

LESSON 7: November 4 to 11

Hello and Happy November to



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Let us begin with some necessary Nov 4th ketchup since our course ends the week of Nov 18-22

- ✓ Have you entered onto our WIKI at tinyurl.com/sconlineipads a short description of the Columbus Day New World project or activity that you are planning? (this was due last week) As of Monday morning 11/4, exactly 6 of 10 of you have completed this and I am feeling blue! I hope this changes in the next 33 hours.
- ✓ Have you made any strides to connect with your partner regarding the HW due Nov 11th -- is next Monday? The assignment HW8.1 is to work with your partner(s) and jointly write a paragraph or two on our WIKI about one of the featured projects that you found intriguing.
- ✓ Are you aware that two weeks from today it will be Nov 18th (our last Monday together) and hopefully the Columbus Day New World project HW9.1 is done and you have shared in a paragraph or two on our WIKI on how it went.



This is a GUILT FREE course. As a teacher since 1973, I know how tough the juggling can be. Therefore many assignments from now on are OPTIONAL so you can rid of any guilt! And I will not feel guilty for giving you more assignments when I know that some of you are still catching up on old assignments. This new OPTIONAL approach is good for you & good for me. Hope you agree!



The content this week deals with two interesting apps that we have not previously looked at -- PicCollage and Educreations.

The **OPTIONAL** assignment is to

- a) pick a curriculum topic and continue to Raise the Bar High and teach content!
- b) make a cover graphic on this topic with X number of photos using PicCollage storing the final product back in your Camera Roll when done
- c) create a presentation with Educreations that has X number of slides, one for each picture you choose in PicCollage
- So you need to choose the pictures re PicCollage based on your presentation-to-be in Educreations.
- d) use the easy email feature of Educreations so share your project with me

Please first watch this 11 minute Intro video on PicCollage -- http://youtu.be/NxzhNyj_UYA -- which is a utility program (like Skitch) that lets you take a bunch of your pictures and easily make a visually attractive collage in either an informal or structured layout.

Here are the highlights of the first video re this very neat program. We have been showing this at Summercore for two years and virtually everyone loves it!

- 1. move pics with 1 finger
- 2. resize and rotate with 2 fingers
- 3. delete pics by flicking or dragging to the Educreations TRASH at top right
- 4. if pics on top of each other, tap once to bring to top
- 5. tap and hold on a pic to move to the back
- 6. double tap a photo to edit it
 - crop
 - edit photo
 - edit border
 - set as background
- 7. add text by tap and hold
- 8. resize text
- 9. select background with long tap
- 10. undo (Trash)



Special notes re PicCollage OPTIONAL

• You can bring in MULTIPLE PICTURES at once, not just one a time. Look at the checkmarks below in the picture on left.





When you double tap on a picture (not the background) you get the 5 choices you see above in the picture on the right.

You can do special effects on the picture via EDIT PHOTO if you double tap on the PHOTO. Remember that a double tap on the PHOTO is different from double tapping on the BACKGROUND.



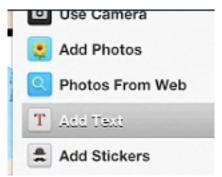


So when you choose EDIT PHOTO you get these choices on the right that include letting you highlight a portion of your picture and blur the rest ("FOCUS").

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You can add text (like Skitch) to the background by double tapping on the background (not the picture). Here is what you see when you double tap on the

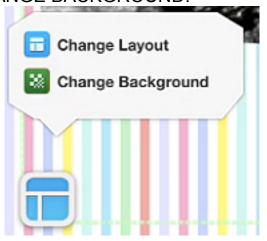
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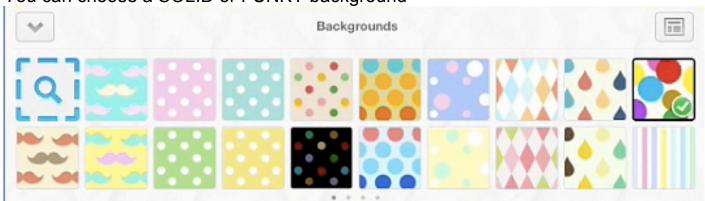


Notice above that there is a new 2013 feature of PicCollage that lets you also add stickers! Just like with photos, you can add a BUNCH of stickers at once with the checkmarks. And yes, you can resize them and change the orientation.

And then for the best feature! The icon at the bottom left brings up the choice to CHANGE LAYOUT or CHANGE BACKGROUND.

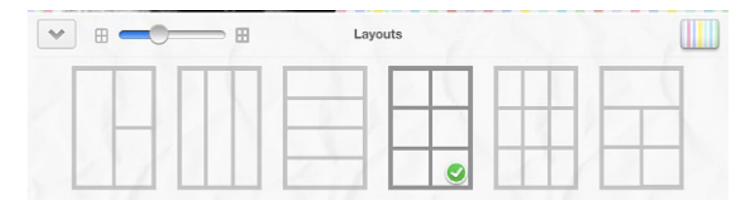


You can choose a SOLID or FUNKY background





More importantly, you can change the LAYOUT. The tool on the slider on the left is the THICKNESS of the borders. Note: all collages are vertical with this orientation. You cannot create a sideways collage.



The trash can at the top right is also the UNDO button. This is not standard. You get rid of a picture or sticker by either "flicking it" or dragging to the trash can.

A picture dragged into a frame will attempt to automatically fit that space if you tap and press and hold for a few seconds. But it is NOT a perfect procedure and does not always work.

And at the bottom right, you have our ARROW in the BOX that lets you take your creation and send it by email or other convenient means. Yes, PicCollage has a wonderful Achilles' heel!







Second Video and Second App of the Week: Educreations Part1 Intro 11min This is the REQUIRED part of Lesson 7, regardless of whether you look at PicCollage.

Watch this 11 minute intro video -- http://youtu.be/ucZwjmbzn1A -- that highlights these skills. This program is wonderful although I hated it at first because I did not understand it. What confused me was how it worked in terms of time and the audio narration. This was my fault (not that of the app) and now one year later, I love this program in terms of its utility and ease of use for making a presentation!

I hope via this PDF and the multiple videos, I can give you the insights that took me a year to understand. Here is a quick summary of the features I cover in this video

- bottom left -- choose type of paper
- + sign to duplicate page (and/or ink)
- 3. settings at bottom left -- left hand mode
- arrows at bottom for next/previous page
- eraser -- clear page vs clear ink
- 6. move objects with hand

The key ideas of Educreations are that

- a) you have multiple slides that contain pictures and you can write on them in real time while you are instructing via audio
- b) you can go forward or back while making the audio presentation
- c) you can PAUSE while making the presentation to give yourself a chance to breathe, gather your thoughts or even modify some slides; this is VERY different from Puppet Pals
- d) whenever the recording is on, the camera is watching you and the microphone is listening to you; so if you had 4 slides and wanted no audio, you would choose RECORD and then proceed for 5 seconds on each slide, saying nothing but allowing those 5 seconds to pass before you moved to the next slide. At the end of your 20 seconds, you would stop and click DONE.

Third Video of the Week: PicCollage HW Pyth Triplets 5 min OPTIONAL

Next we return to PicCollage -- http://youtu.be/v3flweYOSQA -- to focus on the assignment. In this next video, I pretend that I am doing the assignment on the topic



of Pythagorean Triplets in geometry. This video assumes you know most of the features of the app.

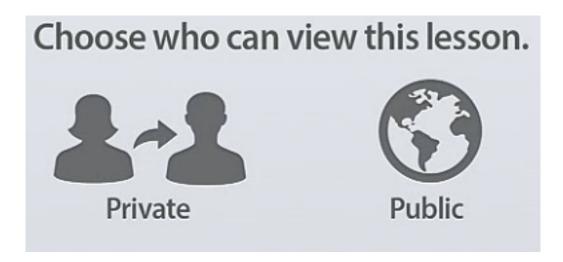
Fourth Video of the Week: Educreations Part2 PythHW 9 min Required

And finally, our 4th video of the week -- http://youtu.be/5lmrYxU4NIA -- shows how I make the Educreations presentation. The goal of this fourth video is to get you to really understand the audio "curve ball" of Educreations.

Here are screens and notes re Educreations:

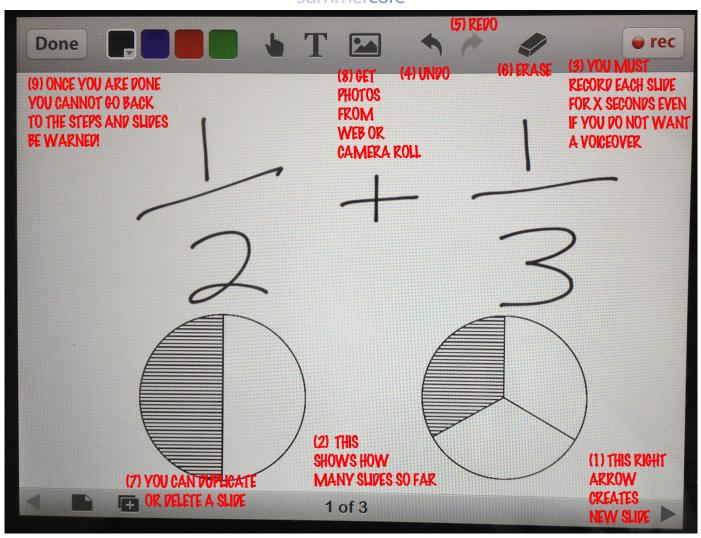
Important note: On the video, I stated that I was not sure whether PRIVATE was sufficient for sharing with me. I was wrong. It is 100% fine. If you make it PUBLIC then your file goes into the Educreations Library for others. But if you make it PRIVATE, you can share with anyone you want via email.

So Educreations has an excellent Achille's heel!



In terms of the Achilles' toe, Educreations is a ONE and DONE app like Puppet Pals. You cannot modify or redo a project that has been done. You have to start it all over if you wish to have a different version.





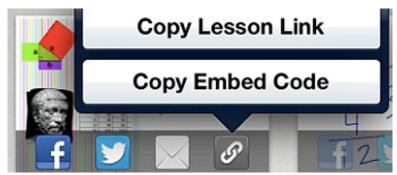
This icon below on the left corresponds to the icon at the top middle of the Educreations screen -- (8) above. On the right below you see the + symbol.





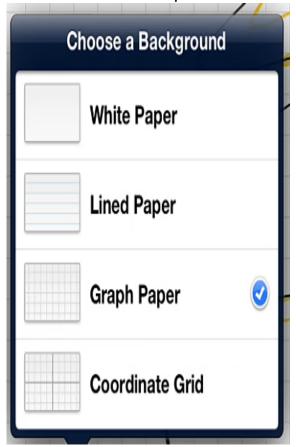


If you have a blog or Google site, you can EMBED your Educreations project.



At the bottom left of any Educreations, you can choose "type of paper." See picture below on the left. If you are a lefty, the SETTINGS button at the bottom right offers a

left hand mode. See picture below on the right.





And if you want to use this for your students, there are special features that allow student accounts. See the http://www.educreations.com/fag/ webpage.



HW SUMMARY

Assignment 7A: Read this handout

Assignment 7B: Watch these videos mentioned in the reading. Remember that these videos are posted for redundancy on summercore.com/videos

Assignment 7C: Schedule a 30 minute phone call or video chat with me (OPTIONAL)

Assignment 7D: Please contribute to our WIKI which is located at the tinyurl.com/sconlineipads webpage. OPTIONAL

Required Assignment:

7.1 Please send me via the email feature of Educreations the project that used a picture you made in PicCollage OPTIONAL as part of your lesson.

Please get make sure you know that these two items below are required and important. I truly hope you make them a priority! Steve

Required OVER the next 2 WEEKS

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Have a good week,



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