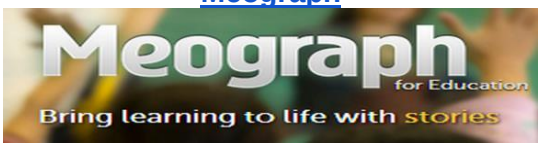
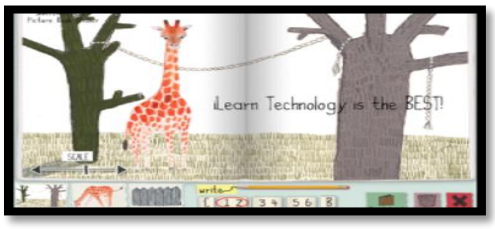
Digital Storytelling Tools

Web Tool or App	Description
StoryboardThat 	**StoryboardThat uses a familiar drag and drop interface that users of all ages pick up in seconds. It also allows you to fully customize numerous aspects of your storyboard from coloring in your own character to adding text.**
Zimmer Twins 	It is all about creative storytelling**.** ZimmerTwins is a web tool that allows students to give vent to their imaginative powers and exercise their storytelling skills from early stages to advances ones.
Storybird 	Storybird lets anyone make visual stories in seconds. You can use images curated from illustrators and animators around the world and inspire your students of any age to turn those images into fresh stories.
Domo Animate 	Domo Animate is a digital storytelling web tool powered by the popular Go Animate. Domo provides students with a variety of tools to create and share their stories. Some of these tools include: characters, speech bubbles, objects and many more.
ZooBurst 	ZooBurst is a digital storytelling tool that lets anyone easily create his or her own 3D pop-up books. Using ZooBurst, storytellers of any age can create their own rich worlds in which their stories can come to life.

Google Story Builder 	Story Builder lets you to create mini-movies or video stories with the feel of Google Docs. You can also personalize the videos you create using the characters, story, and even your music
Storyboard Generator 	Storyboard Generator allows you to choose a script and create a storyboard. You can start building your own storyboard using background location photographs. Once done, you can save and share your storyboard video with friends.
Amazon Storybuilder 	Amazon Storybuilder is a cloud-based writing tool from Amazon Studios that can be used to create stories . Amazon Storybuilder uses “notecards” to represent a single beat or event in a story, just as screenwriters have for years used actual physical notecards to represent story beats on corkboards around the world.
Tour Builder 	**Tour Builder is a cool web tool that allows users to create narrative stories using text, graphics, pictures, videos and Google Maps.Tour Builder lets you pick the locations right on the map, add in photos, text, and video, and then share your creation.**
Meograph 	Meograph is a multimedia storytelling tool for educators and students. Makes it easy to combine video, audio, pics, text, maps timelines, and links into contextualized, interactive stories.
VoiceThread 	**This is a collaborative, multimedia slide show that holds images, documents, and videos and allows users to navigate slides and create their own stories. The tool is collaborative and allows multiple types of commenting and publishing.**

Moovly 	**Moovly is a platform for animating objects and characters from a digital library. The library content can also be combined with your own movies, images, pictures, and sounds. Moovly also includes a doodle marker mode for commenting, highlighting, and animating text and line drawings.**
Blabberize 	Blabberize is a silly but fun tool for making pictures talk. Simply upload your picture and record a voice.
Xtranormal 	Xtranormal is a video animation tool. Students write scripts, and use TTS for the charater voices. This tool meets UDL Guidelines because the charaters will speak the students' scripts and they can hear what they have created in real time. The program also provides multiple visual inputs and supports visual story boarding skills.
Mapskip 	The purpose of MapSkip.com is to create a weave of stories about the places in our lives. Users are invited to create a free account and to mark up places in Google Maps with their own stories and photos. Users can browse each other's stories and can rate and discuss them.

Picture Book Maker 	Picture Book Maker is a fun little online picture book creator that includes unique illustration art students can use in their story. Each picture has multiple poses of the same character. Even the text looks like it is hand written. All of the characters for the story are animals. There are also several backdrops and props for students to include in their story.
Piclits 	PicLits.com is a creative writing site that matches beautiful images with carefully selected keywords in order to inspire you. The object is to put the right words in the right place and the right order to capture the essence, story, and meaning of the picture.
Capzles capzles time. captured.	Capzles is a photo story site that allows users to add pictures, videos, music blogs and documents. Capzles can be used to make an interesting and interactive story or timeline.
Animoto ANIMOTO	**Animoto automatically analyzes music, photos and video clips, and orchestrates a custom video, leaving you free to focus on the content and narrative of your videos. Spotlight lets you give specific image added prominence and screen time in your video. Mix relevant messaging, statistics and quotes among the pictures your videos to educate your audience and inspire them to action.**
Creaza CREAZA	Creaza Cartoonist is an online tool to create cartoons or personal digital stories, consisting of professional backgrounds, characters, props, images and text. With Cartoonist, you can create multimedia stories. You can use the tool to create comic strips or more personal digital narratives. Creaza also has a great movie editor.

Make Belief Comix 	Make beliefs comics is a tool that allows students to easily create comics with a drag-and-drop stage and multiple options for thought and speech bubbles.
Photostory 3 	**Photostory is Microsoft's free downloadable video editor. Photostory is an easy way to combine pictures, video and music to create a video timeline, story, or scrap book. Photostory is very adaptable to digital storytelling and it is an easy to use and straightforward tool. Photostory is similar to other video editors such as Wondershare, iMovie, and Creaza, but it does not have complex timeline tools.**
Crazy Talk 	**Crazy talk is a sophisticated yet easy to use puppeteering software. The software uses intuitive lip sync, wire-fitting, and digital puppeteering to allow the user to bring pictures to life.** **NOTE: Not Free**
Animationish 	**Animationish is a flip-book digital animator designed by Peter Reynolds. The software is quite sophisticated, but it has three levels so users can start with the basics and gradually add skills. The software works better with a small digital drawing tablet such as a Bamboo. Animators draw and then add motion using onion-skin frames.** **NOTE: Not Free**

CAST BookBuilder 	**CAST's Book Builder tool is used for making digital books. Teacher can add instructions, comprehension tips, think-alouds, and sounds. The tool is integrated with TextHelp Read and Write software, so students can set the book to read aloud or to look up key words. The tool also includes programmable embedded strategy coaches. Teachers can use their own picture and voice to deliver tips, or they can choose BookBuilder's included characters. Teachers can ember more than one character to deliver different types of supports (eg., questions and comprehension tips).**
SAM Animation 	**SAM Animation is a simple photo stop-motion animation studio that can be used with a web cam or iPAD version (iCreate). The program can be used to illustrate science concepts, vocabulary words, plot lines, etc. The software can also be used to develop original stories. Students can create animations in minutes, using paper, white boards, action figures, legos, scrabble tiles—any object available.**
Smilebox 	Smilebox slideshows weave together photos, words, music and video to tell a story. The Smilebox tool includes animation to convey emotion and context. You can add songs from your library or the Smilebox library.
Adobe Voice 	Adobe voice is a simple but powerful tool that is designed for digital storytelling. The application allows the user to 1) choose a picture 2) hit the microphone button and record their voice and 3) add background music. Three simple steps and students have a personal story video. Photostory is an iPAD app.

Puppet Pals 2 	Puppet pals is an iPAD app for developing short stories and plays on a manipulative puppet stage. Students can add characters, props, background, and sound effects to their stories.
Storify 	Storify is a combination storytelling and content curation app. It allows the user to collect information from Twiter streams and other social media feeds based on topic or username. It also allows the user to add comments, video, pictures, and written story elements to tie the information together into a theme or coordinated story.
Storehouse 	With the Storehouse app., users can turn a collection of photos and videos into a shareable story.

Resources

Discovery Education: http://www.discoveryeducation.com/
-United Streaming Plus http://www.discoveryeducation.com/what-we-offer/streaming-plus-digital-media/

Library of Congress Digital Collections http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html

Internet Archive Wayback Machine https://archive.org/web/

Creative Commons http://creativecommons.org/

Wikimedia Commons https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

Copyright and Fair use: http://www.splc.org/knowyourrights/legalresearch.asp?id=114

Royalty Free images and video: http://www.gettyimages.com

Royalty Free music: http://www.jeadigitalmedia.org/royalty-free-music-and-audio-for-video-production/

Sites

Open Course at DS106 http://ds106.us/
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https://tlsmackdown.wikispaces.com/Digital+Storytelling+Resources
Educational Uses of Digital Storytelling http://digitalstorytelling.coe.uh.edu/