

21Things: Leveraging Web 2.0 Tools in Education

Course Timeline

21Things is a two-year course intended to acquaint educators with online tools to use in the classroom or in leadership roles. In Year One, participants will complete the first 11 Things and take part in an online book club, reading Dan Pink's [A Whole New Mind](#).

In Year Two, participants will complete the last 10 Things, take part in a book study of [Reinventing Project-Based Learning: Your Field Guide to Real-World Projects in the Digital Age](#) (Suzie Boss & Jane Krauss), and complete and share a project to use with students or with colleagues.

Discovery Exercises and Tasks

Within each module participants complete Discovery Exercises and Learning Tasks ("Things"). The first four modules follow a sequential order, each building on the previous module. Beyond that, participants can differentiate learning by tackling the modules in any order desired. Remember, you are in charge of your learning journey. This course is about exposure, exploration and experimentation, not about "doing it right." Your co-participants and 21Things team leaders and coaches are here to support and encourage you!

Stretch Activities

Along the way, you will also encounter a few Stretch activities accompanying some of the "Things." Stretch activities are designed to enrich and extend your learning. Everyone is encouraged to try at least some of them, but they are not required. If you are already comfortable with a particular tool or concept, you should definitely complete the Stretch activity!



Don't forget, to check off--as you complete them--your completion of each "Thing" on the Google spreadsheet.

Year One: Complete Modules 1-5

Complete the modules below sequentially: each one builds on the previous one.

Module 1: Intro to Web 2.0

- **Thing 1:** Review Some Strategies for Lifelong Learning
- **Thing 2:** Learn a bit about Web 2.0 and Why It Matters

Module 2: RSS

- **Thing 3:** Learn about RSS and Set Up Your Google Reader
- **Thing 4:** Add feeds to Your Reader and Start an Online RSS Reading Habit

Module 3: Blogging

- **Thing 5:** Learn about Blogs and Join the 21clc Group Blog
- **Thing 6:** Add Content To the 21clc Group Blog
- **Thing 7:** Read and Comment On Two Classmates' Blog Posts

Module 4: Creative Commons

- **Thing 8:** Learn about Copyright and Fair Use
- **Thing 9:** Learn about Creative Commons (CC)

Module 5: Image Sharing

- **Thing 10:** Learn About Flickr and Create an Account
- **Thing 11:** Explore Flickr Further and Publish a Flickr Creation

Year Two: Complete Modules 6-9

These modules can be completed in any order: you decide!

Module 6: Social Bookmarking

- **Thing 12:** Learn about Delicious and Set Up Your Account
- **Thing 13:** Add Bookmarks in Delicious and Search for New Bookmarks

Module 7: Productivity with Google

- **Thing 14:** Learning about Google Docs
- **Thing 15:** Creating a Google Form

Module 8: Quick and Easy Tools to Engage Learners (Young and Old)

- **Thing 16:** Create a Poll with Poll Everywhere
- **Thing 17:** Collect Sticky Notes with WallWisher
- **Thing 18:** Connect in real-time with iEtherpad

Module 9: Surveys and Polls

- **Thing 19:** Collect Information Online Using Survey Monkey
- **Thing 20:** Quick Polls and Surveys with PollDaddy

Module 10: Online Learning

- **Thing 21:** Explore K12Online Conference and Classroom 2.0 to Continue Learning

21Things Reflection

- **Last Thing:** Complete an A-Z Reflection of Your Learning Journey Through 21Things.

If you're still hungry for more "things," check out Kevin Honeycutt's list of tools:

http://docs.google.com/View?id=d8b9ppk_10c226p6hm