

# Navigating the Landmines of PowerPoint

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Educational Alternatives to PowerPoint  
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**Wordle** to add pizzazz to PowerPoint  
Drudgery

<http://www.wordle.net/>

This is an example of a **Wordle**. This could be generated prior to a class or from a brainstorm of student ideas and created on the spot.



innovative  
different  
creativity  
visuals  
interactions

<http://edu.glogster.com/what-is-glogster-edu/>

**Glogster** is another presentation software that is free and online.

<http://davew.edu.glogster.com/flat-stanley/>

**Here is a sample of a Glogster that I created and posted to BOLT. However, best educational practices dictate that it is best to have students create and share their original work.**

**Animoto** – a free online program that allows video-production. Recently, a PA area school district, Millville schools, had an in-service related to this innovative resource.

<http://animoto.com/education>

Animoto – a 60 second video clip of what this program is designed to

<http://animoto.com/features>

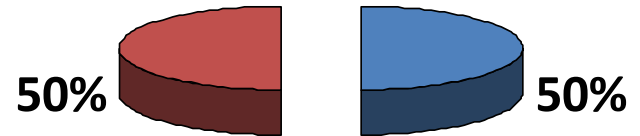
<http://prezi.com/hgjm18z36h75/why-should-you-move-beyond-slides/>

<http://prezi.com/>

**Prezi:** An alternative presentation tool to PowerPoint, is gaining popularity. However, it has some pitfalls.



1. True
2. False



**Always placing a heading at the top of slides with bullet points underneath has been shown to be detrimental to learning.**

1. E A C Q B K
2. K S E V W I
3. V T E N A T
4. C H G O V A

According to research, the addition of this term in projected learning not only enhances the development of thinking skills, but also improves learning.

**I \_ T \_ R \_ C \_ I \_ I \_ Y**

**I\_T\_R\_C\_I\_I\_Y**

**INTERACTIVITY**

1. Strongly Agree
2. Agree
3. Neutral
4. Disagree
5. Strongly Disagree

**This presentation/discussion taught me alternatives to PowerPoint consider for my instruction.**

# Questions, Comments, Discussion



# Retrievable Online Resources

<http://facstaff.bloomu.edu/dwalker/ConferenceInformation.html>

Scroll down to find Lilly 2011 and the title of this presentation. Both the PowerPoint with embedded links and a reference page are available for all.

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