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Teacher on Fire at Redwater

Jade Johnson, 6th grade Reading teacher, has been teaching at Redwater Middle School for three years. This year her students did a unit on the book, *Number of the Stars* by Lois Lowery. With this book the students used StoryboardThat for multiple assignments. StoryboardThat is a website that allows

Chapter 8

It is when they say Great Aunt Birte dies, but Annemarie finds out that there is no Great Aunt Birte.

> *I like to use StoryboardThat because it is a great differentiating tool for those students who need visual and concrete elements to absorb abstract ideas.*
> *~ Jade Johnson*

you to create digital storytelling with comic strips. The features are flexible to adapt to any grade level, and teachers can use it to develop understanding through visual learning. This program provides scenes, characters, textables, shapes, and other images to choose from. Students are able to select and drag these items into their layout. The students in Mrs. Johnson's class used StoryboardThat to produce summaries for each chapter, plot diagrams, theme scenes and character analysis. The students were very successful in creating the comic strips that provided evidence of the students' understanding. Overall the students enjoyed using a different method of assessment in their Reading class.
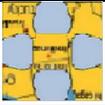

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	Geography Puzzles In this app there are computer jigsaw puzzles to help you study geography.
	Newsela This app includes articles in multiple subjects with combining assessments with differentiated content from daily new sources.
	Timemaps This app provides a world history atlas.
	World Data Atlas This app includes statistics, data and visualizations about the world and world's countries and regions.
	World News This app provides the latest news from around the world.
	World Map This app has a world map and shows the different regions of the world.

SocialStudies Apps

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StoryboardThat
StoryboardThat allows you to create storyboards online. There many options when creating your storyboard including cells, setting, characters, props and textables. Storyboards are great for comics, school projects, infographics and more.
(1 Credit)

Canva
Canva is a tool that produces amazing simple designs. Canva gives you many free options that allow you to create beautiful infographics, cards, invitations, logos and business cards. The options are endless with hundreds of free fonts, elements and images. (1.5 Credits)

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