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> 1. Write a proposal for your final project. (If several of you are working on the project together, each of you can post the same proposal.)

Still thinking -- but the general idea is to design a web-tool to facilitate story-building -- similar to Cliposcope below, but more text based instead of graphics based. [more to come!]

> 2. Find an example of a Web-based tool that supports creative design and/or creative collaboration. Post the URL, with a short description of how the site supports creative learning. (Several examples are listed on the class website.)

<http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/mosaic/index.htm>

The above site may not offer the most interactive/complex of web-tools, but it allows you to create your own online mosaic. Creating a mosaic via a virtual format eliminates several physical problems:

- 1) If attempting a mosaic with paper and color pens/pencils, the virtual format saves the user the trouble of having to color-in the pieces.
- 2) It also allows the user to make changes at any point without the hassles of erasing, white-out-ing, etc.
- 3) If attempting a mosaic with pieces of paper or other materials, the virtual format saves the user from gluing and/or losing and displacing his or her pieces.

Being able to leave these worries behind, this web-tool allows the user to focus on designing and experimentation (within the given space and using the given colors) -- tasks which I discovered aren't so easy when creating a mosaic. This web-tool also allows you to save and print -- two handy tools for sharing your finished artwork.

<http://alphabet.tmem.org/>

The Alphabet Synthesis Machine allows you to create your own abstract alphabet! The program helps you to alter the different elements that are components of writing...and "evolve it." When you're done you can actually download it and use it as a PC-format [TrueType?](#) font and the site also saves your creation for others to view. If you browse the archive, the one named "Blah" by "anonymous" was created by me. :)

[Monnette: This is so neat! It's like creating your own secret code, complete with useable fonts!]

Cliposcope is an awesome interactive web-tool. It allows children to create cartoons, save them, edit them, and send them to friends. Although kids have to choose from set templates (i.e. for backgrounds, characters), the program offers flexibility within the templates (i.e. resizing the character). The program also offers different tools to help in creating the cartoon: different camera moves/angles and different props. Kids can create as many scenes as they like and link the scenes together to make a cartoon. Along the way, they might learn quite a bit about establishing sequences -- thinking about timelines. If people have time, the Cliposcope Guided Tour is interesting to watch and really goes through every aspect of the web-tool -- I actually had to rely on the guided tour for this write-up, as I wasn't able to get tool working.

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