Using Pinterest in the Classroom- Helpful Hints

Creating an Account:

Navigate to [www.pinterest.com](www.pinterest.com). Accounts are free and attached to an email address. Signing in through Facebook or other social media is another option.

Navigation:

Pinterest will have a group "feed" and begin by showing you the recent pins of those you follow and suggestions of pins they think might be of interest to you.

To "follow" a board means that you will be able to view those pins in your feed. You have access to the board for the purpose of viewing or commenting, but not for adding or deleting pins.

Deciding how you'd like to add participants or set up your activity:

Open Accounts: Create a profile for an entire group with a shared login and password

Assigned Boards: Use your own Pinterest account, create assignments using your board, and

invite students to join.

Creating Boards:

Description: Designed to describe the contents of the board. If using assigned boards for a classroom assignment, you may choose to put the assignment details here. Note that if you try to input too many characters (over 500) you will not be able to proceed.

Category: Select one appropriate to your assignment. This serves as a way to group your board so that when others search for a related topic the pins are focused to be more relevant.

Maps: Use if you would like to know the location of the pins. This is helpful for planning trips or studying a certain area of the country. Your pins will be selected by geographic area.

Secret Boards: You may choose to hide your pins from the other users.

Inviting users: You may select users from your list of followers or you may invite them via their email address.

Pinning itself:

Within Pinterest: You can use the search bar located at the top of the page, select a category to browse, or add pins from accounts of those you follow.

From the internet: This may require you to have a "Pin button" within your browser. Some images and sites have added a Pin button to their images for ease of pinning. If you start from your board, you have the option of inserting a specific web address that is not already on Pinterest.

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From your device: From the board, you have the option to pin from your device. Selecting from your device allows you to upload your own personal photo from your phone, tablet, or computer.

Descriptions of the pin: This section allows you to describe the contents of the pin. The word limit is _____ and gives greater freedom to the students. Their reflection is usually placed here.

Like/send feature: Liking the pin (with a heart) saves it for your future reference, but will not place it on a board. Sending the pin can direct it to a person you want to privately share it with (with a message if you like).

Other fun things to complete:

1. Grade your neighbor's work using the attached rubric
2. Create a personal development or resource board
   a. Look for educational tools or technology pins within Pinterest
3. Search for and follow a pinner with similar educational interests