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This is a guest post by one of our blog writers, Kathryn McGreal. Recently I have been looking for strategies to better engage my students in their learning and improve literacy in aural and musicology lessons. Sadly, students have become less inclined to read and literacy has seen a decline which is a continuous frustration for teachers across all subject areas. Knowing how powerful YouTube is as a communication tool, I wondered how I could integrate video into my teaching to make my lessons more appealing to students, raise their focus level and embed literacy skill-building in a subtle way in the classroom. I was discussing this dilemma with a colleague who suggested I check out Edpuzzle as a possible tool to try. Edpuzzle is a video tech tool that allows teachers to create lessons around short videos. You can use it as a tool in the classroom to introduce topics or it can be used in a flipped classroom format allowing students to work on class tasks at their own pace at home. The basic version of Edpuzzle is free. With paid upgrades you can expand your video storage space and you can also increase it by referring Edpuzzle to a colleague.

1. Lesson Ideas - Teachers can search an extensive video library for lesson ideas from a range of sources including Youtube and TED talks. You can also use videos that have been edited already by other teachers.
2. Flipped Classroom possibilities - Assign video lessons for students to watch with questions embedded by you as the teacher. Students can work independently to complete questions at their own pace, taking time to tackle and solve their own learning challenges.
3. Formative Assessment - Check on the understanding of skills and content through creation of a homework video related to the lesson taught that day to test or reinforce learning.
4. Focus on specific aspects of learning - Crop videos and edit content to focus on important aspects of learning for students to address. This is particularly useful as students become interactive in the learning and not just passively watching a screen. Questions are used as interjections in the video rather than through the traditional approach of watching a film and answer questions at the end. Students have time to address the question before continuing to watch the rest of the content so nothing is overlooked. Students can watch the video segments as many times as necessary to complete the question. One feature I particularly like is the way in which students cannot move forward in the video until they answer the question. Students also can't submit their answers until the whole of the video is watched.
5. Time Saving - Creating a video through content selection and editing is incredibly simple. This 'no fuss, time efficient' approach to editing feature is perfect for teachers who don't have time to learn new software.
6. Engagement - Video is a vehicle that students tap into each day either through social media, independent research or music entertainment. Using video not only provides variety in lesson presentation but instantly connects students to a process they are familiar with and one they enjoy.

Create Engaging and Productive Video Lessons with EdpuzzleClick To Tweet Teachers are being increasingly asked to track student learning and provide evidence with data. Edpuzzle has an inbuilt data tracking and analysis system which allows teachers to see how much time each student has spent watching segments of the video lesson and when they completed the assigned questions. Formative assessment is easy to set up and maintain as teachers can assign their lesson video creations to classes set up in the 'My classes' tab. In the 'My Classes' tab, teachers are able to: View individual student responses Provide a grade and written feedback on each question, and Export results to an excel spreadsheet to see trends in learning. Edpuzzle is linked to Google Classroom which means importing class lists requires just a single click rather than going through the laborious exercise of importing each student manually. Accessing student work samples to provide evidence of learning can be done through the Edpuzzle LMS, Google Classroom or your own LMS. The Gradebook in Edpuzzle allows teachers to track progress for each student and export as Excel files. Below is a sample student response and my comment on the learning. Use short video clips to introduce or conclude a topic, concept, skill or composer. Type in a topic in the search bar and look at the variety of video suggestions that come up on that topic Select videos from digital libraries - including TED talks and Youtube - from the library sidebarEmbedded question types that can be open, closed or multiple choice into the video to focus student learningUse edited videos on the topic from the work of other teachers or create your own so that you can tailor your lesson delivery to the specific needs of students I designed a whole unit of work using content from Edpuzzle on the topic of Film Music in year 9. To introduce the unit I found a great video in the search content library on 'The Power of Film' that was already edited by another teacher. The film showed students the way in which different styles of music could transform the mood of a scene. It was hilariously funny and immediately engaged my students in the topic and got them thinking of ways in which they could do the same things in their own compositions which was to form the major assessment for the unit. In order to embed the composing skills needed for the unit assessment task I used Edpuzzle to create a lesson where students could practice observing silent moments of film and create soundscapes. I edited a video clip from the 'Lion King' which I used as an aural exercise to get students thinking of ideas and to focus their attention on the concepts of music as tools to manipulate in creating a film score. I then imported this clip into Sibelius and asked students to experiment with ideas and create a film score. My students loved this as the editing down (21 seconds) of the film was already done for them by me. All they had to do was to explore the Sibelius sound sources and imagine ideas in order to compose the music. Formative assessment The assessment task for this unit was to design a 'superhero' and compose a theme for that character. In preparation for the task I used Edpuzzle to source film clips from a variety of contrasting superhero films. I then created a series of listening questions which I embedded into each video to test student understanding of concepts Edpuzzle allows you to create open and closed question types or multiple choice responses. Students completed these activities in their own time and at their own pace. Marking their responses allowed me to track the progress of understanding and help students structure observations using correct terminology. It was exciting to see student literacy improve over the course of the unit as a result of these short Edpuzzle exercises. Towards the end of the unit I used Edpuzzle to create an 'extended response style question' so I could assess how confidently students could identify and accurately discuss musical concept manipulation in film. Click through to see the Edpuzzle video and quiz. You'll need to sign in to Edpuzzle to view it and if you don't already have an account, you can set up a free one. Once again I was impressed by the improvement students showed in tackling the task. Previously, students would hesitate and be overwhelmed by extended response questions; however, I could see that through the regular use of Edpuzzle in short listening activities that my students had gained a thorough knowledge of concepts and were not fazed by being asked to demonstrate understanding in extended responses. I have also used Edpuzzle to create unprepared listening assignments for my students at the end of topics which has saved me so much time as the editing process and embedding of questions literally takes seconds to create. I created a test entirely on screen in Edpuzzle. This 'one stop shop' to edit and create a test was so efficient and less messy than the former method of find an editing program, import music, cut and splice music content and then align somehow to a test paper. YouTube has lots of videos now that allow students to see the score while they listen to the music. I used one of these videos in the teaching of the music of Liszt in year 11. I embedded questions about the music as the video progressed. Stopping the video at the precise moment of observation allowed students to see immediately what I wanted them to identify and comment on rather than risk students overlooking the point of learning. I found this particularly useful with weaker or inexperienced students as it clearly directed students to the point of the question and gave time for students to respond. It also provided the opportunity to develop class discussion on the main focus points. Confidence in score reading and analysis skills developed as a result of this strategy. Create and use your own videos you will see video content from a range of sources. With the free version you can move up to 15 videos across to your own content page. This is where you will store your videos and assign to different classes. I usually use YouTube to source my video content but there are some great TED talks for music which you can access as well. 2. Create your own library of videos by going to My Content and then accessing the video libraries in the right side bar. You can create folders for videos by clicking on the blue button add content/new folder. 3. Add your class to Edpuzzle. Select My Classes (right top ribbon) and then add new class from side left bar. You can also just import your classes from classroom. 4. Assign content to your class. Click on the video you want from your content page and assign to your class. Add a video from the library to your content.Edit the video and add your own questions. Edpuzzle allows you to ask open ended or specific questions. Simply select Edit. This will take you to a screen where you can crop the video, edit bits you don't want out of the video, and assign questions for students to answer. The little teardrop icon under the video indicates the question. This will appear for students once the video is running. Press Finish and Save your video to assign to your class. You can also add voice over and captions to your video at this point in the process. Inject Humour and Engagement with Audio Notes Stop the video at points to add text commentary to make the lesson more interesting or point out key ideas. Use the Voice over tool Personalise the video lesson with your own teacher explanations. This is great if you want to comment on material as the video is running. Very user friendly!A lot of features are provided free!Safe and responsible actually (CT). Kids must be 13 or over to use or parental consent must be provided. Excellent online support is there if needed. I have asked many questions of the Edpuzzle team and their response is almost immediate.It's so easy to set up classessl can see how my students are progressing on a task at any timeOverall flexibility allowing creativity in the delivery of student learning!Students enjoy using the videosLearning outcomes have improved especially in elevating literacy You can't create videos in Edpuzzle and save in other places such as Google Classroom as yet so I use a screencasting program such as Screencast-O-Matic to get around this. I understand the makers of Edpuzzle are working towards providing this for teachers in the future!f grading the work of large classes, I tend to create mostly closed question types that require one word responses for ease of marking and then an open ended response for the last question. I can't wait for Edpuzzle to create a way for teachers to save the videos they make in google drive and other digital spaces so that these resources can have even further flexibility. Edpuzzle has really injected some fun and variety in the way I deliver, track and feedback learning in my classroom. The possibilities are only limited by your imagination. Would you like to take a copy of this with you? Click the button below and a copy of this will be sent directly into your inbox Hello! I'm Katie Argyle - an Australian music technology trainer and consultant with a passion for helping music teachers through my business Midnight Music. I'm a qualified teacher but no, I don't currently teach in a school. I help teachers through my online professional development space - the Midnight Music Community - where there are tutorial videos, courses, links and downloadable resources. I like to focus on easy ways to incorporate technology into what you are already doing in your music curriculum through a range of creative projects. I also run live workshops and have presented at countless conferences and other music education events. If you want simple, effective ideas for using technology in music education, I would LOVE to help you inside the Midnight Music Community. Learn more and take a sneak peek inside Remember the days when you would walk into class and see that you were going to watch a video? Whether you got excited or not, chances are you didn't think you were going to actually have to learn anything that day. The sad truth is that we still associate watching videos as passive and non-educational. But as more courses are offered online, plenty of research has been done on how to make video learning more effective. Experts agree that videos can be a useful tool, as long as they are designed the right way. Instead of just assigning our students a video to watch, we as educators can turn videos into engaging lessons that activate learning and hold our students accountable. Check out our best practices for making awesome video lessons your students will love. The Keys to a Fantastic Video Lesson The good news is you already know more about making great video lessons than you think! A lot of the important principles of video lessons are similar to those of normal teaching. Chunk information. Our brains can only take in so much information at a time. That's why short videos (studies recommend 6-9 minutes maximum for older students) are crucial. If you teach younger children, use your teacher instinct to figure out what's best for your students. Speak informally. Even though your students might cringe at your voice impressions, they would still rather hear the authentic you. A robotic lecture voice is bad in the classroom and even worse on video. Make students feel like they are in your normal class and being taught material prepared especially for them. Integrate questions. This is probably the most powerful thing you can do! Students remember things better when they have to practice recalling new information on their own. Embed multiple-choice questions and open-ended questions to check for understanding and have students engage more with the content. So now that you know these key elements, here's some even better news. Edpuzzle allows you to do all of these things! Whether it's a video you find on YouTube or one that you record yourself, we give you the superpower to create amazing video lessons. Using existing video Let's face it, teachers are busy and it's more time-saving to find a pre-made video for your class. Edpuzzle makes it quick and easy to find engaging videos from quality sources. Numberphile and Khan Academy are two great channels available for math teachers. Science teachers might like Veritasium and National Geographic, and Crash Course is nice for social studies. Remember, you can always use Edpuzzle's video editor to make a video shorter or edit out anything you don't need. Because you're re-using a pre-made video, it's a good idea to add as much personalization as you can. We recommend starting every video with an audio note. In less than a minute, you can go over what your students are going to watch and how it relates to what they're learning in class. Hearing your voice also adds a personal touch that will comfort and encourage you're students! As you start to embed questions throughout your video, don't forget that the end of the video is just as important for creating your dynamic video lesson! Try ending your course with an open-ended question to check in with your students. You could have them share how confident they feel about the new information they've learned or ask them if they have any questions for you. This feedback will be super useful for when you decide how to differentiate your next lesson! Recording your own video Even though there are already a lot of resources out there, sometimes only you can provide students with something custom-tailored to their needs. It doesn't take any fancy tech or tools to create your own video, the more low-tech the better! You can use the Edpuzzle Chrome extension to record your screen from your computer. Get the Edpuzzle Chrome extension If you're really enthusiastic, consider researching the tools you need to make even better educational videos. Depending on what you teach, you'll need to decide how to best present material to your students. Many teachers find it best to record a slide presentation. Elementary school teachers could consider screen recording online tools or games to better engage younger students. When you record video, you can pause to ask questions or prompt your students just like you would in a normal lesson. Once you upload your video to Edpuzzle, simply embed your questions at these pauses and see the responses flow in! At the end of the day, the lesson itself is the most important thing to plan. Don't worry about the little technical things and just make sure your students are getting the information that they need. Want more great video-lesson tips? Check out our webinars and find out how Edpuzzle can help you transform your video, no matter what subject or grade you teach! EdPuzzle is a platform that helps teachers in creating and assigning interactive videos as homework. The platform covers all homework-related tasks starting from planning to analyzing the assignment. By using EdPuzzle, teachers can just sit back and (virtually) watch the students learn the subject and become accountable for their homework. What is interactive about EdPuzzle? Teachers can embed questions into any part of the video to check students' comprehension while watching! More on the benefits below EdPuzzle brings both students and teachers on a shared platform. We shall first discuss teachers' tools and then we will discuss the same for students.SIMILAR ARTICLE: HOW TO USE KAHOOT AS A TEACHERThe thing I like most about it is that using EdPuzzle is as easy as ABC. You don't need any technical skills. Let's assume that you have already created your teacher account.First, login to EdPuzzle.Your teacher dashboard shows a selection of popular online video channels. A few of the options available on the screen include YouTube, Khan Academy, EdPuzzle, and TED Talks.Next, you have to search for the video that you want your students to watch. Tip: It's better that you do your search off-site to enhance productivity. Go to EdPuzzle once you already have the video link to make the process faster.Once you have selected the content, the site offers you three options: assign the video without editing; copy the video to your dashboard; and edit the video to your liking. The editing option gives your four powerful tools:First is cropping. It allows you to select a portion of the whole video for the student to watch. In other words, you can delete insignificant part of the video!The second option is adding audio notes. You can use this tool to pack extra information within the video. The voiceover tool allows you to add emphasis or include additional information.The last option is for creating quizzes. Check students' understanding right away by adding multiple choice or open-ended questions.The next step is to assign the homework to the students. This highly intelligent web tool guides teachers through the process of adding classes and enrolling students.Lastly, track student progress. Simply click on 'My Classes' at the top right corner of your dashboard and select for the appropriate video and student. It will show you important data such as student watch time, date of completion and test results.The use of this tool is even easier for the students. They join a class using code (or without code if it's an open class). Depending on the class their teachers have created, they may have to sign up on the website or join the class using your code.Once in the class, they will watch the video and complete the relevant requirements and quizzes.The best part is that they cannot skip the video if the teacher has prevented them to skip it!MUST-READ: 15 FUN CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES USING TECHNOLOGYEdPuzzle is free for teachers because it takes only a few minutes of their time, and no advanced technical knowledge is needed to create and assign video homework. But these benefits don't end here.If you are a teacher, you will be amazed at how easy it is for you to integrate all your video-extensive lesson plans across this website. Heck! You can store your whole database of content and students' progress over here.Did I mention that the tool allows teachers to prevent the students from skipping the video content? I guess I did. But this benefit is worth mentioning twice. And you can also help your students to remain focused on what matters by cropping the video to exclude all irrelevant content.All you need to make sure is that you come up with great ideas and resources to assign homework. If you have pre-selected a video to assign to the class, you are all set within minutes!Furthermore, students enjoy the ease of learning that comes with educational videos while reinforcing autonomy and responsibility.EdPuzzle offers three plans depending on the need of the teacher.The FREE basic plan allows teachers to edit, assign and store up to 20. In my experience, this FREE plan is more than enough.The second plan is the Pro Teacher, which costs \$9.50 per month. It gives you unlimited storage and comes with prioritized customer support.For the third plan, Pro School, prices start from \$95 per month. It allows collaboration among teachers, dedicated support, training, and the ability to customize the learning process.EdPuzzle can help you plan homework for any subject ranging from Math to Science, to English and Social Sciences. If you are considering flipping your classroom, EdPuzzle is one best way to do that!So, if you are teaching pronouns, for example, pick a relevant grammar video from your favorite channel. Start the process at EdPuzzle, assign, and then watch as the learning unfolds. Posted April 3, 2020 by Nick LaFave under Flipped Classroom & Blended Learning Edpuzzle has been featured in many of my posts and workshops over the years. With so many teachers turning to video lessons now, I thought it would be a good time to create a beginners guide. Click here to download the PDF Beginners Guide to Creating Video Lessons. Edpuzzle allows teachers to embed questions and notes into practically any video you can find online (including those made by the teacher). Students can't fast-forward, but they can rewind the video before answering multiple-choice or open-ended questions. Create a free teacher account at edpuzzle.com. While they used to offer nearly-unlimited features, including unlimited video hosting, their pricing structure has changed. Free accounts are limited to 20 videos. Not ready to subscribe? You can always delete a video to remain under the limit or earn more storage by referring your colleagues. Creating a class is really easy, but you have to decide which type of class to create. Classic Class: recommended for tracking progress. Students need to create an account. Open Class: No student accounts are required. Student progress is viewable for each lesson individually, but teachers don't have a grade book view. Neither option requires that students have an email address. Students can be imported from Google Classroom, otherwise they can join using a class link or access code. Teachers can upload their own video, copy existing Edpuzzle video lessons, or conveniently search for videos from places like You-Tube, Khan Academy, National Geographic, TED Talks, and more. You have three options once you find a video: Edit: customize the video for your students.Copy: save the video to edit at a later date.Assign: assign the video to students as-is. Teachers can split the track at any point and trim the video to cut out parts that aren't relevant. The voiceover feature allows you to replace part or all of the video's existing audio with your voice. It's a great feature for clarifying content. Teachers can add notes or questions at any point in the video with just a few clicks. Notes can consist of a combination of notes, formulas, external links, photos and audio, or use just one.Multiple-Choice Questions are graded automatically and allow you to leave feedback based on students' answer choices. Open-Ended Questions allow teachers to grade student responses and give feedback at a later time. Lessons can be assigned to any number of classes or to individual students with just a few clicks. Copyright secured by Digiprove/Some Rights ReservedOriginal content here is published under these license terms: X License Type:Non-commercial, Attribution, Share AlikeLicense AbstractYou may copy this content, create derivative work from it, and re-publish it for non-commercial purposes, provided you include an overt attribution to the author(s) and the re-publication must itself be under the terms of this license or similar.License URL: t Miss a Pick - Follow Us Edpuzzle is helpful for flipped classroom, self-study learning, homework assignments. You can take this approach to all subjects and for all age levels. Edpuzzle supports various subjects and grade levels, making it a versatile tool for educators. Experts and educators can create their own content and assessments using Edpuzzle. This has the potential to turn traditionally passive learning into an active process that places ownership of tasks within the hands of students and teachers with solid video backgrounds. What is Edpuzzle? The teachers students for journey interactive learning platform to create curious video classes of engaging it is Edpuzzle. You can add questions to any video with Edpuzzle and monitor student success. This has made learning more interactive and personalized than ever before. Using Edpuzzle, teachers can turn any video into a quiz. They can include one participant response for each mul-choice question and any number of text answers in question. This means students are following as they proceed through the unit and taking part actively in learning. With Edpuzzle, you can also monitor students' progress. Who watched all of the video, how they answered questions and where they struggled are all accessible to teachers. This can help to make up for learning gaps. Key Features of Edpuzzle Interactive Video Lessons: Make your videos engaging by adding in questions, voiceovers and notes. Student Progress Tracking: Measure completion rates, responses, and people's performance. Built-in Video Library: Use videos from YouTube, Khan Academy and more, and make them exactly what one wants! Seamless Integrations: Works with Google Classroom, Canvas and other LMS platforms. Self-Paced Learning: Students can watch and answer questions at their own pace. Automatic Grading: Time saved is guaranteed by instantaneously grading multiple-choice questions. Video Editing Tools: Edit your videos so that they focus on the important parts. Edpuzzle for Interactive Learning Edpuzzle brings learning to life for students. The teacher uploads a video, selects a video from their library, adds questions to the video all at once and then monitors what students do in response. This keeps students from just sitting back and watching. The platform also offers a range of progress reports that help teachers pinpoint their students' learning gaps. How to Use EdPuzzle? Visit Edpuzzle at Select a teacher-account. You will have to click "Sign Up" to register for a mail account. Go back to the logon page of EdPuzzle. Go to the top right corner, and you are there along the way. Click on "add class" option to build your class. Name your class and ask your friends to join you in class. Click on search at the top of the page. While on the left you search for a video on the Youtube, Vimeo and left channel. Pick the video you wish to edit, click the "use it" button. Edit the video of your choice click "Save" button and go to my contententer to middle on homepage up top. Choose the video you just edited and assign a "work" tab for it to your students in the class through the "assign/share" button up top. Once this has been posted, give the class an assignment on EdPuzzle. How to Create Engaging Video Lessons on Edpuzzle? It's easy to make an interesting video class in Edpuzzle. Select a video from YouTube or upload your own and just cut it into pieces that are relevant for class lectures. Add in interactive elements like multiple-choice questions, open-ended prompts, or voice notes to keep students engaged. Learning eventually becomes their own game. With Edpuzzle's analytics, you can see how your students are doing in real time and adjust lessons accordingly. How to Assign Edpuzzle Videos to Students? You can quickly and easily assign EdPuzzle videos to students. All you need to do is choose an EdPuzzle video or upload one of your own. Off the main page of the website, there is a "Copy Lesson" button with one click. Select a class from your EDpuzzle dashboard or do it all directly within Google Classroom. How to Track Student Progress with Edpuzzle Analytics? Edpuzzle makes it possible for teachers to ascertain in real time how far students are progressing. You can check this in the progress tab under video lessons. It will show how many students finished an assignment video, and what kind of feedback people leave. You can also tell who outside the group watched this film, how many times in all and where problems occurred. How to Get the Most Out of Edpuzzle's Free Features? Edpuzzle has free features that enable you to create interesting lessons from videos costing nothing. To upload videos, add interactive questions and track student progress. Use their library of built-in lessons or adapt them as required. Transfer videos directly to Google Classroom or other platforms. Monitor student involvement and response to enhance learning. By careful planning, you can maximize the free tools Edpuzzle offers fora still more effective kind of teaching. FAQ'S How can I create an Edpuzzle account? After you go to Edpuzzle.com, click "Sign Up" and then follow their prompts to select either "Teacher" or "Student" Is Edpuzzle free to use? 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