

SOURCES OF FREE EDUCATIONAL AND DOCUMENTARY VIDEO SITES: DECEMBER 2012 REVISION

WATCH, KNOW, LEARN: www.watchknowlearn.org

Contains over 18 million videos in all subjects, and nicely categorized by theme. Videos are primarily for students ages 3 to 18 and most adhere to the Common Core State Standards. Some categories that might be of special interest are Holidays and Special Days (over 400 videos), English as a Second Language (over 150), and Language Arts (over 5400). There are over 2,500 videos directed at teachers and parents, too. <http://www.watchknowlearn.org>



PBS Video is excellent for its high quality documentaries. If you are a teacher of U.S. History you will be partial to the American Experience videos, but there are many other good programs available through PBS Video. NOVA and Nature are two of the highlights of PBS Video. Most of the videos on PBS Video can be embedded into blogs or websites. <http://video.pbs.org>



[Snag Learning](http://learning.snagfilms.com) and [Snag Films](http://snagfilms.com) offers access to hundreds of high quality documentary videos. Snag Learning categorizes documentaries by grade level and content area. Additionally, Snag Learning offers a series of guiding questions for each film. You can embed previews of each video into your blog, but you have to watch the full-length versions on [Snag Learning](http://learning.snagfilms.com) or Snag Films. <http://learning.snagfilms.com> OR: <http://snagfilms.com>



[Documentary Heaven](http://documentaryheaven.com) is a free site that has organized more than 1600 documentary films found across the Internet. Through Documentary Heaven, one can find documentaries covering all kinds of topics in science, history, politics, business, and many more categories. The videos are sourced from a variety of services including, but not limited to, YouTube. <http://documentaryheaven.com>



[Folk Streams](http://folkstreams.net) is a good website featuring documentary films of American life. Visitors to [Folk Streams](http://folkstreams.net) will find films about various

demographic segments of the population as well as films about regions of the country. The films are produced by independent directors and come from a variety of distributors. Most of the films appear to be between thirty and sixty minutes in length although there are some films outside of that range. Visitors to [Folk Streams](http://FolkStreams.net/) can search by region, subject, title, filmmaker, or distributor. www.folkstreams.net/



Explore.org produces and hosts high-quality documentary films and photographs. The films and images focus on exploring the world and the work of non-profit organizations around the world. The films and images are organized by destination. There are twelve destinations in all including China, Tibet, the Middle East, and India. Explore.org is funded in part by the [Annenberg Foundation](http://AnnenbergFoundation.org) who is responsible for the award winning website www.learner.org with many Lesson Plans and Educational Videos.



[Documentary Tube](http://DocumentaryTube.com), like similar services, is a catalog of full-length documentaries found on the web. Documentary Tube doesn't actually host the videos rather it catalogs them and displays them through embedding. Documentary Tube videos come from places like Daily Motion, YouTube, and Google Video. The catalog is arranged thematically. If you find a lot of documentaries on Documentary Tube you create and save playlists of your favorites.

www.documentarytube.com



[DocumentaryZ](http://DocumentaryZ.com) offers hundreds of documentaries organized into two dozen categories. Many of the videos are served via YouTube, but some are not. If you're fortunate enough to work in a school that allows you to access YouTube, DocumentaryZ is worth it. www.documentaryz.com

There is certainly not a shortage of places to find educational and inspirational videos online. [Keen Talks](http://KeenTalks.com) is another entry into that market. www.keentalks.com

[Keen Talks](http://KeenTalks.com) is an online catalog of videos featuring educational and thought-provoking talks from people across the academic and entertainment spectrums. While Keen Talks is very heavy on science topics, you can find talks on topics in history, economics, entertainment, and technology. You can search Keen Talks by topic, category, or speaker's name.

The DO LECTURES <http://thedolectures.co.uk/>

Are you interested in big ideas? Challenging talks? Ones that might be inspiring? Then the Do Lectures website might be of great interest. The idea behind them is a simple one: "that people who Do things can inspire the rest of us to go and Do things, too." Each year they invite a group of "doers" to come and give talks that will help people to do "the thing that sits in the back of your head each day, just waiting, and waiting for you to follow your heart." You can dive in by clicking on the Talks tab. Here they can browse videos by topic, which include business, creativity, environment, and sport. Get started by listening to John Fetzner's talk "Humanity in a Bottle" or Shira Lazar's "Breaking Barriers."

YouTube: www.youtube.com No more be said about YouTube's ubiquity and importance in the online video field. Not all videos are appropriate for all age groups, so parents and educators beware.

SOURCES OF FREE VIDEOS: Vimeo <http://www.vimeo.com/>

"Vimeo is a respectful community of creative people who are passionate about sharing the videos they make. We provide the best tools and highest quality video in the universe."

VIDEO AND PODCASTING RESOURCES – One of the most widely adopted internet technologies for use in instructional settings is video streaming. In addition to the ubiquitous [YouTube](#), there are several education-specific video hosting sites, including [TeacherTube](#), [EduTube](#), and [SchoolTube](#). There is an abundance of lectures, how-to videos, and similar materials available on the web. [The Khan Academy](#) is one such resource that has garnered a lot of press, but it's just one of many web-based free lecture and tutoring resources available today. Check out "[A Dozen Great Free Online Video Lecture Sites](#)" for a wide selection of lecture content, and the [Tutoring Category](#) for more tutoring resources. Podcasting has also been used to provide similar offerings of audio materials through popular sites like [iTunes U](#) (learn more about Podcasting [here](#)).

Five Sources for Free Online Videos: <http://mashable.com/2010/11/18/online-video-services/> **FREE VIDEO LECTURES** is a library of more than 18,000 video lectures from more than 700 courses offered by some of the world's top colleges and universities. The library of videos can be searched by subject and or university. The video sources are a mix of YouTube and other providers. Many of the videos are available for free download. <http://freevideolectures.com> **LEARNERSTV.COM.** www.learnerstv.com/

This free Web resource offers more than 10,000 videos of lectures on a wide range of subjects including biology, physics, chemistry, computers, medicine, dentistry, nursing, engineering, accounting, management, psychology, history, language, literature, and law. Presented by a variety of universities, the majority are recorded lectures intended for telecourses. Thus the presentations are generally dry but contain solid information. The video interviews from Harvard Business Publishing have higher professional production values than those from many of the other sources. Additional materials include 400-plus Science Animations, Lecture Notes for several science courses, and practice tests for medical topics. Searchers may locate material on various topics by browsing via subject, course, and then title of lecture. The Google-based

search function works well for locating specific topics. Most of the videos and animations are presented using Flash; some use RealPlayer. The Dim the Lights option offers an effective way to draw attention to the video being played by graying the rest of the page. Both self-learners and students needing supplemental explanations will find LearnersTV.com useful. The animations may be especially valuable to faculty needing visualizations to illustrate lecture topics.

90 VIDEOS FOR TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA LITERACY: [90+ videos for tech and media literacy](http://coursos.wikispaces.com/TechAndMediaLiteracyVids)
<http://coursos.wikispaces.com/TechAndMediaLiteracyVids>

ACADEMIC EARTH: FREE VIDEO COURSES FROM THE WORLD'S TOP SCHOLARS:
<http://academicearth.org/>

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY OFFERS FREE COURSE CONTENT OVER VIDEOS
<http://youtube.com/ucberkeley/>

VIDEO LECTURES ON ANY TOPIC <http://videolectures.net>

FREE VIDEOS FOR LEARNING: <http://www.nextvista.org/>

EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES TO YOU TUBE: EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS
<http://www.freotech4teachers.com/2008/11/23-alternatives-to-youtube.html>

FIND YOUR FAVORITE CLIP WITH THESE NEW VIDEO SEARCH ENGINES:
http://news.cnet.com/8301-17939_109-10281507-2.html?part=rss&tag=feed&subj=Webware

TED: FREE LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS ON VIDEOS ON ANY TOPICS via TED:
<http://www.ted.com/talks>

COMMONCRAFT VIDEOS: EXPLANATIONS IN PLAIN ENGLISH: <http://www.commoncraft.com/>

ANNENBERG MEDIA: VIDEOS ON ALL ASPECTS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY and AMERICAN LITERATURE and SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS www.learner.org

C-SPAN CLASSROOM [Real Player, Windows Media Player]
<http://www.c-spanclassroom.org> Timely Teachable Videos Over the past several decades, C-SPAN has brought many hours of fascinating programming to the generally curious. Many teachers have used their programming to edify their students about various aspects of US government, and now C-SPAN has created this very nice site to complement those informal activities. The formal mission of the C-SPAN Classroom site is "to enhance the teaching of Civics & U.S. Government through C-SPAN's primary source programming." Visitors can start their journey by viewing the "Clip of the Week", and then looking through the other thematic sections on the site, which include "Principles of Government", "Legislative Branch", and "Political Participation". Along with each clip, users can also view a short clip description, and take advantage of the discussion questions as well. Educators who teach political science, civics, or United States government should find this site to be useful.

BLINKX: Search for Educational Videos using one of the best search engines just for videos:

<http://blinkx.com/>

Blinkx is the world's largest and most advanced video search engine. Fed by automatic spiders that crawl the web for audio video content and having content partnerships with over 200 leading media companies, blinkx uses advanced content analysis to better retrieve educational content.

MIT: MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: Free Audio and Videos of Lectures:

<http://ocw.mit.edu>

YALE UNIVERSITY: FREE AUDIO AND VIDEOS OF LECTURES: <http://open.yale.edu/courses/>

SOME VIDEO SEARCH ENGINES:

7 WAYS TO SEARCH FOR ONLINE VIDEOS:

<http://www.friedbeef.com/7-great-ways-to-search-for-online-videos/>

BLINKX: <http://www.blinkx.com/>

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Other resources (and the latest revision of this webliography) will always be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6dfaxn>