Picasa *in the Classroom*

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Get the tool: http://picasa.google.com

What is it?

Picasa is a free application that helps you instantly organize, edit and share all the pictures on your PC. It automatically locates all your pictures and sorts them into visual albums. Picasa also makes advanced photo editing simple. You can easily email photos, print photos, post them to your blog, and make slideshows. The new Web Albums feature allows you to upload your photos to the web with just one click.

Why use it?

Students can use Picasa to:
• organize and manage photos for projects and reports
• quickly edit photos
• share photos of special events with friends and family
• quickly create movies/slideshows

Instructional Ideas

Elementary. Take pictures of student work, presentations, or field trips throughout the year and quickly turn them into a slideshow that you can play at Open House or during parent conferences.
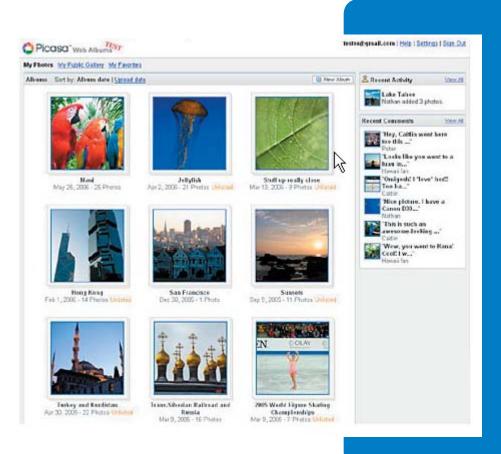
Middle School. Students can create a historical photo album by taking pictures of themselves in historical costumes and settings. Then apply sepia tones or black & white effects to make them look like old photos and print them out.

High School. Journalism students can keep all photos for each edition of their newspaper or magazine in one location on their classroom PC, adding descriptions and captions that make them easy to find, re-use, and share.

Expert Tip

You can send your pictures to a local drugstore and have professional quality prints within hours. Just click *Order Prints*, select your a store near you, and Picasa will upload your photos directly to the store!

Additional Resources

More Examples

Picasa in Education
http://picasained.wikispaces.com

Adobe Digital Kids Club
http://www.adobe.com/education/digkids/lessons/index.html

10 Tips for Capturing Great Photos
http://education.apple.com/education/ilife/howto/digitalphoto_tips/

Complimentary Tools

iPhoto (Mac)
http://www.apple.com/ilife/iphoto/

Blogger
http://www.blogger.com