

3 Free (!!) Digital Tools to Increase Student Engagement

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2. Prezi

Website: <https://prezi.com/education>

I absolutely *love* Prezi! It has a free plan that works well, but there are also paid plans that give some extra benefits which may be worthwhile.

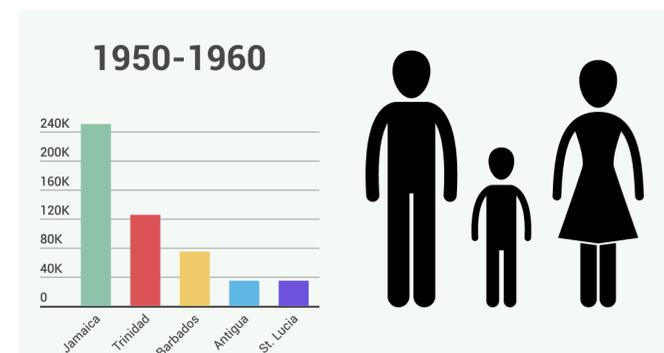
Prezi has **three tools** that can be incorporated into group assignments, as they *easily allow for student collaboration and can be shared online*.

- *Prezi Present*: I've been using it for classroom lectures for years. It is a dynamic tool and is an excellent option for student presentations.
- *Prezi Video*: This is great for creating online videos. It allows for the introduction of images and text in a way that works very well for teaching. The videos can be shared online or downloaded.
- *Prezi Design*: It offers great options for creating infographics, reports, charts, maps, posters, and even has animated visualizations. Users simply choose a template, input their data, et voila!



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3. *Loom for Education.*

Website: <https://www.loom.com/education>.

As we all know, sometimes it's just *easier to communicate certain ideas with your students* verbally.

Loom makes it possible to email your students *video messages* so that you don't necessarily have to set up a meeting with them. This works well if, for example, you want to give verbal feedback on an assignment.

Loom has a free plan for educators and students that is very generous.

This tool can also be incorporated into class assignments. For example, students can record oral presentations on Loom and even collaborate with their peers. Loom can also be integrated with other platforms such as *Slack, Dropbox, and Google Drive* among others.

