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ACRONYM ALERT

USB or Universal Serial Bus is an industry standard for cables and data connections between computers and peripheral devices. Most personal computers, modern televisions and other devices have one or more usb ports from which you can connect a phone, digital camera, and/or flash drive. First introduced in 1996, the current standard of USB is USB 3 which was first available in 2011. USB 3 cables are faster than earlier versions and can transfer data at up to 625 MB/s. Most new flash drives and computers use USB 3 technology. Other cords which are used for video transfers include Firewire, Ethernet and Thunderbolt. USB cords are inexpensive and easy to use (plug and play). Cords should not be more than 3 meters long. (JM)

ARTICLE

Both in and out of school, students are creating more digital content than ever before. However, they often are unaware of the what online images they can use. This September 2017 article by Jennifer Gonzalez for "Cult of Pedagogy" is a needed overview of the obstacles and guidance to using online images. (JM)

RESOURCES

The WWW Virtual Library: International Affairs Resources, has over 2,000 annotated links to information on global studies topics. Priority is given to free sources. There are sections on regions of the globe (Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Asia, Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa), foreign policy, IGOs, NGOs, International Law, Human Rights and many others. While these are all English-language sources, there are sections for German, French and Spanish language learning as well. While essential for global history teachers/classes, the information here can be helpful for other disciplines. (JM)

Battery Charging

TECHNOLOGY TIP

Cords and charging:

We've all wasted time looking for the correct charger or cord for our devices. While wireless/inductive charging is still in its infancy and portable power chargers just add another object to carry around, here are a couple of tips to make the charging process less stressful. Since cables are relatively inexpensive, buy multiple cords/chargers for different locations. Have one in your car, put one in your purse or computer bag, have one for your home docking station, and one at work. This will save you time and effort. Check your phone to see which apps (apple, android) are causing your phone battery to deplete and eliminate or limit them if possible. Also, get in the habit of charging your phone or device every night before you go to bed (but try to keep the device out of your bedroom to promote good sleeping habits). If you are in a hurry, turn the wireless off on your device or switch to airplane mode. This will speed up your recharge. (JM)