



TECH TIDBITS



WEBSITE REFRESH sizemoretechtidbits.com

I really like things that feel custom, or tailored to me. Originally, I had my Tech Tidbits website hosted through Google Sites. Don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with that, but I felt limited with what I could do with it. It bored me to look at, so how could I expect others to want to go to it and interact with it?

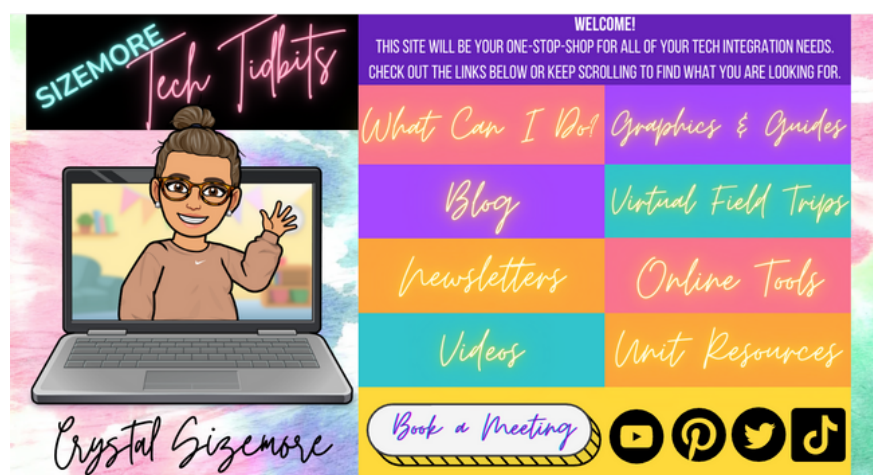
So I went on a quest to see what my options were for creating a fun, very customizable website that was also easy to design and navigate. Biggest hurdle? I also wanted it free or cheap. Do you know what I found? **YOU CAN CREATE WEBSITES IN CANVA!** Canva even hosts them for you, for free (unless you want a custom URL, like I did). I purchased my domain or URL for \$12/year through Google. I thought that was a cheap enough investment that made it easy for all of you to remember the website.

Why am I prattling on about this? I really want you to go and check out the new site and give me feedback, ***what can I add that would make it more useful for you?*** ***What would you like to see more of?*** I have learned that there are 2 types of website explorers, those who enjoy scrolling - and those who definitely do not. I altered the settings on my site so it has all of the content and pages scrollable OR you can use the links on the homepage or menu to navigate around.

Back to Canva - if you want students to create a site for a project, this would be a great way to do it. Before you publish it, it asks if you want it to be searchable or if you want people to have the direct link to access it.

It is simple enough that with their templates ANYONE (yes, anyone) can make one, but is endlessly customizable for those that want to change it up!

I will make a tutorial video on the setup for it soon!



CLASSCENTRAL.COM

Looking for PD or advanced materials for students? Class Central curates lists of all types of online courses, from all over the place and they make it easy for you to find them.

"We aggregate courses from many providers to help you find the best courses on almost any subject, wherever they exist. You support us by clicking through from Class Central to register for courses on the platforms that host them, which may allow us to earn a commission."

Some offer certificates, some you can get PDP points for, some are free. They do a great job of identifying free/paid and what you can get from the course. It is all very visible, no hidden things here!

GOOGLE DOCS - EMOJIS

If you are a teacher that uses emojis and Google Docs, check this out! If you type @: you can search for the emoji that you want to use and put it in the document by clicking 'enter'. Now you can delete all of those weird emoji Chrome extensions if you still have them!



INTERACTIVE TOOLS FOR FORMATIVE QUIZZES

I retweeted this list put together by Tai Paschall (@edtechtai) but wanted to share it here too!

1. **Formative** - conservative, but customizable. Build a quiz in minutes.
2. **Kahoot!** - Game style, individual or teams, most subjects already have Kahoots made that you can use!
3. **Gimkit** - student created platform, game show style.
4. **Blooket** - game templates, fun and competitive
5. **Edpuzzle** - Any video can be an assessment.





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DECEMBER TIS SCHEDULE

Here is my building visit schedule for December, remember that you can request me to come outside of this schedule as well! When I am not at other buildings, I am in room 321 @ CES!

12/7 - Lincoln - AM

12/13 - RMS - AM

12/15 - CHS - AM



TECH TIDBITS NEWSLETTER LINKS

- sizemoretechtidbits.com
- formative.com
- canva.com
- classcentral.com
- docs.google.com
- kahoot.com
- gimkit.com
- blooket.com
- edpuzzle.com
- formative.com



UPCOMING CONTENT

These are created content pieces that will be coming out prior to the end of the semester!

- **Windows 10 Shortcuts** (graphic)
- **CANVA Updates** / New Features (graphic/video)
 - Edit PDFs
 - Remove Video Backgrounds
 - Collaboration Tools
 - Whiteboards
 - Canva Events
- **QR Codes in 2022** (graphic)

UNIT RESOURCES

If you have an upcoming unit or a topic that you would like me to find digital content and activities for, just send it my way! I love scouring the internet for valuable resources. Send me the topic(s) and the grade level and I will add it to our list!