



Our Digital
STORIES
Guide

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INTRODUCTION

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This manual has been created to guide you in your digital story telling creations. We will focus on three different digital story telling presentations – together, these projects will offer the chance to explore your family, your culture, your past, your personal dreams and your goals for the future.

We will use the Educreation app and web platform to display our three stories on our iPads. We will also use other creative apps and the ipad camera to create photographs, images, drawings and artwork to provide the visuals for these three stories.

The iPad microphone will be used to record our narratives or scripts for the three stories right into the Educreation platform.

The completed stories will be stored in your personal account on the Educations web site at <http://www.educations.com/>

WHO AM I?

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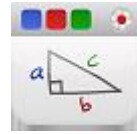
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RECOMMENDED IPAD APPS

Educreations

<http://www.educreations.com/>

An interactive whiteboard platform to create animated, narrated easy to design video stories. Free.



Pho.to Lab

A free photo editor with nice effects, frames and filters for your pictures!



PicCollage

PicCollage lets you instantly arrange your photos into frames - or get creative with freeform collages, cutouts, filters, borders, stickers, & text.



Daydream Doodler

This app lets you create art with a distinct cartoon style, thanks to its unique drawing tools that include a Doodle Pen, a Gradient Doodle Pen and a Puff Pen. Free.



iPastels

This app will let you create digital works of art simulating soft (chalk) pastels, oil pastels and color blending. Free.



RECOMMENDED WEB RESOURCES

Pho.to Lab Online

A free photo editor with nice effects, frames and filters for your pictures!

<http://pho.to/>



Color Splash

A free photo editor with nice effects, frames and filters for your photos!

<http://www.fotor.com/features/color-splash.html>



Cool Text

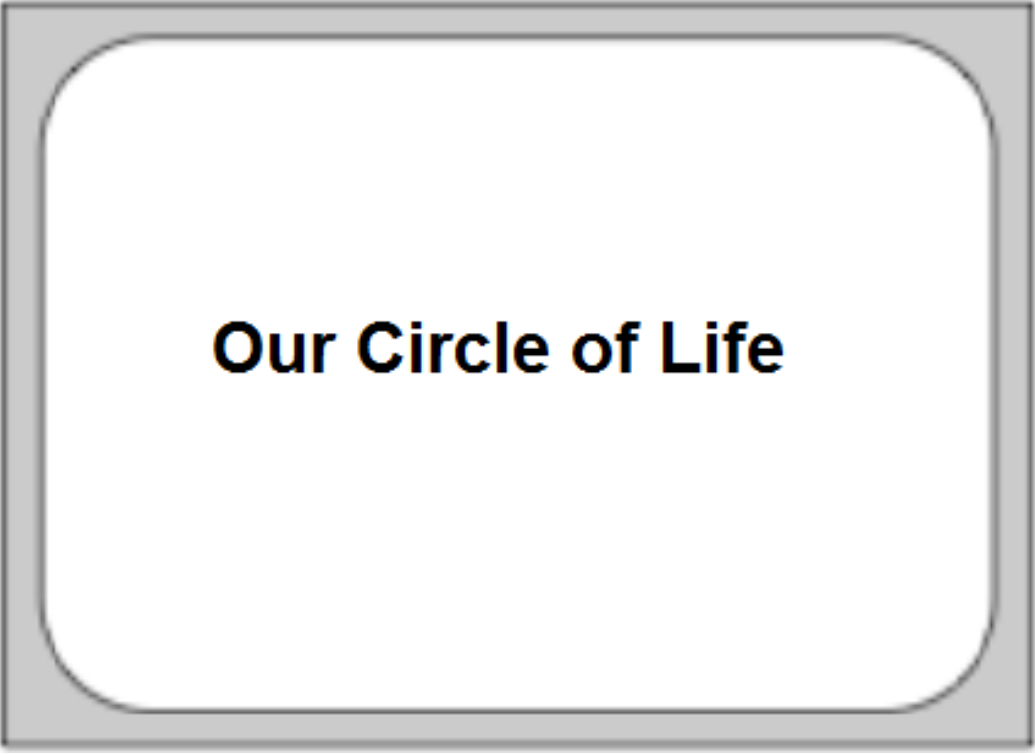
Cool Text is a FREE graphics generator for web pages and anywhere else you need an impressive logo without a lot of design work.



(don't bother with animation, does not show up in Educreations)

<http://cooltext.com/>

STORYBOARD & SCRIPT WRITING

	
SCENE NUMBER:	PRESENTATION NAME:
SCRIPT:	
<p>Draw a mockup of the image(s) you will use on each screen in the rectangular area above</p> <p>Write an overview of what you will say into the microphone in this space for the screen above</p>	

STORYBOARD & SCRIPT WRITING

Overview

Story boarding is an important skill and practice that can help you to plan out each screen of your presentation. It is also a useful skill that can help you in the future – for planning stories, multimedia projects, films, videos, and so on.

Basically, story boarding is the use of a worksheet (such as the one on the previous page) to draft out your visual content, scene by scene.

This is an important step when using Educreations so that you can include all of the visual pieces that you intend to add, plus helps you to plan out any animation and transitions you may include.

Use the sheet to plan each scene, step by step. Take your time with this part of the project. Really think hard about how you want your story to unfold and replicate it on the storyboard worksheet.

Script Writing is also an important skill that can be used for writing out your narrative for these three digital stories. Likewise, It is another handy skill to develop to help you to plan out other stories, plays, films, videos, and so on where you will be speaking either in person or digitally. This planning helps to assure that your narrative will flow, you will remember what you want to say without hesitation, pauses, or stammering, and helps you keep on track.

Use the worksheet on the previous page to write out the key points of your narrative underneath the visual draft you drew for each scene.



THE DIGITAL STORIES

This section outlines the directions for completing the three digital stories to be showcased in Educreations.

OUR CIRCLE OF LIFE

Overview

Activity: Create a circle of life diagram to reflect your intergenerational ties and culture. Create the presentation to explore and describe your family circle with your parents and other family members.

- The inner circle includes the child (or children);
- the next circle includes the parents;
- the third circle includes the grandparents;
- the fourth circle includes the great grandparents;
- the fifth circle includes the great great grandparents.

You can also include aunts, uncles, and cousins within the appropriate generational circles.

Draw small pictures to represent each person in the circle – pictures that reflect their strengths, their work, or a special characteristic that makes them stand out in your memory (or the memories of older family members). Or you can use photographs of your family.

If you are unable to complete all five circles, draw cultural images that reflect the experiences of those generations in the appropriate circle(s).

IMAGE LAYERS

1. FRONT PAGE INTRODUCTION = PHO.TO OR MAKE OWN
2. MAP – WHERE BORN
3. BACKGROUND – LARGE RECTANGLE IF WANT OTHER THAN WHITE
4. CIRCLES 3 TO 5
5. IMAGES FOR EACH – PHOTOS, CUT OUTS, DRAWINGS, AVATARS

You can download templates of the circles (in either solid or gradient) rainbow colours at: <https://portfolios.kwantlen.ca/view/view.php?id=37215>

TO COPY IMAGE FROM A WEB SITE TO YOUR IPAD

You copy images with iPad from a web site – for instance you can download the circle templates available for the Circle of Life presentation. Simply tap and hold on an image and choose SAVE IMAGE from the pop-up button. It will be stored within your Photos folder.

TELLING MY STORY

Overview

This story is all about YOU! It is a space for you to share who you are, and where you think you are going in your life. Take this opportunity to artistically explore your memories, your current experience, and your future goals and dreams. Where do you see yourself being ten years from now? How are you going to get there?

Activity: Create a story that reflects your past, present, and future. In this story, share where you come from, where you are now, and what your dreams for the future are.

IMAGE LAYERS

1. FRONT PAGE INTRODUCTION = PHOTO OR MAKE OWN
2. BACKGROUND – LARGE RECTANGLE IF WANT OTHER THAN WHITE
3. WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? (Drawing or Collage of Photos)
4. WHERE ARE YOU NOW? (Drawing or Collage of Photos)
5. WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE? (Drawing or Collage of Photos)

A CULTURAL OR FAMILY ARTIFACT

Overview

(This could also focus on a cultural tradition if you do not have an artifact)

This activity will help you to explore a cultural or family heirloom or special item. If you do not have a special item, you can focus this story on a cultural tradition that your family upholds.

The item could be anything that is special to your family – perhaps because it has been in your family for many years; or it reminds your family of special times in the past; or because it is rare and valued, and your family wants to keep it safe for years to come (and perhaps pass it on to you or other members of your family).

If you are focusing on a tradition instead, choose one that is very special to your family: one that they intend to continue to celebrate or honour for years to come.

Activity: Create a story about a special item in your family. If you do not have one, share a story about a special tradition that your family respects and celebrates.

LAYERS

1. FRONT PAGE INTRODUCTION = PHOTO OR MAKE OWN
2. BACKGROUND – LARGE RECTANGLE IF WANT OTHER THAN WHITE
3. HISTORY OF THE ARTIFACT OR TRADITION
4. WHERE IT IS NOW, HOW IT IS USED NOW
5. HOW WILL IT BE PRESERVED IN YOUR FAMILY? WHY?



EDUCREATIONS

A brief overview of how to use Educreations for story telling



Educreations

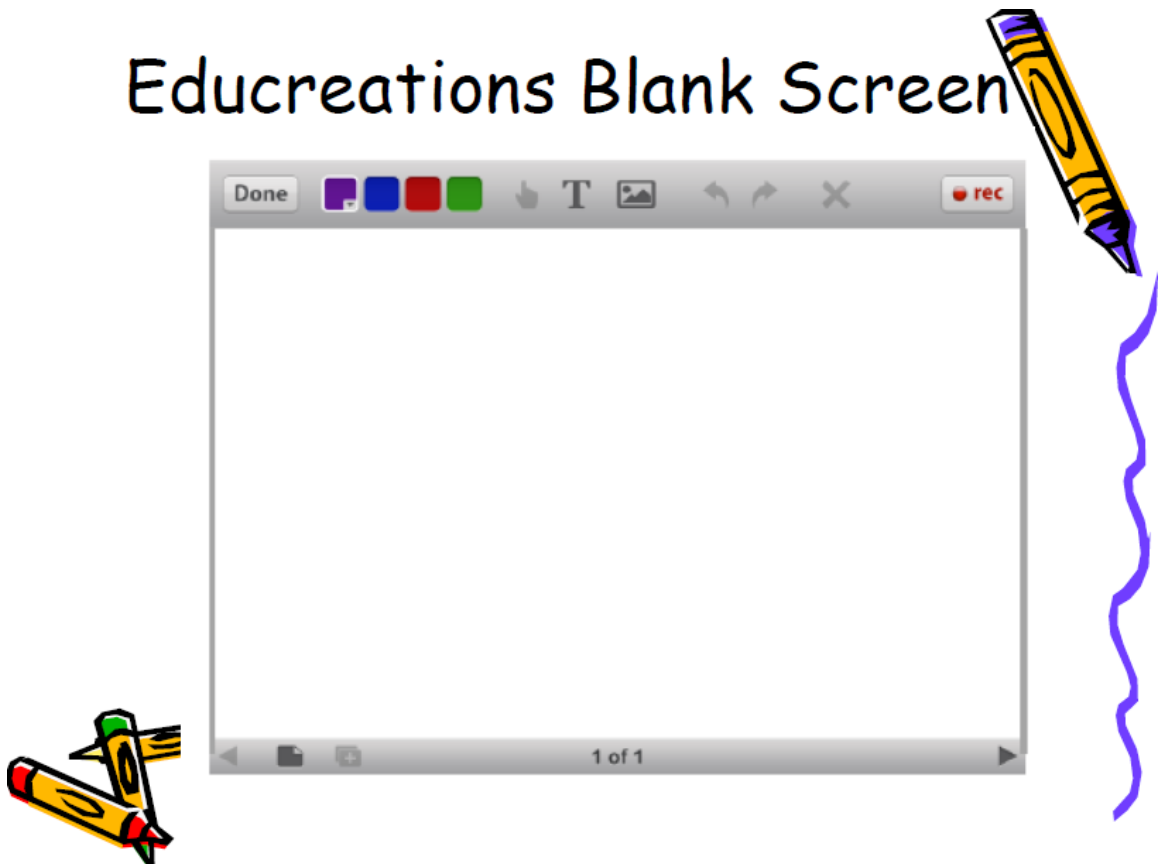
For Digital Story telling

Educreations App

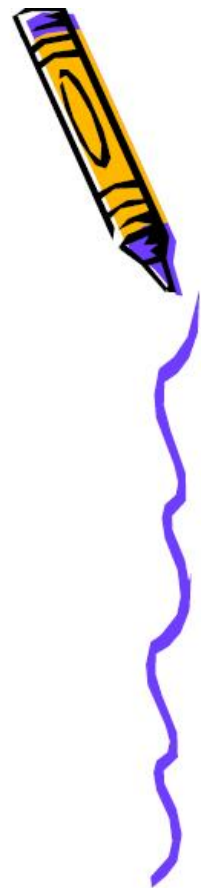
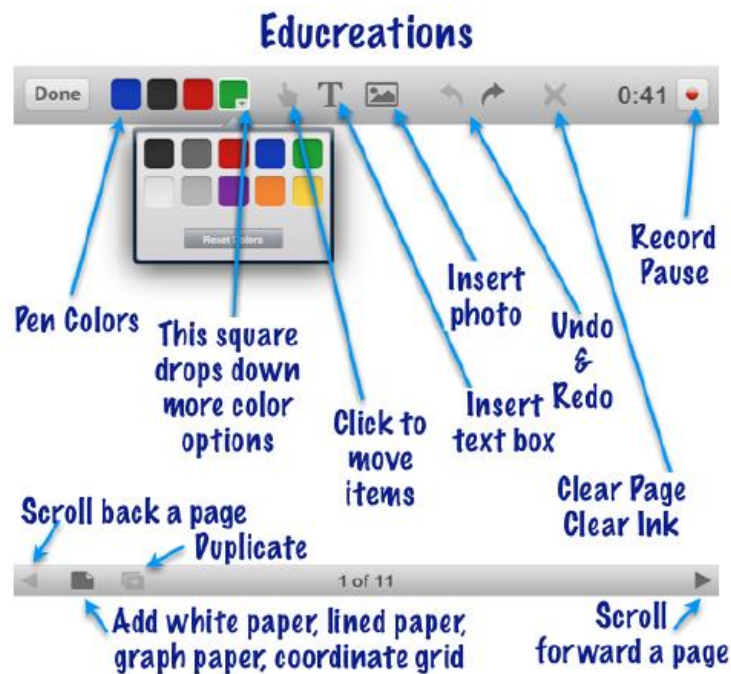
- Download the Educreations App from itunes onto your iPad
- Open the app and click on the New Lesson button in upper left corner



Educreations Blank Screen



Educreations Toolbar

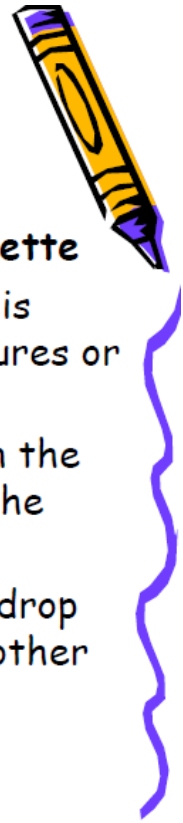


The Colour Palette



How to Use the Palette

- The color palette is used to draw pictures or write text.
- The small arrow in the corner indicates the current color.
- Use the arrow to drop down and choose other colors.



The Pointer



- The pointer is used to select items or text and move them to a new position. The pointer is blue when it is active.



Introduction to

The Text Tool

Tap the Done button to stop entering text and remove the keyboard.



Change the font color here




Use the arrows to move the cursor within the text box.

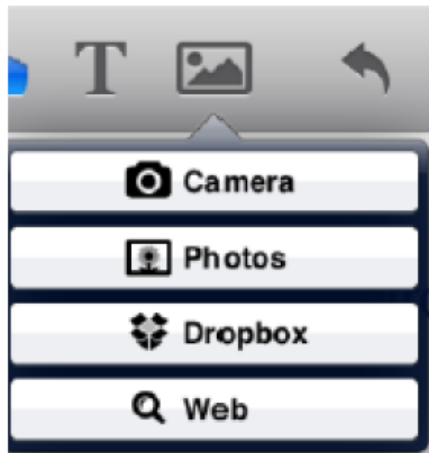


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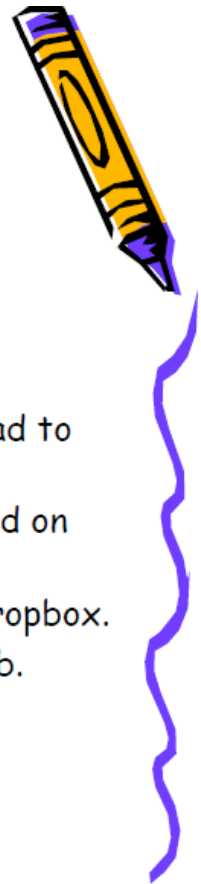


Tap the  icon and then tap anywhere on the screen. A keyboard will appear so you can key in text.

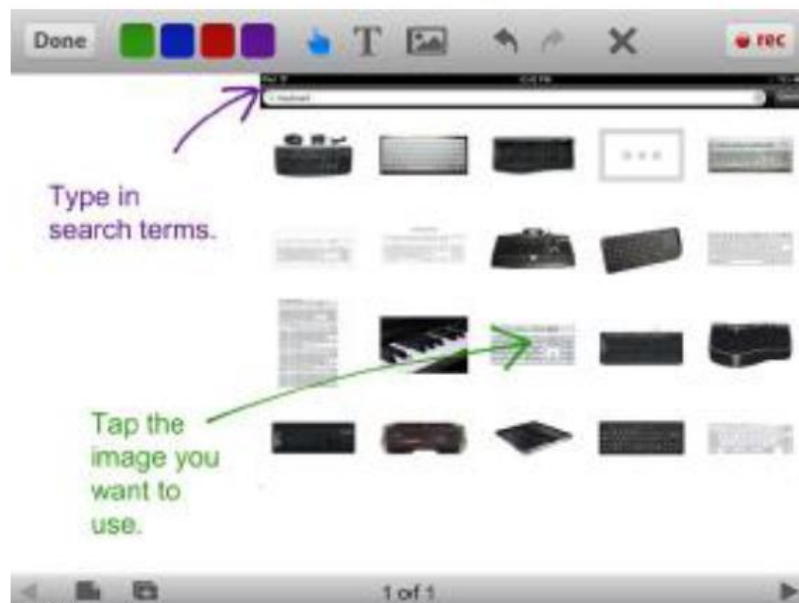
The Picture Tool



- Use the camera on the ipad to take a picture
- Use existing photos stored on your ipad.
- Get pictures from your dropbox.
- Get pictures from the web.

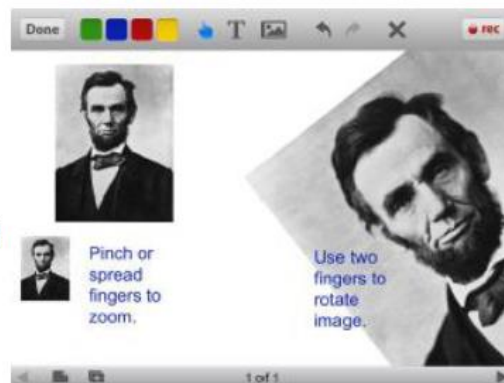


Search for Image on web



Resizing Images

- To enlarge an image, put two fingers on the image and spread your fingers to zoom out.
- To shrink an image, put two fingers on the image and pinch your fingers to zoom in.
- To rotate an image, put two fingers on the image and rotate them in the desired direction.



Undo and Redo

- Undo and Redo are important buttons
- Undo removes the last action or item
- Redo puts back the last action or item
- These can be used for animating your items as they disappear and reappear



Record & Pause

This is why we write the script and story board
BEFORE we begin to record & create!

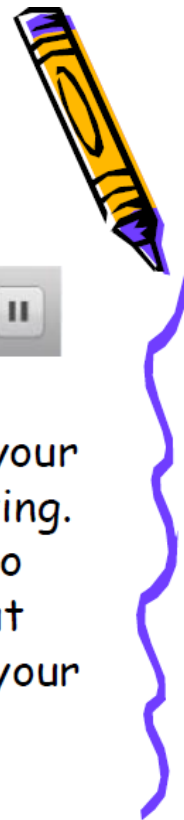
- Use this button when you are ready to start recording. It will record your voice and anything that is happening on the screen. A counter will show the length your recording. You can pause the recording to make changes on the screen. When you tap record again, it will start back where you paused.



- Be prepared to record ALL of your work in one sitting. You can pause to take a break but can not delete your recording.

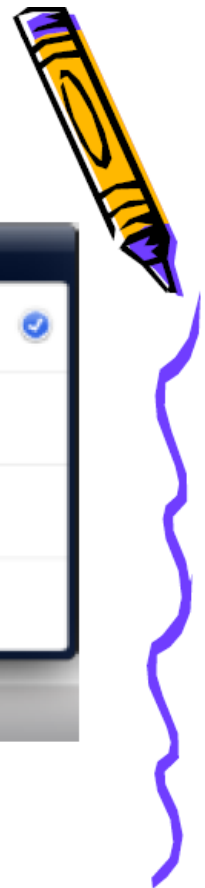


Record in a quiet place
To avoid background noise. Be careful not to rub
against the microphone to avoid static sounds.



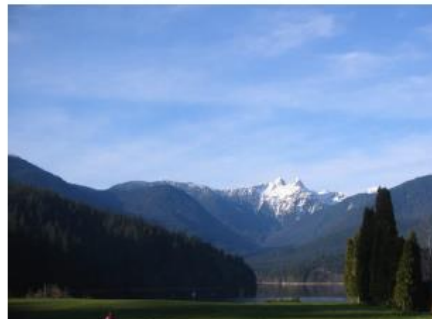
Background Paper

- By default, the screen will have a white paper background, but you can choose to have a different paper background.



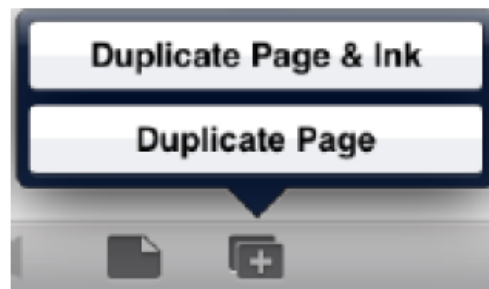
Coloured Background

- If you want the background to be a different colour than white, you need to upload a coloured image (rectangular shape) or you can use a photo, drawing or painting and then stretch it to fill the page



Duplicate Page

- **Duplicate Page & Ink** will make a copy of the page keeping the pictures, typed text, and ink.
- **Duplicate Page** will make a copy of the page keeping the pictures and typed text, but removing ink.

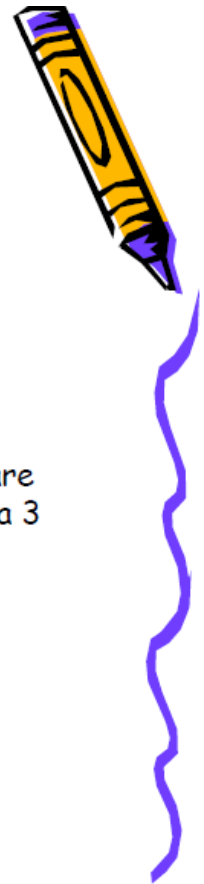


Page Counter

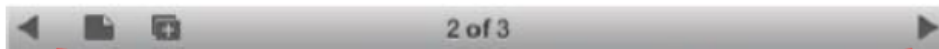
- The first number is the page number. The second number is the total number of pages in your presentation.

2 of 3

This indicates you are on the 2nd page of a 3 page presentation.



Page Navigation

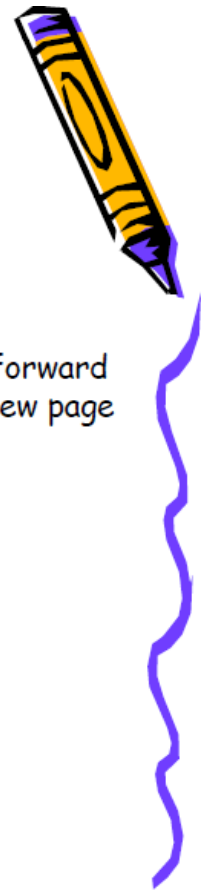


Go back

Go forward
or new page

Use the arrows to move between the pages.

The forward arrow will add a new page.



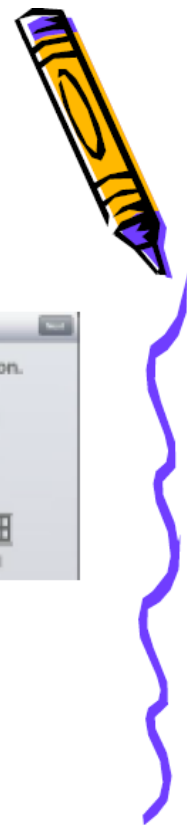
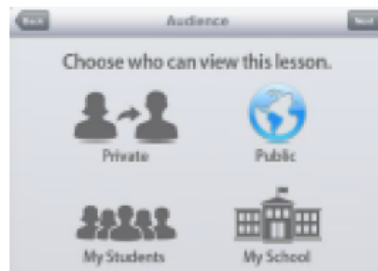
Save Your Work

- When you are finished recording, tap the Done button in the upper left. Choose **Save Lesson**.

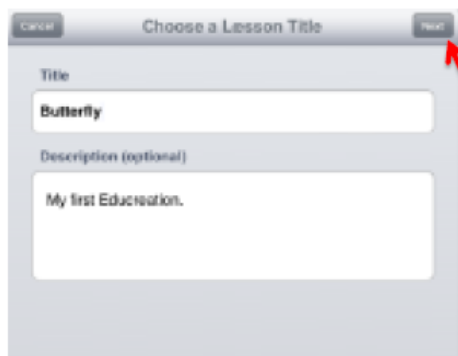


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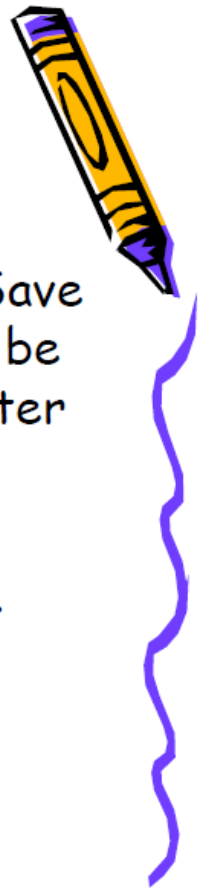
- Choose the Public setting to send your presentation to your account on the Educreations website so you can access it from your computer



Save Your Work

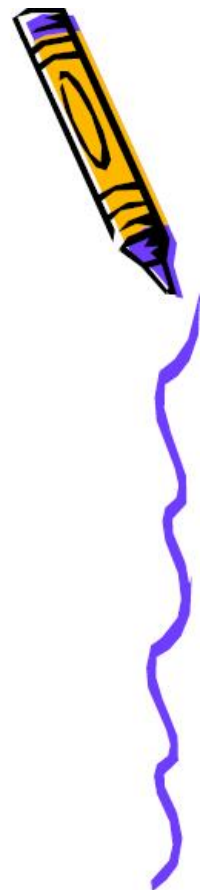


- After tapping Save Lesson, you will be prompted to enter a title and a description.
- Then, tap Next.



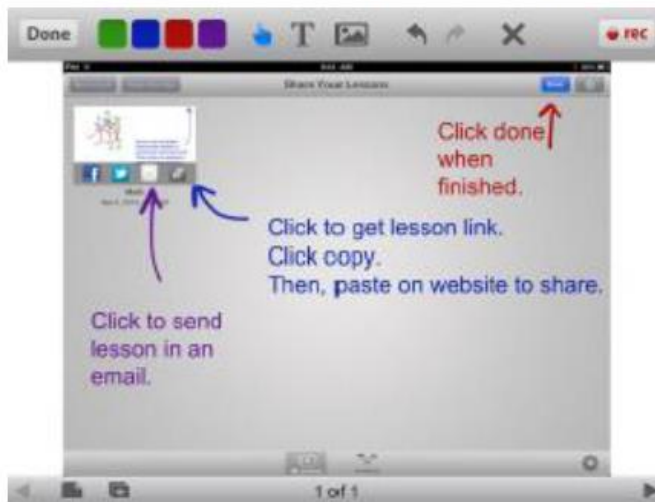
Save Your Work

- Choose the Subject Area and Subject, then tap Save. You will be prompted to create an Educreations account. Tap Create Account, select Teacher or Student, fill in the information, and tap Register. You now have an Educreations account.

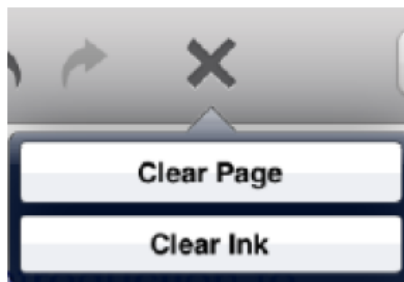


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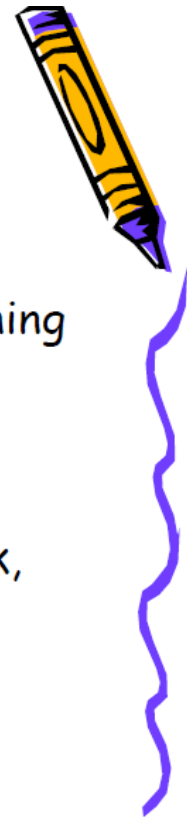
- Click on a lesson to share. There are 2 main ways to share a lesson. - Click on the envelope icon to send the lesson in an email. - Click on the link icon to get a link to your lesson. Copy this link and paste it on your website



Clear Page or Ink

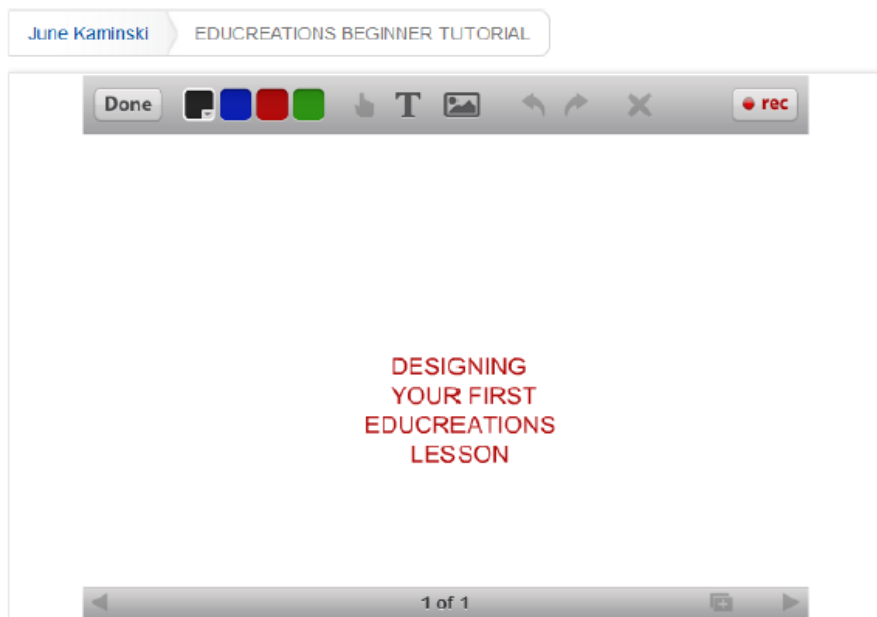


- Clear Page will remove everything from the page.
- Clear Ink only removes the ink, not pictures or typed text.



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