

YouTube.com for Teachers: A Useful Resource or Just More Hijinks?

Abstract

The creators of YouTube.com have now moved into the educational arena. Designed especially for teachers, TeacherTube.com contains video clips chronically school and university life. Is this website an invaluable educational resource, or is it just a clever ploy to expand its viewership? Explore the TeacherTube universe with colleagues through pre-selected video clips. Then share your opinions and insights through a lively, and hopefully entertaining, discussion.

Session Overview

TeacherTube.com was designed for teachers by YouTube.com. But is it really a valuable resource for teachers or another vehicle for comedy? Join your colleagues to critically explore this website as you seek an answer to this question.

TeacherTube offers a wide variety of services. According to TeacherTube, “participants can:

- Upload, tag and share videos worldwide.
- Upload Support Files to attach your educational Activities, Assessments, Lesson Plans, Notes and Other file formats to your video.
- Browse hundreds of videos uploaded by community members.
- Find, join and create video groups to connect with people who have similar interests.
- Customize the experience by subscribing to member videos, saving favorites, and creating playlists.
- Integrate TeacherTube videos on websites using video embeds or APIs.
- Make videos public or private - users can elect to broadcast their videos publicly or share them privately with those they invite.”

This session will include the following:

1. Session Overview
2. TeacherTube.com Overview
3. A Blueprint for Critically Assessing the Website
4. Examining TeacherTube.com (Presenters will guide participants through all aspects of the website.)
5. Discussion and Consensus Conclusion

6. Effectively Using TeacherTube.com (Most session participants will likely see value in one or more components of TeacherTube.com. The presenters will share ways to effectively use those components in the teaching and learning process.)