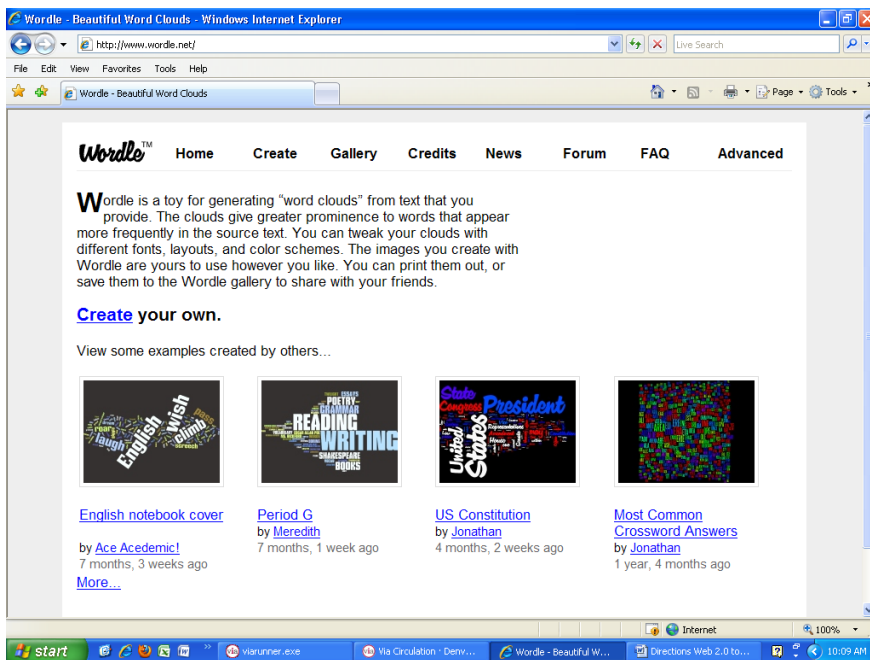


How to use Wordle - <http://www.wordle.net/>



Wordle is a word cloud generator. It has lots of great uses...and students really enjoy creating different layouts, fonts, and colors.

Tips : Printing is fine on PCs harder on MAC – you need to download a java applet (very easy and on FAQ page) or save as a pdf or jpg and print or copy into document or website- it cannot be saved otherwise.

Do not save to Gallery and do not allow students to view the gallery so as not to run into inappropriate materials.

Practice one with your lab FIRST so you don't have any surprises printing – the kids are devastated if they cannot take a copy home.



Option – type words or document in WORD first then select all and copy

TIP: words that are repeated appear larger, but are not repeated – to keep words together use tilde ~ separate words with a space

GO to wordle.net

GO to top menu and select Create

Paste words into open area select GO

the Wordle is generated, then go to layout and play with your options

Play with the Color palettes and the fonts as well – each one totally changes your wordle and regenerates another

Print and enjoy !

Ideas:

Take student essays and throw into wordle to get a visual cloud of words that are repeated too often (they will be larger)

Analyze speeches or web pages by cutting and pasting the text into wordle and generating a cloud

Use descriptive words and student names or traits of historical characters, etc.