Wordle/Tagxedo

Overview

http://www.wordle.net/ allows students to create a fun, "poster-like" design. This tool does not require a login. Students can visit the Gallery for ideas. The Wordles you make are public once submitted. These can be printed or you can take a screenshot or use the snipping tool to save the doc.

Type the words you want in the Wordle in the box. Put a space between words. To make a word larger within the Wordle, you need to type that word multiple times in the box. Once you have your words in the box, click "Go". Then you can "play" with it to change the color scheme and orientation of the words.

http://tagxedo.com allows students to make a "Wordle" type design, but in a shape (that you chose from a menu). The first step is to "load" your words (or you can load a URL of a webpage). From there you have options of theme, font, orientation, color, layout, and shape. When you have what you want created, you then click on Save/Share for options to save it, print it, or share it.

Content Area/Grade Level

All grade levels and subject areas

Lesson Ideas

Character traits, Mother's Day & Father's Day cards, copying and pasting a poem or famous speech (again, the repeated words will show up larger than others), descriptions, synonyms & antonyms, finding the favorite in a poll (use one wordle with students typing in their vote/choice, then create the wordle), and posters for celebrations/events.

Sample Lesson

This is pretty self-explanatory in the list of ideas.