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Wiki-fy your class

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What is a wiki?

- ✱ It's a web page that you create - by yourself or with your students.
- ✱ It's more than a blog and less than a learning management system.
- ✱ According to Wikipedia (get it?), it's a "website whose users can add, modify or delete its content via a web browser using a simplified markup language."

Who can use it?

- * Anyone can use it. (Schools, Teachers, students, companies, friends... anyone.)
- * Anyone can use it anywhere they want. (Home, school, office, library, coffee shop... anywhere.)
- * Anyone can use it anywhere they want anytime they want. (Morning, Afternoon, 3 AM, before lunch, during class... anytime.)

Why would I use it?

- ✱ To organize your class or classes.
- ✱ To share information with your students.
- ✱ To provide an audience for your students' work, writing or projects.
- ✱ To create a resource for yourself, your school and your students.

How could I use it?

- ✱ Instead of handing out paper copies of your syllabus - that many will lose - you can post it online.
- ✱ Have students write paragraphs online and have them peer review each other.
- ✱ Share articles, pictures, videos, websites, reminders or anything that is relevant to your class.

Example / Demonstration

- * First, I will show you my wiki(s).

- * I actually have two wikis: one that serves as one-way, "don't touch it; it's mine" wiki that students cannot change, and the other that serves as an anything goes "please don't erase anything that you don't mean to erase" wiki that students have complete access to modify, add and (unfortunately) delete.

- * Then, I will create a wiki right before your eyes.

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