Teaching Tools and Tips: Pixlr

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Introduction

Edit your photos to remove red eye, crop, and add backgrounds, frames and foreground graphics with Pixlr. It is a free online or downloadable photo-editing suite that even provides versions for your mobile devices.  [https://pixlr.com](https://pixlr.com)

Tool Identification

Pixlr provides a suite of software that will help you transform your photos and add personal style. Pixler Editor, Express and O-Matic are three different products that range from simple to more robust. All three products can be used online or Editor can be downloaded to your desktop computer and Express and O-Matic can be used on mobile devices.

Classroom uses for Pixlr

Pixlr is a great tool for editing photos for presentations, portfolios, assignments and more. Express and O-Matic provide a many different effects, overlays, borders, quick fix tools and the ability to create collages. Editor provides more experienced users with the tools they need to make complex edits with a familiar tool palette.

Creating interesting photos for any purpose is fun and easy with Express and O-Matic. Select your picture and upload it to the online tool of your choice. Select your color correction, borders and overlays to transform your photo and save it back to your computer.
Editor is the more robust editor and provides maximum control over your editing tools. The tool palette and interface resemble and function like high priced commercial editing products.
If you need more options than these free products can provide, there is also an option to open a free account to unlock additional features or pay the annual $14.99 price for the Pro version of Pixlr Editor. All three products save your pictures in common cross platform file types.

**Conclusion**

Pixlr has great options for the beginner as well as the more experienced user. Options to use it online or on your desktop computer or mobile devices makes it even more appealing and accessible to anyone.