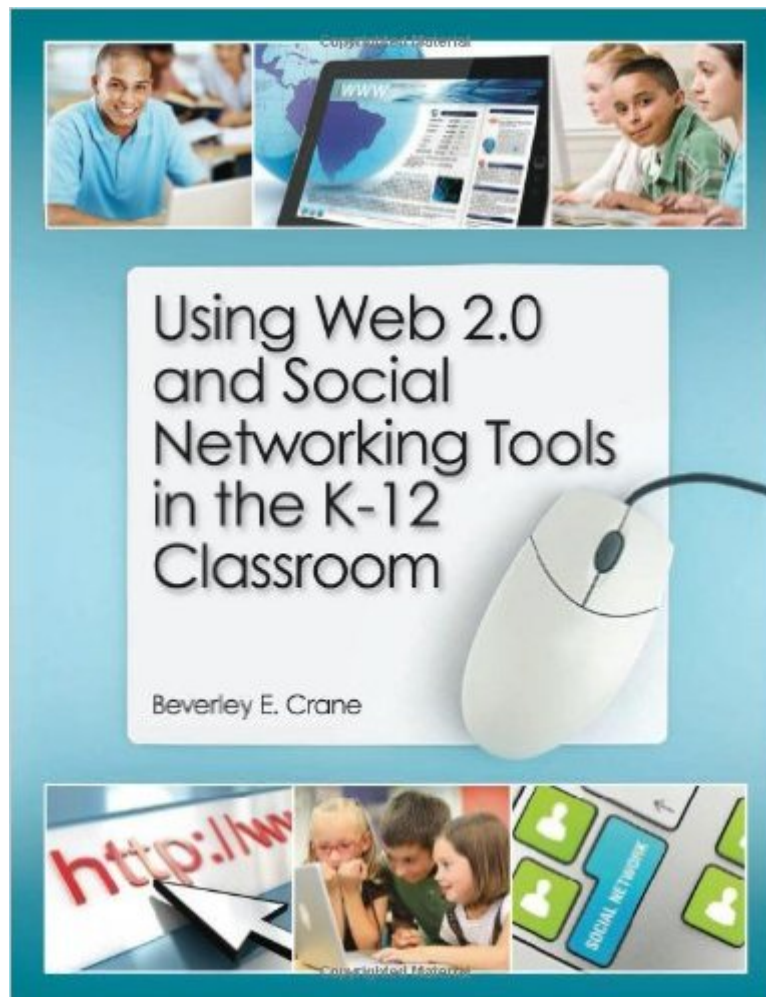# Using Web 2.0 And Social Networking Tools In The K-12 Classroom

Synopsis

Here s a book that describes Web 2.0 tools in-depth, models Web 2.0 tools through classroom examples, explains how to get started with each tool, presents practical unit plans illustrating the use of Web 2.0 in the K-12 content-area curricula, and identifies and describes what tools are most useful to educators for networking, productivity and insight into the technologies. Part 1 of each chapter answers many questions you will have about Web 2.0 and social networking tools: What is the tool? Why use it with students? How are K-12 classrooms using the tool? Can you provide me with specific examples for my science, history, or language arts curriculum? Part 2 describes specific tools and the steps to get started. Part 3 contains a detailed sample unit plan, teacher exercises and a summary following. Screen shots of websites are used to make the advice straightforward and easy to understand. You ll find an entire chapter on special instruction for ESL students with objectives, tools, and K-12 classroom examples. To help you implement Web 2.0 tools beyond the curriculum, there s even a chapter devoted to technology tools specifically designed for teachers and librarians to use for personal productivity, communication, and collaboration. The conclusion offers ideas for integrating Web 2.0 in art, music, and health. Exciting examples of the book s contents include: Collaborating and Communicating with Blogs Creating Multidisciplinary Wikis Google Tools: Enhancing Instruction in the Science Curriculum K-12 Classrooms Join the Social Networking Revolution Using VoiceThread and Video to Improve Language Development Creating Community In addition to the great content you ll find in the book, Using Web 2.0 and Social Networking Tools in the K-12 Classroom features a companion Web site that provides the most current curriculum examples from pioneering educators around the world, as well as up-to-date exercises and lessons in subject areas and grade levels.

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I picked this book up to find some ideas for teaching my early childhood education pre-service teachers to use technology in the classroom. This is the most comprehensive and practical of all the books I have read in this area. Bev explains everything step-by-step in plain English, shows examples, offers web references with more examples, and tells exactly what you need to get started. Every chapter even has a glossary at the beginning to ensure that any "techie" words she uses are defined. If you only had one book for technology in the classroomShe goes into how to use podcasts, Wikis, digital story telling, and more and explains how it could be used with different K-12 grades. I would definitely recommend this book, especially if you feeling hesitant about using technology in the classroom because it seems so complicated. I promise you that you will go from being scared to being unafraid and even enthusiastic about educational technology.

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