## **Best sites for videos**

This article is written by David Byrne from "FreeTech4Teachers".



Some excellent educational content can be found on <u>YouTube</u>. However, many teachers cannot access YouTube in their classrooms. Therefore, I compiled a list of 48 places to find educational videos that don't rely on YouTube.

- 1. <u>School Tube</u> is a website dedicated to the sharing of videos created by students and teachers. School Tube allows teachers and schools to create their own channels for sharing their students' works. School Tube also provides excellent how-to resources, copyright-friendly media, and lesson plans for using video in the classroom.
- 2. <u>Teacher Tube</u> has been around for a while now, but I still run into teachers who have not heard of it. Teacher Tube provides user generated videos for teachers by teachers. Many of the videos on Teacher Tube have teachers sharing lesson plans in action. Some videos on Teacher Tube are simply inspirational. And other videos don't have teachers or students in them, but contain educational lessons none the less.
- 3. <u>Teachers.tv</u> is a UK- based website of videos for teachers and about teaching. Teachers.tv provides hundreds of videos available for free download. On <u>Teachers.tv</u>, there are videos for all grade levels and content areas. <u>Teachers.tv</u> also has videos about teaching methods and practices.
- 4. Next Vista is a non-profit, advertising-free video sharing site run by Google Certified Teacher Rushton Hurley. Next Vista has three video categories. The <u>Light Bulbs</u> category is for videos that teach you how to do something and or provides an explanation of a topic. The <u>Global Views</u> video category contains videos created to promote understanding of cultures around the world. The <u>Seeing Service</u> video category highlights the work of people who are working to make a difference in the lives of others.
- 5. <u>Academic Earth</u> is a video depot for individual lectures and entire courses from some of the top universities in the United States. Visitors to Academic Earth will find lectures and courses from Yale, MIT, Berkeley, Harvard, Princeton, and Stanford.
- 6. <u>Snag Films</u> and its companion site <u>Snag Learning</u> are great places to watch full length documentaries from producers like National Geographic for free. Snag Learning provides a catalog of educational films that are accompanied by classroom discussion questions.

And if you are fortunate enough to work in a school that allows you to use YouTube, you still might want to use <u>View Pure</u>, <u>Safe Share</u>, or <u>A Cleaner Internet</u> to prevent the accidental display of inappropriate "related" videos or advertisements.