HELP WITH HOMEWORK

NEW TOOLS TO GET THE HOMEWORK DONE

**Technology an interference or a distraction?**

Parents and teachers wonder if students could get their work done because technology distracts students and interfere with getting the homework done. Studies show if students use feted tools homework does get done faster.

**Kindle**

Students who read assigned work o their Kindle or Kindle app, the digital book reader from Amazon, discover a number of useful features, including highlighting and vocabulary help. The best feature - the ability to search a long boo for a key passage - is a huge time saver for students writing book reports.

**Storybird.com**

For students looking for a creative way to present material, short stories or poetry, Storybird lets them create a story using a variety of illustrations.

**Quizlet.com**

Quizlet take the old-fashioned flashcard high-tech. Students use the free site to and study guides that can be reviewed online or on mobile devices. The site wad created by a high school student in 20055, and now contains over 40 million study sets generated by users. Students can find other study sets or create their own and use a variety of game modes to study for a test.

**KhanAcademy.org**

An online math tutor that helps students find the answers they need based upon their grade level and type of math. Need help doing arithmetic polynomials? Click on subject and you will be
taken to a digital blackboard where helpful voices guides you through problems. The website also provides help in science computer programming, history, art history, and economics.

**sparknotes.com**

A trove of study guides to various literary works can certainly bemused as a shortcut for students who have not read the book. But, Sparknotes goes a step further with analysis of important quotes, key facts, study question, essay topics and quizzes to help students prepare for exams. Beyond literature, the site offers study guides on a range of topics.

**Google Docs**

Students and teachers love Google docs because it allow them to create, edit and store documents that can be opened from any computer with an Internet connection. Forgotten papers are a thing of the past. Google docs can be shared, so students can collaborate on the same document at the same time from different locations. Teachers can add notes and comments to drafts.

**Prezi.com**

Prezi is a cloud-based presentation tool that a gives a cooler, more dynamic presentation than traditional slide programs like PowerPoint. Because it is cloud based, students can work together on the same presentation from different locations.

**HowLongToReadThis.com**

Type in the name of a written work, and the site will give you a sample paragraph and a time to determine your reading pace and how long it will take you to finish the book. The site has its quirks - sometimes it links to copy from the back cover rather than a paragraph in the book - but it’s a useful tool for students trying to juggle multiple reading assignments.

**Easybib.com**

With Easybib, students can type in the website or source name and Easybib will automatically generate a citation in MLA format, slashing the time required to create a bibliography for a research paper.