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TECH & LEARNING

ARTICLES

This month's [article](#) by Terry Freedman from his *ICT & Computing in Education* site lists “Eight possible reasons your educational technology is underused.” Most of the reasons center on teachers while the last couple focus on the facilities. (JM)



RESOURCES

[Visual News](#) is a website with Infographics related to education. An Infographic (or Information Graphic) is a visual representation of data which is appealing to the eye. Think about the colorful charts of data found in USA Today and then add more images and content. Besides being able to download any of the “100 Best Education Infographics” from the Visual News site, you and your students can create your own infographic using any of the following websites: [Piktochart](#), [Infogram](#), [Venngage](#) and [Visually](#). (JM)



GAME CORNER

CryptoClub (<http://www.cryptoclub.org/>) is a free cryptography and game site. Students can solve cypher puzzles and browse other resources (like online comics, games, challenges and message boards) related to cryptography. In the "For Teachers" section there are downloadable pages and online generators. (JM)

TECHNOLOGY TIP



This month's Tech Tip is a website for an online whiteboard from notebookcast.com. As a teacher you can create an online whiteboard that your students can view either on a screen in front of the class or on their individual computers/devices. The person who creates the new whiteboard can invite others to collaborate. Simple shapes, text or just a drawing pencil of varying thickness are available as well as a chat function. When you are finished there is a "Board Capture" command which downloads a jpeg image of your board. No account sign up is necessary. (JM)

EXTRA **Back to School Icebreakers**

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation." Plato

This article (link below) from "Tech & Learning" contains over 20 resources for activities to use with your students at the onset of the school year. Many of them are for K-5 students, but many can be adapted to older students. (JM)

<http://www.techlearning.com/blogentry/9654>