

Computer Based

Zooburst

Description: You can create your own 3D pop-up book! Creators can use clip-art photographs or any picture in their photo drive (scanned pictures, digital pictures, etc). Creators can play with the speed of the pop-up, location on the page, and size of the image. It is possible to type text to appear at bottom of the page. There is a way to add audio but it requires upgrading, which most likely means paying!

Here is our sample book: Turtle and Frog

http://www.zooburst.com/book/zb0_4e1f094b0826e

We are curious to see if 5 and 6 year old's need teacher support or can work on their own once introduced to the website. Older children can definitely use and enjoy this website.

Go Animate

Description: On this website, you can create cartoons using two characters. You type in their dialogue and choose scenery. There is also a movie option where you can add more characters. Categories are anywhere from stick figures to politics (ex: Sarah Palin).

Characters Talk: Lost Dog (sad)

http://goanimate.com/movie/03KCIgZka2KI?utm_source=linkshare&uid=01vQqE-NildM

Animals Talk:

http://goanimate.com/movie/05AbR6hSG3T4?utm_source=linkshare&uid=01vQqE-NildM

Xtranormal.com

Description: This is a website where you can choose characters and background and then make the characters move and talk to each other. The creator has to be able to type what they want the character to say, making this a more appropriate website for older children.

Concerns

*lack of diversity in characters

*many options for movements and expressions, such as "up yours!"

*some of the choices are more adult oriented, such as choosing characters that appear to be having a party

Here is our example of one movie:

<http://edu.xtranormal.com/watch/12297759/laura-and-elaine?listid=24580142>

Make Beliefs Comix

On this website, you can make a comic within 3 frames. There are many characters to choose from and you add written dialogue with speech bubbles. We recommend this site for kids who are just beginning to write and need practice with sequencing. You cannot save the comic but you can email it and save the link. You can also print them immediately.

Here is our sample:

http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/Comix/?comix_id=21343603C500865

Automatoon

This one is great for older kids. You Draw and animate your own cartoon.

<http://www.automatoon.com/start>

Voicethread

[\(http://voicethread.com/\)](http://voicethread.com/)

Here is an example from Elaine and De Shan:

<https://voicethread.com/?#u325890.b1750711.i9208959>

Podcast

iMovie

Epubs

Glogster (great way for kids to make a presentation. Could be used to tell a story)

StoryMaker

<http://www.clpgh.org/kids/storymaker/>

iPad Based

PuppetPals HD

Description: This app is fun! We LOVE it! You can create a story using a background and multiple characters. You simply hit record and speak and move the characters on the screen. With an upgrade, you can use your own pictures (or take one) as a character. You can also make the characters change size as you speak! This is recommended for all ages, pre-k through 6th grade. (or adults, for fun!)

Here is just one example:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zorheTkmmB8> (It is really easy to save your show and then email, send to youtube, send to twitter, etc)

StoryKit

Wow! We also love this app. There are many possibilities of ways to use this app. In StoryKit, you begin with a blank page and then can create your own story using photographs, text, audio recording and a drawing tool. It is flexible for all ages to use, young children through adults. The app also comes with a few books but we didn't play around with those. When reading your final story on the ipad, you see one page at a time and can turn the pages, like a book. Then you can share a private link through email. The story looks the best on the ipad. One might consider using this as a portfolio! Kids can learn how to take a picture of their work and then talk about it in their own book.

Here is our sample, as seen through the link:

<http://iphone.childrenslibrary.org/cgi-bin/view.py?b=b7aonk6uipbx4lluq3ub>

SonicPicsLite

This is another great one! In this application, you use images (saved to your iPad, from google images, taken on the iPad immediately, etc) and a voice recording to tell a story. When you are done with one page, you simply swipe to turn the page and continue your story! Great for all ages! You can save the share your story to your computer, youtube or email.

Helpful Website

<https://sites.google.com/site/digitalstorytellingwiththeipad/apps-for-digital-storytelling>

<http://ilearntechnology.com/?tag=digital-storytelling>