



Course 5835: Create and Captivate: Using Online Presentations to Teach

Application: Design Resources

Now that you're familiar with the "how" and "why" of visual design, let's investigate some of the resources available on the web to help make better design happen. Explore as much as you need to become comfortable with one of the many design tools introduced here.

- **COLOR** can enhance and clarify the look and feel of your presentation (or make it feel cluttered and dull). Watch this [video tutorial](#) on one of our favorite color palette selection sites--[Coolers.co](#). Then, practice using the hex codes from a palette you've selected to create custom colors in a practice slide.
- **THEMES** offer a consistent look for your presentation while making repetition and alignment easy. Venture beyond the usual options in Slides or PPT and check out [Slides Carnival!](#) It's a great place to search, preview and download beautiful slideshow themes right to Google Slides or Powerpoint.
- **IMAGES** engage the audience and help support your message. Remember, just say "no" to clipart! Instead, visit [Unsplash](#) or [StockSnap](#) for professional quality photos that you can download for free. For additional information about copyright, refer to the guidelines in this article: [Legally Using Images in Presentation Slides](#).
- **FONTS** can be paired in various ways on Google using the [Font Pair](#) site. Scroll through the suggested pairings or search for one of your favorites.
- **ICONS** can be inserted throughout your presentation to add interest or in place of an image. You'll find free icons available to download at [Endless Icons](#) or [Flaticon](#).

After you've experimented with one or more of the above design resources, submit your responses to the following:

- Identify one of the design elements you chose to explore.
- What new learning did you come away with?
- How might you incorporate this new learning into future presentations you create?
- How could you share this information with students to support better presentations in the classroom?