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Padlet in teaching and learning

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Padlet is an online virtual bulletin board or collaboration platform that allows users to create and share digital boards for various purposes. It is a versatile tool used in education, business and other contexts for a wide range of activities including collaboration, sharing information and presentations.

As a Padlet user, we can apply Padlet in a variety of contexts and for different purposes and it is highly customizable. Here are some common areas where Padlet can be applied:

- i. In education, educators can use it as a classroom collaboration, organize lesson plans, materials, and resources on Padlet boards, post assignments and collect student responses and students can create digital portfolios showcasing their work and achievements.
- ii. In business, teams can use Padlet for brainstorming, project planning and sharing updates, create digital meeting agendas, share the documents and resources with meeting attendees and collect the

customer feedback and ideas on Padlet boards.

- iii. In creative projects, artists and designers can use Padlet to showcase their portfolios or collaborate on creative projects and writers and storytellers can use the Padlet to organize the plot ideas, character profiles and storyboards.
- iv. In events and planning, users can organize events by collecting RSVPs, sharing schedules, and coordinating details and can collaborate with friends or colleagues on travel itineraries and suggestions.
- v. In research and knowledge management, users can keep research notes, sources and references and knowledge sharing.
- vi. For personal organization, users can create digital to-do lists, task boards and plan personal goals and objectives.
- vii. In marketing and content creation, users can organize content ideas, articles and social media posts and collect visual inspiration for design and marketing projects.
- viii. For community engagement, communities can use Padlet to share news and announcements.
- ix. Users also can use Padlet for vocabulary list and language exercises.

- x. And lastly, users can use Padlet as their workout plan and meal planning.



Picture 1: Example of Padlet

In this article, writers will concentrate more into the education area and there is 30+ ways to use Padlet in teaching and learning. Here are some ideas what the educators can apply when using Padlet in teaching and learning:

- i. Brainstorming on a topic, statement, project, or idea - the most popular among educators. Educators can share the board and let students share their ideas and comments. By using this way, every student can see what the others think.
- ii. Live question bank - students can ask questions during the lesson and educators can stop the lesson 10 minutes early and view the questions. From this method, students who are afraid to ask questions can still ask their questions anonymously and it gives a voice to every student in the room.
- iii. Gather student work – educators can use Padlet to gather student work and all in one place. Usually, educators can ask students to do some research on a topic and at the same time, by using the same board, the educators can post some articles and research work that are related to the topic.
- iv. Online student portfolio – educators can use Padlet as a student portfolio tool. They can create boards for every student and let them post assignments, articles and projects on it and educators can comment on each one and give feedback.
- v. “Thinking” maps – educators use a Padlet wall for students to create various thinking maps or mind maps by uploading a custom background to help them with the layout and they can start adding post-it notes to a flow map, tree map or even a circle map format.
- vi. Classroom communication – educators can use the Padlet stream layout and communicate regarding the assignments and important lesson material with students by adding posts to the communication stream.
- vii. Current event - educators could let a student add an article on the current event on the Padlet board for the next

- day. Every day a different student must add another article.
- viii. Wishes wall – educators can create a Padlet wall when it is a student’s birthday or for sick student. Every student has to write some nice birthday wishes or let them write some get well notes or add some nice drawings.
 - ix. Gather educators feedback - occasionally, educators should ask the students for feedback. Create a Padlet wall and make sure to let students comment anonymously and they will be more honest. Then, give some feedback.
 - x. Note taking - While listening to the lecture, students can work together and add notes to a Padlet wall to create a wall with resources they can use later.
 - xi. New vocabulary - to introduce and learn new vocabulary, educator can use the image view “column” by providing the new word, the translation and an image.
 - xii. One against all - educators need to create their own wall with all the tasks the students must complete. When the assignment is completed, the students must change the color of the card. By using this method, as an educator, we can identify which tasks have been done and still need to be completed.
 - xiii. Task board - educators create one column for every class and list the assignments that students need to complete related to that specific subject. In the last column, educators could place a simple quiz to make sure if the students have understood the lecture.
 - xiv. Fun activities between lessons - use fun activities between lessons to get students attention back. On the Padlet wall, educators can create different games such as memory games, spot the difference, jigsaw puzzle or word search. And it’s even more valuable when you can create games related to your lesson content.

Through the advantages of Padlet, teaching and learning become more fun to educators and students. It makes the class atmosphere more active and students will be enjoy while learning in the classroom. Let’s use Padlet!

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