Flip (formerly Flipgrid)

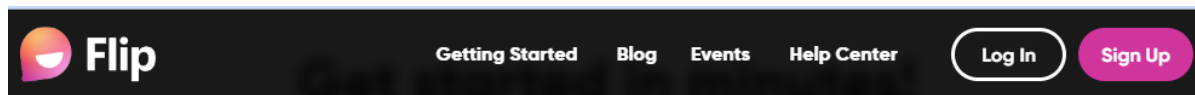Connectivism   Video   Social Constructivism   Social Learning

Flipgrid elevates text-based discussion forums with teacher and student constructed videos. Teachers and students can create a grid about a specific topic and encourage peers and even people from around the world to record a short video about the topic! Flipgrid allows learners of all ages to find their voices, share their voices, and respect the diverse voices of others.
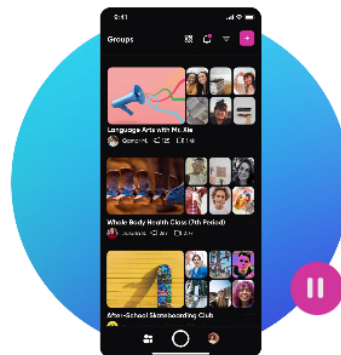
Flipgrid students build and strengthen social learning communities as they discuss their ideas and experiences with their peers. Flipgrid amplifies student voice and supports student development of global empathy as they immerse themselves in each other's learning processes and perspectives.

NOTE: Flipgrid was renamed to "Flip" in 2022, however, since this chapter was made before 2022, the text still uses the original name "Flipgrid."

Create a group and invite students

You control who is invited to become members of your group and what they can see.

Post a topic

Topics are text or video instructions to prompt your students to respond.

Watch the magic

Comment on students' video, text or audio messages or invite peers to build on their ideas.

Tool Snapshot

Price	Free
Learning	Social constructivism, Connectivism
Ease of Use	★★★★☆
Privacy	★★★☆☆
Accessibility	★★★★☆
Class Size	Unlimited
Login	Yes
ISTE*S	Empowered Learner, Global Collaborator
COPPA/ FERPA	COPPA is discussed under section 6 of the privacy policy

Flipgrid Overview Video

Watch on YouTube

Flipgrid & the SAMR Model

- **Substitution:** Students create a flipgrid video to engage in a discussion instead of instead of engaging face-to-face in a classroom setting.
- **Augmentation:** All students engage in the discussion, by adding comments and follow-up videos, over an extended period (e.g., 1-2 weeks).
- **Modification:** Students can create their own grids with prompts about a topic, solicit video responses, and analyze them for class.
- **Redefinition:** Students are able to discuss their ideas and experiences with professionals, experts, and scholars around the world.

Learning Activities

Math

Ask students to compare mathematical concepts that have both similarities and differences, like adding and subtracting, laws of sine and cosine, or the qualities of different geometric objects. Invite mathematicians to discuss real-world math topics.

Science

Have students choose a work of scientific non-fiction from the school library and describe it along with its illustrations. Ask students to choose a favorite plant or animal and describe it using all five senses.

Reading/Language Arts

Post a response to reading a book or article. Have students respond to each other. Ask students to share a favorite book, word, adjective, pronoun, verb, and explain why it is their favorite. Invite students to share a time when they incorrectly used a word and how they came to realize the mistake. Encourage students to describe their happiest memory of reading.

Arts

Have students record a Flipgrid video of themselves performing a specific song on their instrument or drawing/painting/constructing a piece of art.

Other

At the beginning of a quarter/semester/year, have the students record a Flipgrid introducing themselves to you and their fellow classmates. Student's can offer support/guidance for incoming students at semester change or the end of the school year.

Resources

- [Best Flipgrid Tips and Tricks for Teachers and Students](#)
- [Flipgrid for Teachers](#)
- [Flipgrid for Students](#)
- [Flipgrid eBook](#)
- [Flipgrid Consent Forms](#)
- [Flipgrid Integration Guide](#)
- [Gridpals Guide](#)
- [Flipgrid Explorer Series](#)
- [Flip disponible en español](#)

How to Use Flipgrid

For Students:

1. Students select a topic and then tap the green plus to start the record process
2. Record a video – flip the camera and pause while recording
3. Review the video – gain confidence with unlimited retakes
4. Take a selfie – customize the image to add style
5. Enter Info – last step before submitting the video

For Teachers:

1. Go to http://www.flipgrid.com. Click on the "Sign Up For Free" box in the upper right hand portion of the screen.
2. Fill out the information (First Name, Last Name, email, Password, Account Type, Instruction Type, School, Institution, Organization). When finished, click "Create My Grid."
3. Next, you'll want to create a "New Grid" by clicking on the blue "New Grid" button on the My Grids page. Unless you purchase a classroom version of Flipgrid, you will only be allowed to have one grid.
4. Click on the Grid Name to view your topics. To create Topics, click on the blue button titled "New Topic". We have two topics on the graphic below. One in which we asked for follow up on a district wide pilot program and one in which we asked our administrators to reflect on their first quarter. Notice, each topic has link. If you were to type http://www.flipgrid.com/c46e07, you would be able to access and add to the topic. There are also editing options available for topics as well under the "Actions" button.
5. When creating a topic, you can customize it to fit your needs. Give it a title and date. Choose a Video Response Time (the free version is limited to either 15 seconds or 1 minute 30 seconds). Type out the directions of what you'd like the users to contribute.
6. Share with students: Click "share topic" button on the topic page. You can copy the URL and paste it in an email. There's social media interaction with Facebook and Twitter as well as an integration with Google Classroom.

Research

Johnson, M., Skarphol, M., (2018). The effects of digital portfolios and flipgrid on student engagement and communication in a connected learning secondary visual arts classroom. Retrieved from Sophia, the St. Catherine University repository website: https://sophia.stkate.edu/maed/270/

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