

Visualize Tool

Tool name: Snapguide

URL: www.snapguide.com

Functions and Features:

Snapguide lets users create their own how-to, step-by-step guides. Users can post snapguides for any kind of project including recipes, do-it-yourself projects, hairstyles, crafts, etc. Along with the text instructions, the user can upload pictures and videos for each step of the process. Users can upload their snapguides and browse other users' guides. This tool can be accessed through the website or the app.

Educational level (e.g., grade level):

Teachers, lower-elementary and above.

Subject area(s):

Can fit into any subject area.

Curriculum/discipline(s) addressed:

This tool can reflect any discipline if used in the right way. This is a great way to incorporate technology into a classroom in a seamless fashion.

Recommended educational use(s):

This would be a great tool for teachers to post homework/project instructions for their students online. A digital lesson plan can be created to leave for substitutes or as instructions for the students when a substitute is there. Different concepts can be introduced and then studied from a snapguide, like multi-digit multiplication. Teachers can introduce the topic in class using the guide and students can use the guide at home for homework assignments and as a study-aid.

URL(s) of sample educational uses (if any):

-How to Use Proper MLA Formatting: <http://snapguide.com/guides/use-proper-mla-formatting/>

-How to Measure Specific Heat Capacity of a Metal:
<http://snapguide.com/guides/measure-specific-heat-capacity-of-a-metal/>

-How to Balance a Checkbook: <http://snapguide.com/guides/balance-a-checkbook/>

-How to Make your iPad Back-to-School Ready: <http://snapguide.com/guides/make-your-ipad-back-to-school-ready/>

-How to Teach Your Dog to Play Peekaboo (that's educational, right?):
<http://snapguide.com/guides/teach-your-dog-to-play-peekaboo/>

Tool Help and/or Tutorial:

Blog - <http://snapguide.com/blog/>

Guidelines - <http://snapguide.com/about/guidelines>

A snapguide about how to share a guide to Pinterest: <http://snapguide.com/guides/share-a-guide-to-pinterest/>

How to Make a Snapguide: <http://snapguide.com/guides/make-a-snapguide-16/>

FAQs:

<http://snapguide.com/about/faq>

Comments/reflections upon possible educational use of this _____ tool:

Pros:

- Easy to use
- Free
- Can be used on a computer or a smart phone
- Easy to plan a lesson and create homework/study guides for students

Cons:

- There aren't many snapguides for teachers or students – you would have to make your own
- Not all students have access to computers or electronic devices so using the snapguides for home use would have to be avoided or alternative options created

Reflection (be sure to address TPACK and UDL):

This tool is great if you want to seamlessly integrate technology into the classroom. It is unobtrusive and easy to use, even for elementary students. A teacher can incorporate a snapguide into any kind of lesson involving steps. Math would be a great discipline in which to use this tool. The guides can be used at home when students are working on their homework or studying for a test. Pictures and text together help enhance learning for students with different styles of learning. Videos and sound can also be utilized to create an even more dynamic guide. The guides are easy to create. Students can even create their own as a way of studying the material. As we learned in our science class, 90% of what you teach is retained in your memory. Students can be assigned to create one for their peers or themselves as a study guide before a test. This tool could work in higher education but the snapguides would become very long and it would be harder to navigate.

Discussion Questions:

- How would you use Snapguide in your classroom?
- How would you determine if it would be appropriate to use for your class?
- Which subject and grade level would be the best fit for Snapguide?