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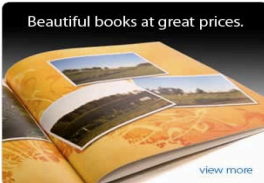
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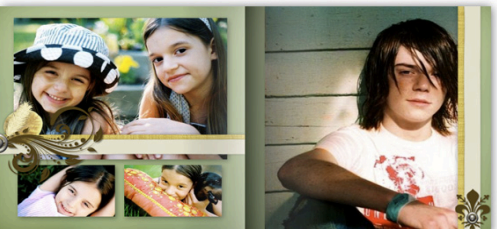
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What Is Mixbook?

Mixbook is an online Web 2.0 tool that allows the user to create photo albums for publishing. This product is a self-publishing tool that will allow students and teachers to create, share, and potentially print books. The user selects the individual page style within their book, and these can contain text only, or one or more images.

You can upload images, add narration, and create a product for sharing with others, or for ordering as a printed book. This is a great tool for presentations, e-portfolios, and publications.

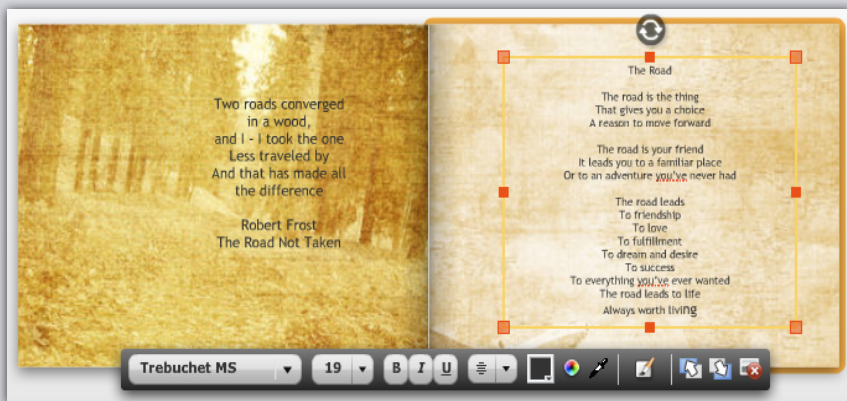
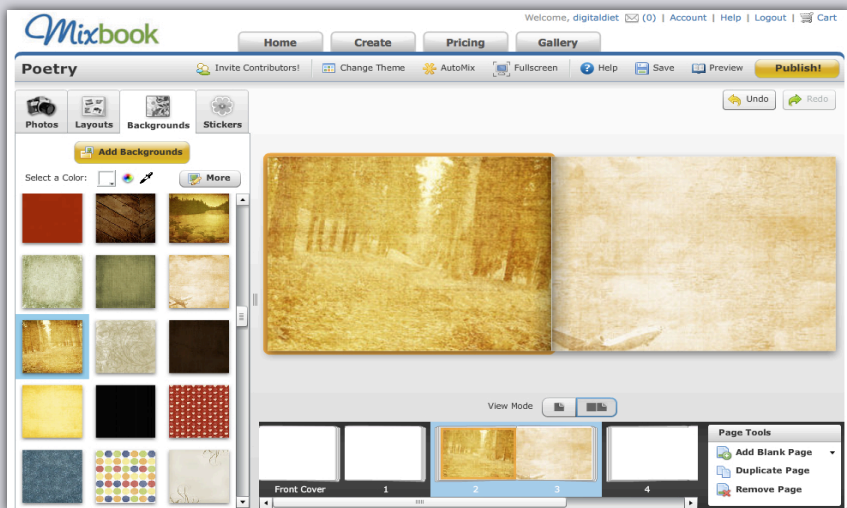
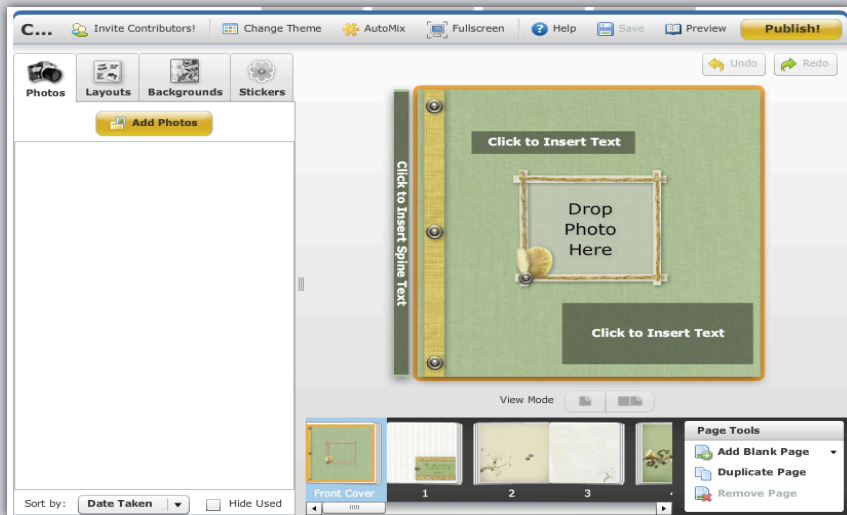
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Getting Started

Start by creating your free account on the Mixbook homepage. You are now ready to begin creating photo albums. Click on the "create" tab at the top of the screen. On the next screen you'll choose your title, a description, and any tag words you want to attach. You can also choose who will be allowed to see your Mixbook online. From there, you select your book format size, and you're ready to start customizing your creation.

You select your page styles, add images, text, and lots of backgrounds, or you can select the auto layout option. You can then share your Mixbook by email invitation or, for a cost, you can publish it into a hard copy. Check out their pricing options to see what suits you best—there are a range of popular formats to choose from, from a mini album to a 14"x11" coffee table book.

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Mixbook in the Classroom

Bringing Literature to Life

While Mixbook's primary purpose is to publish books in print format, this tool can easily be adapted for classroom use. It is an engaging tool that allows students to create and publish. This example looks at students creating portfolios of their own work.

In English, the Middle School students are studying poetry. They are examining a variety of genres, authors, and styles, and then creating poetry of their own in the different forms. Their poetry study ranges from haikus to sonnets.

Creating a Work of Art

The students create an account in Mixbook and share their user name with their teacher. They then start a Mixbook using the "create" option. They give their Mixbook a title, and fill in the description. The workspace tool allows the students to select page styles, which are either text only or text and images.

Then they add their backgrounds, images, and stickers. The students start new pages for each of their poems, adding images or backgrounds that enhance the presentation of their work.

Personal Styles Shine Through

They structure the page to enhance flow and readability from the range of tools and the variety of layouts available. Mixbook provides the students with many different options for structuring their pages. Text can be structured into single or multiple columns. Images of different sizes and numbers can be selected.

The backgrounds used can reflect a festive theme, or they can provide other suitable backgrounds or textures for the student's creations. Colors can be manipulated to suit the purpose and mood of the poem.

How Do You Use Mixbook to Develop the 21st Century Fluencies?

Solution Fluency— The creations made in Mixbook can work as effective presentations in the problem-solving process, as part of engaging the “design and do” steps. Once you have your plan mapped out, Mixbook is there to help create a good medium for using to present the idea in an appealing format.

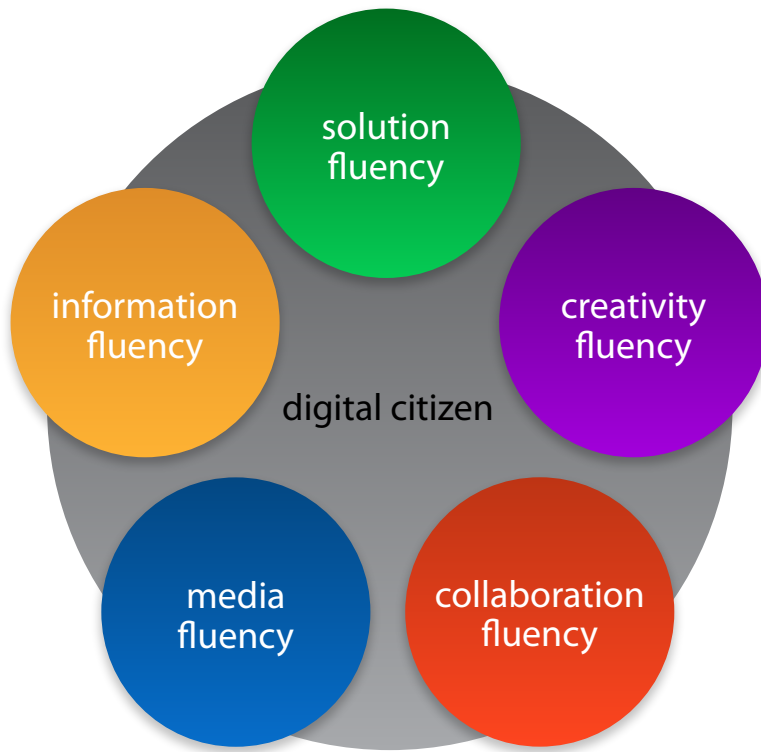
Information Fluency— When creating your album, it is important to choose the best and most relevant content, especially for a school project, to be most effective. The format for Mixbook, like many other online creative tools, calls for an ability to separate any gathered content in order to determine what is most useful for the project.

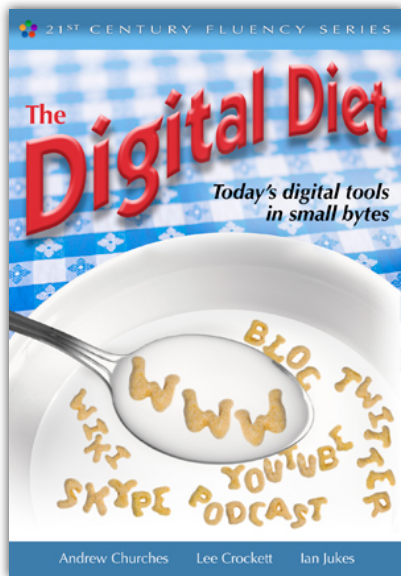
Collaboration Fluency—Students are able to work in groups on any Mixbook project, and can each contribute photos and written content for class projects small and big. This could mean anything from a poetry collaboration to a full personal class yearbook.

Creativity Fluency—The tools and options for creating a Mixbook are many, and they can be used to fashion a limitless array of books for viewing and printing. With tools as artistically rich as this one, the student is limited only by their imagination. The custom fonts, colors, backgrounds, and more make it easy to get creative.

Media Fluency—In the process of making a Mixbook, students get to see how their own efforts have impressed upon the public how they can express their ideas creatively and functionally. Using an original creation like this, there is an opportunity for them to find out how this particular medium conveys their deepest artistic instincts.

The Digital Citizen—Students learn to be held responsible for using both effective and appropriate content in their Mixbooks. They have a chance to give proper citation to the content creators, be they themselves or others. They learn to take a sense of pride in the work they accomplish using such a versatile and dynamic tool.





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