

# March 2023 Ed&Tech RoundUp

## From my work

[Flip group for Thoughtful Teacher Tech](#)


[Padlet to add lesson plans and ideas for Thoughtful Teacher Tech](#)

[Women in STEAM site with women for each day of March and read alouds](#)

## STEMy Stuff

Micro:bit Educational Foundation (@microbit\_edu) tweeted at 7:21 AM on Fri, Mar 10, 2023:

👩🏫 Want to combine coding with SCIENCE? 👩🏫

We've got 41  make it :code it projects over on our website - perfect for #STEM, #STEAM & #BritishScienceWeek activities

<https://t.co/eM6CclKbs5>

@ScienceWeekUK <https://t.co/xk9Yb8VGSG>

([https://twitter.com/microbit\\_edu/status/1634167632852074497?t=BSrg-BF1slZz1Q-Pvvulhg&s=03](https://twitter.com/microbit_edu/status/1634167632852074497?t=BSrg-BF1slZz1Q-Pvvulhg&s=03))

ExploreLearning (@ExploreLearning) tweeted at 5:13 PM on Tue, Mar 14, 2023:

Have you heard?! There's a new #ELGizmos STEM case! Students take on the role of a hydrologist to investigate why a city is dealing with increased flooding. Check out Hydrologic Cycle today and see your students have that "ah-ha" moment! <https://t.co/OOhSxTSwXh> <https://t.co/sodk66dPPX> (<https://twitter.com/ExploreLearning/status/1635750925087252480?t=zx2mMzW9PnaNI7olkf3x3Q&s=03>)

TCEA (@TCEA) tweeted at 5:03 PM on Tue, Mar 14, 2023:

30+ Awesome #STEM Challenges for Kids (with Inexpensive or Recycled Materials!)

<https://t.co/DckVKOKJnz> via Frugal Fun

#steam #stemchat #teachertwitter <https://t.co/5Tqew1E1yk>

(<https://twitter.com/TCEA/status/1635748399214391296?t=7glsD4dFvj3RxXlbwawzoA&s=03>)

In this tutorial, we created a pop-up piano using makey makey and paper circuits. It turned out really cool and was fun to play with. If you're interested in doing this project, check out the [video and step-by-step instructions](#) which includes a FREE printable project template.

## [Make a Light-Up Birthday Card](#)

If you know someone who has a birthday coming up, make them a one of a kind light-up card. I made one for my daughter awhile back and she loved it. These are great projects for home, school or the makerspace.

If you want to check out this project, there are **(3)** Happy Birthday templates in PDF format. They come in black and white outline so they can be colored or decorated.

Here are the [step-by-step instructions](#) with printable templates.

Space Salad

<https://astronomy.com/news/2023/03/a-scientific-salad-for-astronauts-in-deep-space>

Daily STEM News <http://dailystem.com/news/>

## ELA

**TCEA (@TCEA)** Dive into this READING workshop model: Bookmark Book Report, Text Structures Tri-fold, Choice Boards Plus get the templates, free!

<https://t.co/UkFO3rlsPd> via Upper Elementary Snapshots

#teachertwitter #ela <https://t.co/oSThUiZrDs>

(<https://twitter.com/TCEA/status/1631339913797935110?t=7dN1I8RslEi4Xb1vedcQHg&s=03>)

Katie Kelly (she/her) (@ktkelly14) tweeted at 9:44 AM on Fri, Mar 03, 2023:

Use this easy-to-implement framework to provide actionable feedback to support students' reading growth and fosters lifelong readers! Check out my latest article "4-N-Framework for Responding to Readers" for more information. @ILAToday

<https://t.co/1xzgDMUQmY> <https://t.co/tq1L7iJJqH>

(<https://twitter.com/ktkelly14/status/1631666774780395522?t=HfX9tQkJP37jXqlxvt582A&s=03>)

## Social Studies

Alfredo Silva (Teach4Justice) (@2teach4justice) 10th grade World History Ss using 8Parts @eduprotocols to explain their understanding of the Atomic Bomb drop. #EDUProtocols help me save time on lesson planning and increase engagement in the HS classroom. <https://t.co/J5x6gcvxIS> (<https://twitter.com/2teach4justice/status/1632503467242852352?t=dS691dFU83M6VSHDvd6jiA&s=03>)

From Charles Bullins

Social Studies Collector Cards:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1gxt4fPxb00-4dLu6\\_uHxcw-pLmZA1gdwz7B68PwuqE/copy](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1gxt4fPxb00-4dLu6_uHxcw-pLmZA1gdwz7B68PwuqE/copy)

(These can be modified to fit any topic in Social Studies)

Guess Who?

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19t09vJQomEVMclxvelo9LqOPLR9hXh3n1ZtJ0qPyzvA/copy>

Can fit any topic

Among Us Review:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xpxyPxFaapRWVI6iSb0RC9rTPJ24jE\\_vtwQkMPIJQ-A/copy](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xpxyPxFaapRWVI6iSb0RC9rTPJ24jE_vtwQkMPIJQ-A/copy)  
I made blank copies and had students create their own games as well

Emoji Board Reactions:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FdhG40cN-TngnQsShWWHLys6gofEiuuodf7nbsYOFPM/copy>

Paired with Differentiated texts

8 Part:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19k8GKSv4OHPoGrnErQGTFvISPXeYjzflC1LBrOliy90/copy>

Toy Story Group Work:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18ygYOMkDp0jTNZsMO2454JbcPuJck8KD6hk1Lc\\_BNlo/coPY](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18ygYOMkDp0jTNZsMO2454JbcPuJck8KD6hk1Lc_BNlo/coPY)

Divided the students into groups. It can be more or less depending on class size. They were given a particular set of slides. They read the notes and summarized and found accompanying videos. Groups presented to the class and they each created anchor charts.

This or That? :

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AZnaUt\\_D\\_vCSO3frcFFGoz-mqO-oUysJpj7XLXcJ90M/copy](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AZnaUt_D_vCSO3frcFFGoz-mqO-oUysJpj7XLXcJ90M/copy)

Side note- A kid flipped me off in class. We handled it in class instead of writing it up and sending to admin. Making light of it diffused the whole situation and the gossiping. We all love Owen, it's a long-running joke since I had them back in 5th. These are my covid kiddos.

Founding Fathers Brain Dump:

<https://jamboard.google.com/d/1YD51qXgXNB4-iGLA1OffecAhl7pAuq136VJwFqfPDe8/copy>

Branches of Gov:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QnYwtdevkTmPDMj8h6-CXCoYVKbF8HXQwzUA\\_gzr50c/copy](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QnYwtdevkTmPDMj8h6-CXCoYVKbF8HXQwzUA_gzr50c/copy)

Constitutional Convention Jamboard:

<https://jamboard.google.com/d/1e7pwyenvhcVeUB32u5nSNOFk09NLvhoD60da7lxbGu4/copy>

Yelp Review:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/16nH29mXzNc4H6RdDn2bsQ8xVQodUkSgGzq3oa8ugJd8/copy>

[Rosie's Rules is a new PBS KIDS® animated comedy series](#) for preschoolers starring 5-year-old Rosie Fuentes, a Mexican-American girl just beginning to learn about the wow-mazing world. *Rosie's Rules* aims to teach children concrete social studies lessons about how a community works, helping them develop an awareness of themselves as individuals and as part of a broader society. Like many children across the country, Rosie is part of a blended, multicultural family; Papá is from Mexico City and Mom is from rural Wisconsin. Rosie has a little brother, Iggy, and an older sister, Crystal, who is Mom's child from her first marriage. The Fuentes family lives together in suburban Texas with their cat (and Rosie's partner-in-crime), Gatita. Rosie is bilingual in English and Spanish and loves to celebrate her multicultural identity. Throughout the series, she joyfully introduces viewers to the art, traditions and foods of the Southwest, Midwest and Mexico.

Adam Moler (@moler3031) tweeted at 2:09 PM on Tue, Mar 21, 2023:

Ss took a person from yesterday's reading and mapped out the journey west with the hero's journey.

#eduprotocols #sschat #sstlap

@scottmpetri @jcorippo @DHelmEDU <https://t.co/62njdzBfM>

<https://twitter.com/moler3031/status/1638241315480821760?t=9zGKNXoxCbD66dP2I7jBTA&s=03>

#### PE Arts SEL

**Emotional ABCs** @EmotionalABCs

So proud that Emotional ABCs is able to help children in so many ways. Learn more about how our program can help your child or student at [...EmotionalABCs.com](https://www.emotionalabc.com). #SEL #EmotionalRegulation #BehavioralHealth #EmotionalABCs

PE Teacher Toolkit

[https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources/shop/PE\\_toolkit?p=2](https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources/shop/PE_toolkit?p=2)

18 Google Slide workouts for the classroom from **Justin Cahill** @justybubPE

<https://twitter.com/justybubPE/status/1629961270022529024?s=20>

#### TechTools

[Eric Curts Google Slides tier activity with EduProtocol inspiration](#)

[31 Days of ARVR Tech Tools from Jaime Donally](#)

[Google help from Donal Strum](#)

#### Other

**Global EdTech** @global\_edtech

Educators, we know how hard you all work – and we want to celebrate your achievements! The Global EdTech Awards are here to shine a light on you... Check us out and nominate here: [...edtechawardsglobal.com](https://www.edtechawardsglobal.com) #GETAs23 #education #edtech #awards #RewardingAchievement

# THE ELEMENTS OF STORYTELLING

## I BUILDING A STORY I

All good stories and images start with an **idea**.

### 1 WHAT IS YOUR QUESTION?

What will be your line of inquiry?



Use your question as a starting point to give focus and structure to your story.

### 2 ACQUIRE INFORMATION—ANALYZE DATA

It is essential to educate yourself on your subject. Researching your topic can take many different forms; you might:

Peruse an online database.



Conduct interviews with experts who can speak about your topic. This approach can also provide the basis for exploring both sides of an issue or debate.



Visit a library to consult primary resources. They can provide firsthand accounts of an event and add depth to your story.



Review compelling visuals such as photographs or films.

As you shape and direct your story to a finished form, do not be surprised if new questions arise to build on your story.

### 3 ORGANIZE YOUR THOUGHTS AND INFORMATION

Whether writing a story, preparing to take photographs, or making a film, organization is key.

Writers might work from an outline, starting with a main idea and summarizing the most important points to be made. These become more fully fleshed out as the writer progresses.



Knowing ahead of time what you need to do for your project means a smoother creative process.

Many photographers and filmmakers create a storyboard.



### 4 EMBRACE REVISIONS

It can also point out weak spots where you may need to go back and acquire more information or shift your focus.

### 5 TAKE ACTION

Who needs to see your story? Consider your audience when coming up with a presentation strategy.

Some stories might be part of a public event, aimed at spurring action.

Others might benefit from a multimedia presentation, such as on a website.

