



Included below is Part One of our recommendations for digital tools that help teachers (and students) organize their learning materials.



[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) is the #2 search engine (second only to Google) and as you know, it has fantastic learning videos that could be good for your students. How do you organize hundreds of videos so that you can access them quickly? If you have a Gmail account, just login to YouTube with the same account, and start locating and previewing videos for your classes. Once you locate a set of videos that you would like to use, just click on "Subscribe" and it will show up under "Channels" on your account. You can also "share" your videos, create playlists and add videos to them, and/or embed videos into web pages or class pages for your students. YouTube videos can be used for self-directed learning, direct instruction, review and test preparation, and project-based learning.



**Next Month**—Cloud based word processing for student collaboration, including Google drive, Zoho documents and Microsoft Word online.

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Are your students struggling to read titles such as *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Count of Monte Cristo*, or even *Aesop's Fables*? Lit2Go from The University of South Florida is a collection of hundreds of **FREE** audio books in MP3 format that may be played on a computer or any MP3 player. The narration features the voices of real people and is not computer-generated. It is also possible for the users to create electronic publications that combine the printed text with spoken text by downloading the PDF and the audio file. This combination is helpful in the classroom and for those who are trying to learn or improve their English on their own. Lit2Go is searchable by author, title, genre, collections or readability.



# Coming in February

## More Digital Learning Tools for Students and Teachers





## January Events

- **Financial Wellness Month**  
<http://www.360financialliteracy.org/>
- **January 18, 2016 – Martin Luther King Day**  
<http://www.biography.com/people/martin-luther-king-jr-9365086>  
<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/martin-luther-king-jr>
- **January 26, 2016--Australia Day**  
<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/australia-day>  
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- **Black History Month**  
[http://www.infotopia.info/black\\_hist.html](http://www.infotopia.info/black_hist.html)
- **American Heart Month**
- **Children's Dental Health Month**
- **February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day**
- **February 15, 2016 – Presidents Day**  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/1600/Presidents>
- **February 29, 2016--Leap Day**

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**Kidtopia**  
recommends  
**Starfall** 

<http://www.starfall.com/>

For children in grades K-4 and for any age students who are learning English, **Starfall** offers fun, free interactive learning activities each of the following:

- **ABC's**—Students click on each letter, hear its sound, and see a word/picture with that sound.
- **Learn to Read**—Each row includes a vowel sound with sounds, songs, and a sentence using the sounds.
- **It's Fun to Read**—Students expand their vocabulary and begin to read very easy topics.
- **I'm Reading**—Students read folk tales, stories, and informational texts.

I have used Starfall with middle school students who were just learning English and they really enjoyed being successful in learning the sounds and words!



## World War II in the Pacific

[http://www.infotopia.info/world\\_warII\\_video\\_pacific.html](http://www.infotopia.info/world_warII_video_pacific.html)

Check out our new resources on World War II in the Pacific, with embedded videos about the beginning of the war, the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the Battles of the Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. Appropriate for high school or college students, these resources include videos about Rosie the Riveter, the last days of the Pacific War, the atomic bomb and propaganda films from both sides.

