**Student Creativity Tools**

Allowing students to use multimedia tools to design creative and interesting projects can help encourage their engagement in the course material and make your grading more interesting. In this 3 in 30 session, we will give a quick overview of three free tools that inspire creativity:

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|  | **Weebly** | **GoAnimate** | **Glogster** |
| Description | Weebly is a quick and easy tool used to build websites and blogs. Weebly allows the user to add web elements such as text, images, and videos onto a page through drag and drop.  | GoAnimate allows the user to make quick and easy animated videos using provided animated characters and your own voice recording or audio based on your text.  | Glogster is used to create multimedia posters. Users can build an online poster containing text, images, and videos, and then share the poster with others. |
| Pros | * Free and easy to use.
* No web-design skills required.
* Allows multiple media options—text, image, video.
* Components added to the web-page through drag and drop.
* Private and public sharing options.
* You can allow multiple people to help edit a site.
* Free version offers many professional themes.
 | * Free and easy to use.
* No computer-animation skills required.
* Allows voice recording or will produce “voice” audio based on typed text.
* Can be used for designing online role playing demonstrations.
* GoAnimate Pro with more available content and options is $58/year.
 | * Free and easy to use.
* No web-design skills required
* Allows multiple media options—text, image, video, and audio.
* Private and public sharing options.
* Easy to drag and drop items into place on the poster.
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| Cons | * Processing page updates can be a bit slow when the server is busy.
 | * Somewhat limited settings and character selections on the free version.
* Some material may be inappropriate for children.
 | * Site can sometimes run a bit slowly.
* Uploaded video file may not appear in the expect location (but can be moved).
* Video may be slow to upload.
* Tool area sometimes freezes.
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| Website | <http://www.weebly.com/> | <http://goanimate.com/> | <http://www.glogster.com/> |
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