

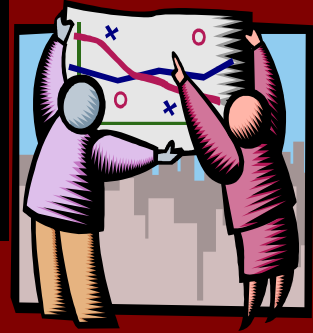
**Technology:
Rigor, Relevancy & Literacy in Action**



Peter Pappas

**Rigor and
Relevance**

A quick
review



Bloom's different levels of rigor

Evaluation: appraise, defend, predict

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Relevance - the student should be able to say...

1. I understand how this information or skill has some application in life.
2. I have an opportunity to construct my own understanding rather than just learn "the facts."
3. In addition to learning content and skills, I am learning how to learn .

Make it relevant
with **real-world**
application

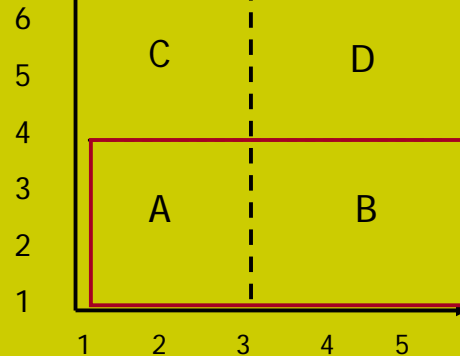


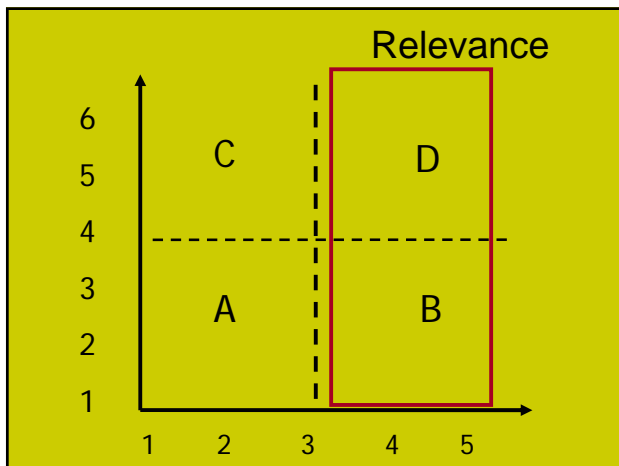
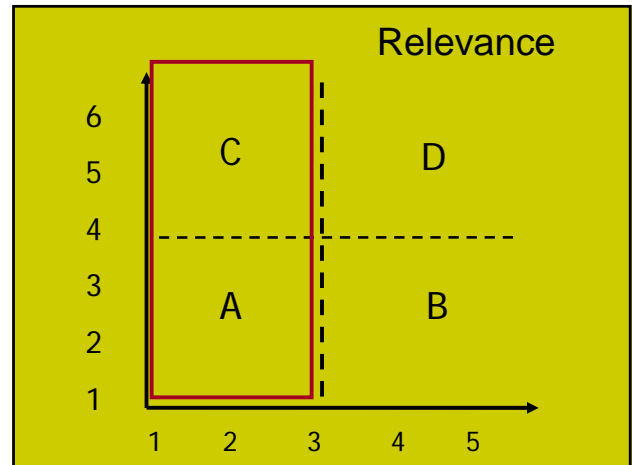
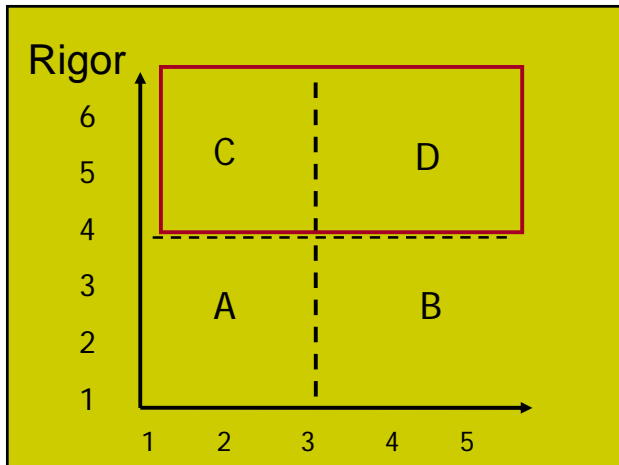
Using skills and
knowledge in
school

Using skills and
knowledge for myself
in the real world

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Rigor





Learning strategies
are tools.

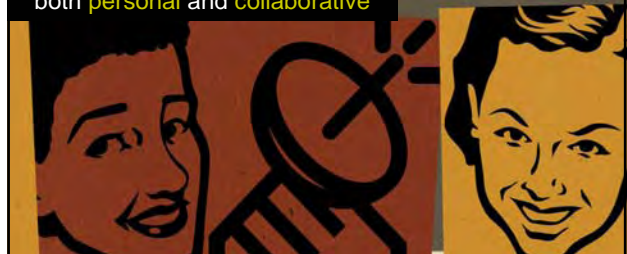
Technology gives
students a chance to
“build” something with
them.



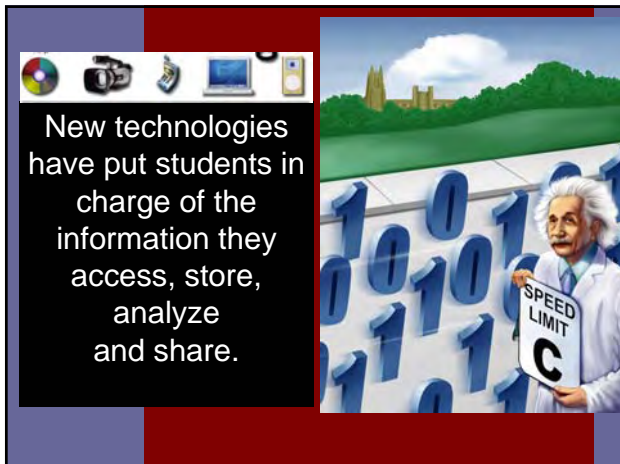
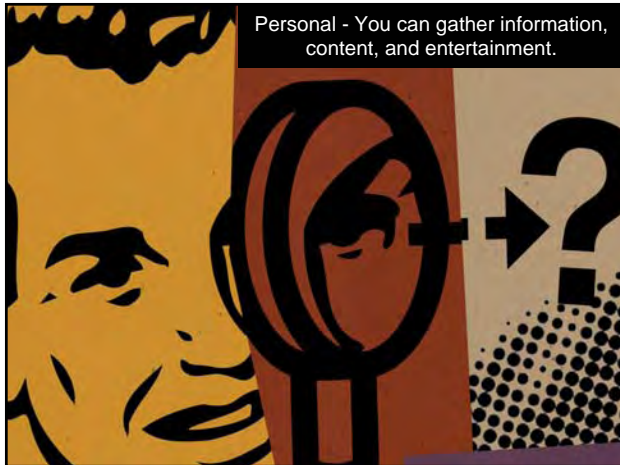
1. **Defining:** negotiating meaning
2. **Summarizing:** synthesis and judgment
3. **Comparing:** assessing similarities and differences

Technology and
literacy in the 21st
century

Flow of information has changed
from a **top-down broadcast model** -
to a **horizontal** connection that is
both **personal** and **collaborative**



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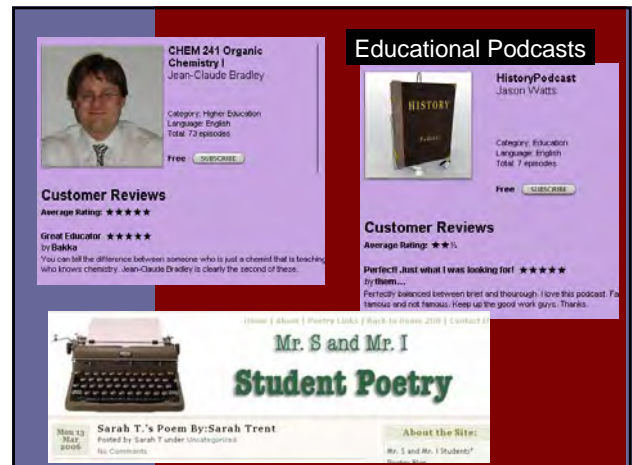
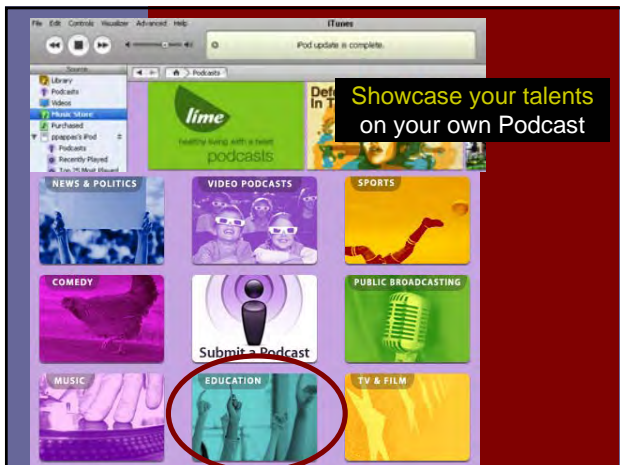
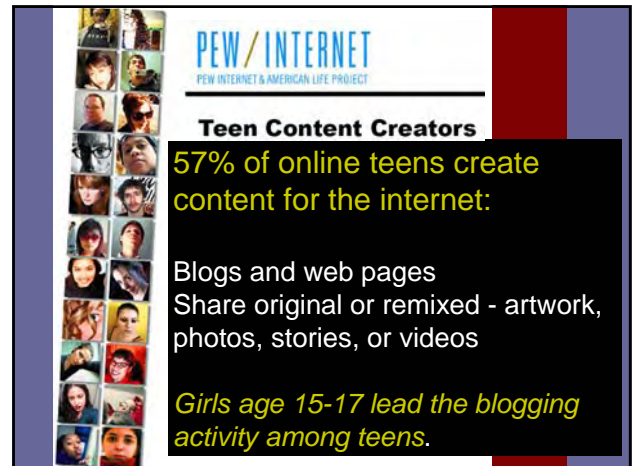
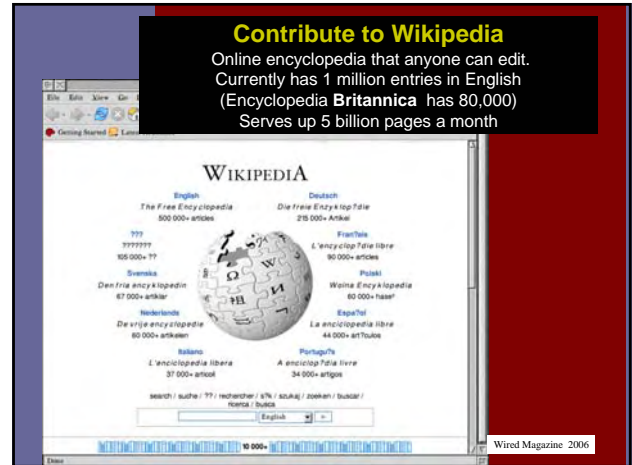


Impact of new technology on students:

1. You **can't broadcast at** the young.
2. They won't be a **passive audience**.
3. They expect **information control** and **functionality**.



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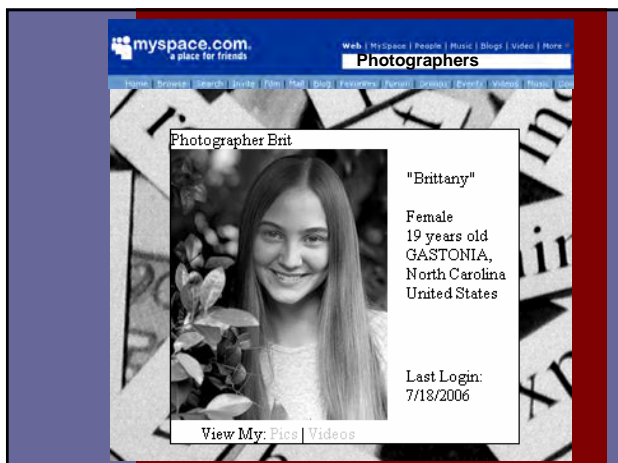
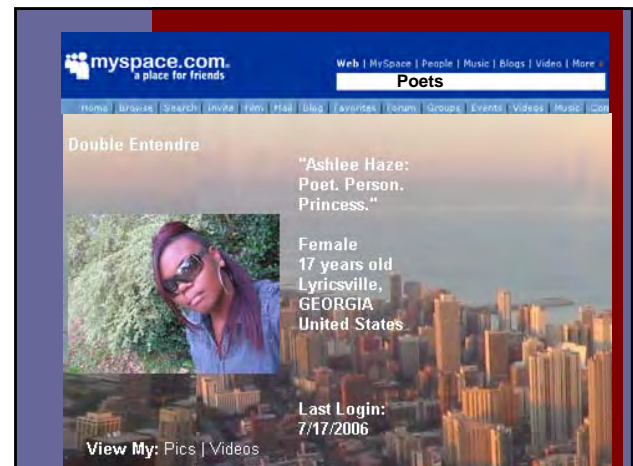


MySpace demonstrates a shift in **how people seek entertainment, collaboration and communication.**



Home | Browse | Search | Invite | Film | Mail | E

- The mass market for entertainment is yielding to a million mini-markets.
- Credibility now rises from below.
- Mass media no longer decide who is popular.... You do.



MySpace's tools model good instructional practice.

- Accommodate diverse learning styles and interests
- Authentic audience and purpose
- Student (user) centered
- Cooperative learning
- Differentiated
- 24/7 access

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Fosters synthesis and evaluation

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#1 factor for improving student motivation is **choice**.

Not whether the student does the assignment, **but how** they engage in the work.

~Doug Reeves

There is a new “copy / paste” culture that fosters a **bottom-up takeover of the information flow**.

We can be **creators** as well as consumers **of content**.

Literacy in the 21st century will mean the ability to find information, decode it, critically evaluate it, organize it into personal digital libraries and find meaningful ways to share it with others. *David Warlick*



Information is a raw material –
students will need to learn to build with it



What can schools do to promote a new literacy in the copy / paste world?

1. Don't focus on "integrating technology"

- We need to look at technology as a way of getting job done.
- Stop worrying about how to "work the computer."
- Instead we should think critically about:
 - what tools are there
 - what do they do
 - how can they impact teaching and learning?

The technology is just the "paper and pen" of the future.

2. Focus on literacy in all content areas

- Don't allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the **perceived demands of covering content and test prep.**
- We must **all use consistent instructional strategies** that give students responsibility for their own learning.

Its about the thinking ...
not the technology.

3. Give students tools / forum to critically evaluate information

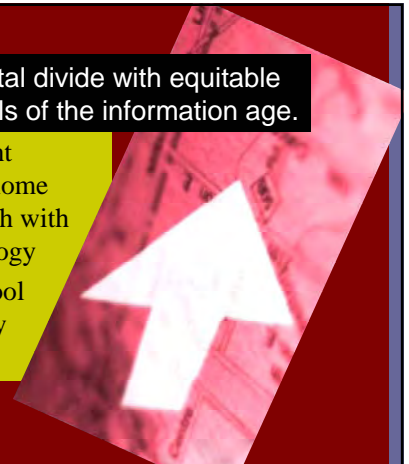
- Student need experience questioning the validity of what they're reading.
- Explore divergent opinions and perspectives in collaboration with their peers.



What's it mean to be an authority
in the copy / paste world?

4. Bridge the digital divide with equitable access to the tools of the information age.

- Our more affluent students live in home environments rich with personal technology
- For the rest, school may be their only access.



5. Provide students with rigorous, engaging and authentic tasks.

- Take advantage of tools for analyzing and sharing information
- Harness their creative talents
- Give them opportunities to work in teams
- Produce for audience and purpose



What skills will the 21st century workplace require?

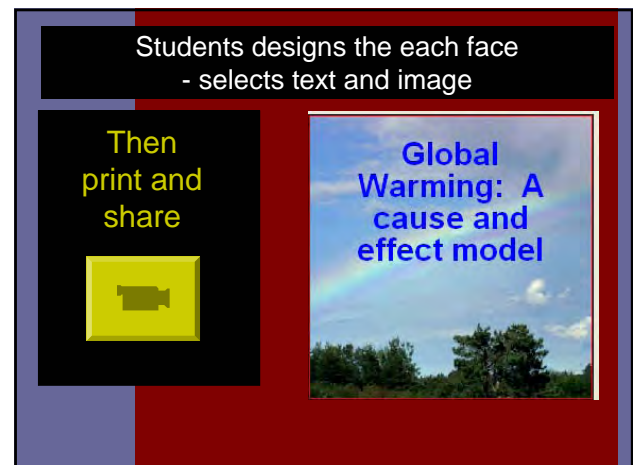
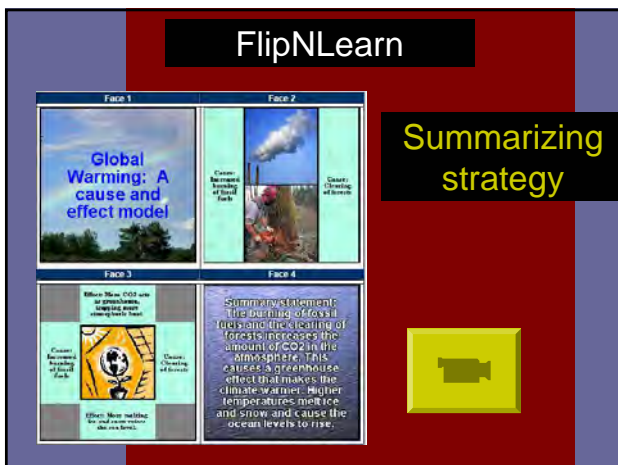
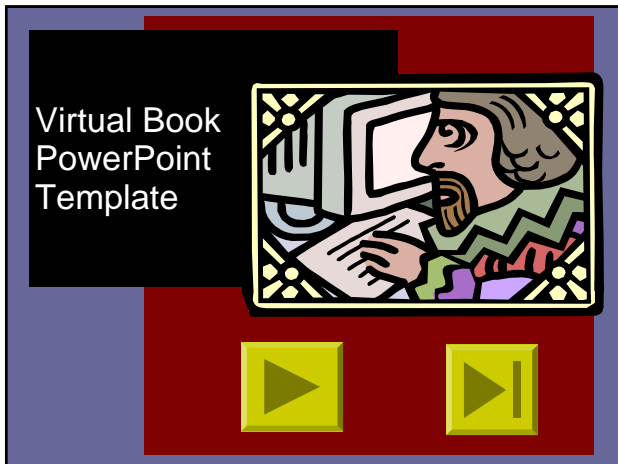
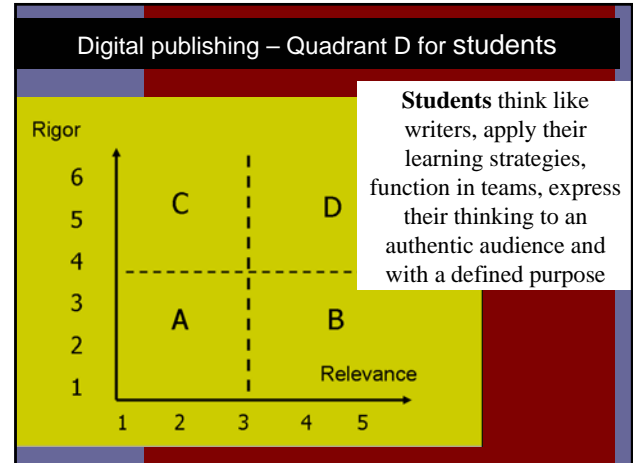
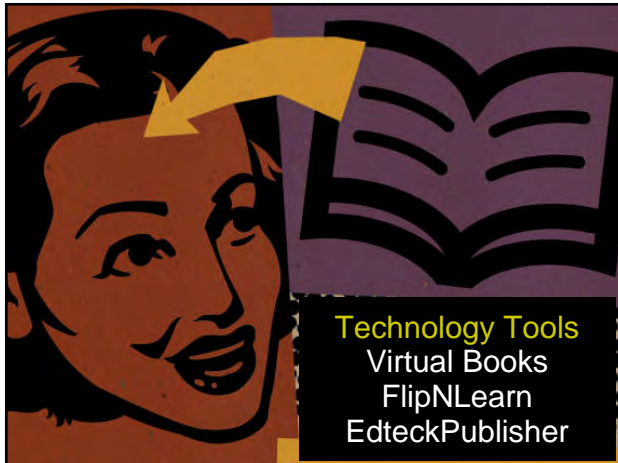
Literacy / numeracy

Self-discipline

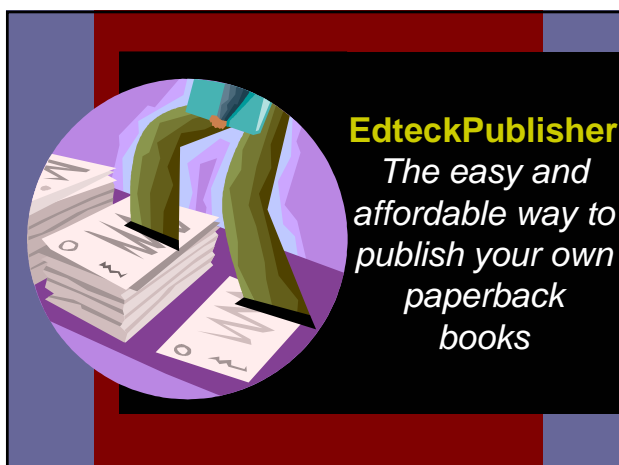
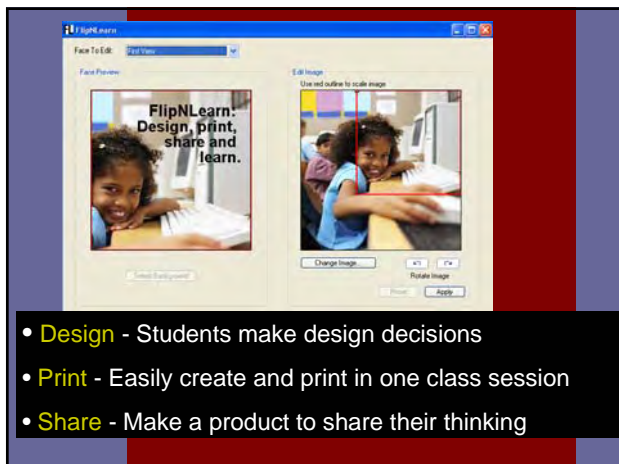
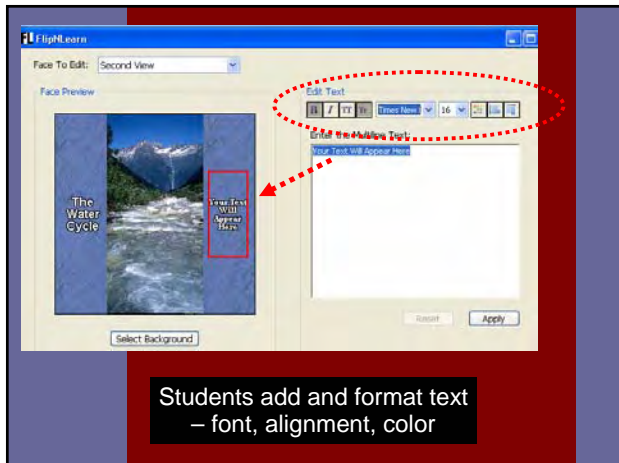
Creativity

Adaptability – they must be independent learners





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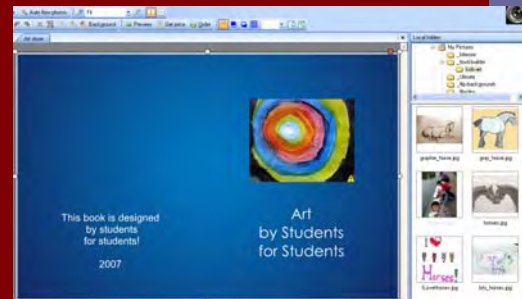
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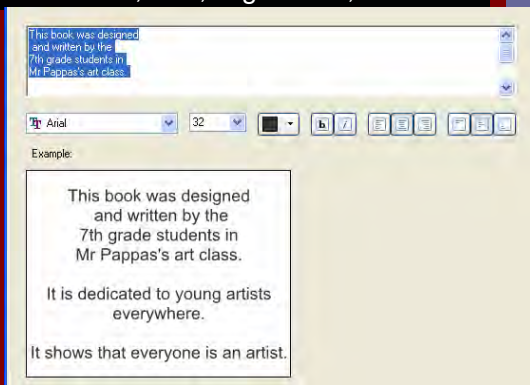


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