it. It ended up being far easier to use than I anticipated. This is a great alternative to starting off a unit with a lecture. Instead of boring slides, students can focus on a cartoon that is specifically tailored to what they will be learning about in class. It makes the information easily accessible and visually stimulating and if you add a voiceover it is activating several pathways for remembrance on the student's part.
2. *What tool can help me increase parent communication without giving up my privacy or free time?:* A great tool for this is remind. This app allows you to send and receive text

messages without giving out your personal cell phone number. Whether it be PDFs or messages, you can see who received and opened them. This makes for a simpler way to send out progress reports in the classroom or keep parents updated with what students are doing in class and what big assignments they have coming up. You can send the same kind of messages to your students, therefore parents know that their kids are constantly being reminded of what is coming up and what is due so that their students responsibility is never questioned.

3. *What is a classroom management tool to help me keep track of student behaviors? Class Dojo!* I know that this app is made for kids in younger grades but I think the same kinds of assets it has can be helpful in middle and even high school. Teachers can keep students on task in the classroom and keep parents updated on their students' behavior in the classroom. Using real-time data is a better disciplinary action than waiting until the end of the year to put in participation. So, instead of marking one point off every day for a student on their phone, click on their character and the ding will not only let them know to put it away, but also make them put it away asap.
4. *What is a tool that includes lots of different resources all housed in one place that is age appropriate for my desired grade level?: Schoology!* Schoology claims to bring together learning and assessment in one system along with the standards used to develop curriculum to assess knowledge. This coordination between the two ensures all students, classes, and schools are working towards the same goals. This site has a plethora of information and useful readings that are aligned to the standards set in place by the state and national standards. This site is great because if you're ever in a bind where you need

readings or any other kind of information, schoology has all of them in one place. The standards being implemented save teachers so much time.

5. *What google add on can I use to help me as a teacher?*
  - a. With **Kaizena** you can provide feedback in new ways beyond text. With voice comments on your Google Docs you can provide feedback that students have to think about, not just copy and paste your suggestions! This is also a great resource to use if a student has a sight problem and needs modifications.
  - b. Not strictly for Google Docs, **Grammarly** deserves a mention for its ability to grade your writing, suggest fixes and generally make you a better communicator. It's also great when looking for plagiarism. Grammarly is available as a Chrome Extension from the Chrome Web Store.
  - c. Sick of your students getting their bibliography wrong? Take away the pain with **Easybib** for a easy way to insert a bibliography. (Wow I wish I would have known about this one a week ago)
  - d. Creating a word cloud from you document has never been easier with **Word Cloud Generator**. It takes a look at all your document's words and instantly generates a word cloud for you.
  - e. With **Naavi Classroom Sync** you can easily take a list of students, teachers and classes from a spreadsheet and sync them into ready-to-go classes in Google Classroom. If you're a domain administrator you can even setup classes for the entire school in one hit!