

# Fun and Education Online



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# Computers and TVs



- ▶ **Computers offer many choices for learning & entertainment**
  - ▶ Video: Movies, How-To, Documentaries, Games, etc.
  - ▶ Audio: Music, Radio online, Podcasts, etc.
  - ▶ Communication: Facebook, X (Twitter), Instagram
- ▶ **View via Smart TV** OR
- ▶ **Cast to TV** OR
- ▶ **Use HDMI to view on television**
  - ▶ Modern TVs & Computers support HDMI
- ▶ **Larger screen easier to see and share**



# Free to All Comers

- [GCFGlobal](#) gives videos and step by step lessons in technology, reading, math, languages, and life skills
- [wikiHow](#) the most trusted how-to site on the internet
- [KHAN ACADEMY](#) was started by a man helping his cousins with their math homework from many miles away. (Salman Khan tells the story on TED - [https://www.ted.com/talks/sal\\_khan\\_let\\_s\\_use\\_video\\_to\\_reinvent\\_education](https://www.ted.com/talks/sal_khan_let_s_use_video_to_reinvent_education))



# Free (continued)

The TED logo is displayed in a bold, red, sans-serif font. It is positioned in the upper right corner of the slide, enclosed within a white rectangular box.

- ▶ TED (Technology, Education and Design): Ideas worth spreading. Short talks on diverse subjects from comedy to science. <http://www.ted.com/>

- ▶ **TEDx** <https://www.ted.com/about/programs-initiatives/tedx-program>

- ▶ **TED**Ed

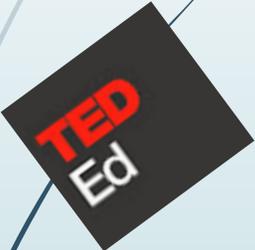
The TEDMED logo features the word "TED" in red and "MED" in black, both in a bold, sans-serif font, set against a white rectangular background.

- ▶ **TED**MED

- ▶ National Geographic:  
<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com>

and the NG channel on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NationalGeographic>

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# The Many Faces of YouTube



- ▶ Repair household items like a water heater or dryer
- ▶ Learn arts like painting, knitting, origami or basketry
- ▶ Movies, Music, Plays, etc. (Oldies often free)
- ▶ Channels that share your interests, like Fishing
- ▶ With Google account, subscribe, watch later, keep a list of favorites, check viewing history
- ▶ YouTube Premium says goodbye to commercials (\$14/mo.)
  - ▶ Check out [YouTube Originals](#)

# A Few of My YouTube Favorites

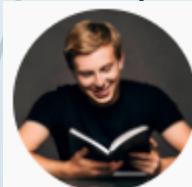


➤ [Cirque du Soleil](#)



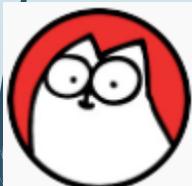
➤ [Jeanne Robertson](#) (Humorist)

➤ [After Skool](#)



➤ [Yoga JP](#) – Let's Keep Moving

➤ [Probably Tomfoolery](#)



➤ [ABBA](#)

➤ [Simon's Cat](#)

➤ [The Bright Side](#)





## How Fast Can You Get from Ivy League to Fast Food by Clicking the Links?

- ❖ Ever-changing challenges
- ❖ Play on your computer or download the app for your phone or tablet.
- ❖ <https://www.thewikigame.com>

# More Games

- ▶ AARP offers games for free - <https://games.aarp.org/>
- ▶ [Amazon](#) offers a combination of free and paid games
- ▶ Search for hidden objects with [Sherlock](#)
- ▶ [USA Today](#) offers a raft of free games



# Free Documentaries

- ▶ Top Documentary Films is one of my personal favorites for finding material for ALL classes:

<http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/>

**TOP DOCUMENTARY FILMS**

DocumentaryHeaven

*Food For Your Brain*

- ▶ Documentary Heaven is another great source for documentaries for many sources. They also encourage new documentary makers.

<http://documentaryheaven.com/>

# Worth Paying

- ▶ The Great Courses is a well-known company that makes education available through DVDs and now online courseware.
- ▶ Be sure to watch for specials or to wait for your favorite subject to go on sale.
- ▶ <http://www.thegreatcourses.com>



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GREAT COURSES®

# MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses)

## ► Connections Academy

<http://www.connectionsacademy.com>



- Accredited virtual school for K-12 (including Houston public schools)
- Career/technical courses.
- Some schools charge a fee.

## ► ed2go <http://www.ed2go.com/lonestar/>



- industry leader in online learning for adults,
- partnered with Lone Star College. Classes begin at \$1

## ► MIT on YouTube: (MOOC innovator)

<http://www.youtube.com/user/MIT>

## ► University of California Prime (healthy living):

<http://www.youtube.com/user/UCTVPrime>



MIT  
OCW

# More MOOCs



- ▶ UNSW (University of New South Wales) on YouTube offers a great way to learn about Australia from Australians:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/UNSW>

- ▶ Academic Earth aims to provide everyone with the opportunity to earn a world-class education by offering free online classes and online learning tools. Be aware that if you are taking a course for credit there will be a charge.

<http://www.academicearth.org/>



ACADEMIC EARTH

# Television and Movies Online

- [Netflix](#)
- [Disney+](#) & [Hulu](#)
- [Vudu](#)
- [Amazon Prime](#)
- Search for Free Movies Online (use caution)
  - Look for internet security package warnings
  - Try Web of Trust [WOT](#)
- Learn more about shows at Internet Movie DataBase ([IMDB](#))



**IMDb**

# Music & Radio Online

## ► Music Everywhere

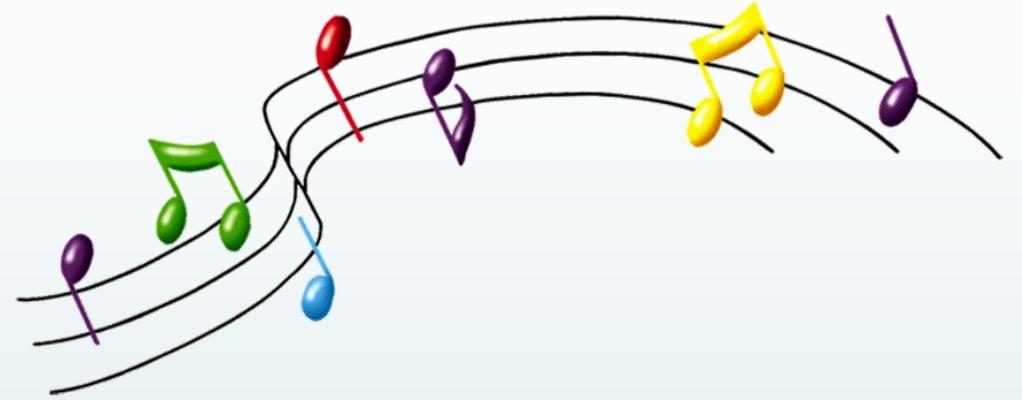
- [Alexander Street Music](#)
- [Audio Library](#)
- Music Apps on your phone

## ► Online Radio Services

- <https://www.iheart.com/>
- [www.pandora.com](http://www.pandora.com)
- <http://www.accuradio.com/>

## ► Local Online Radio

- Get current feed or find past programs
- Search by city (PBS or NPR)
- Search station – your favorite radio station is probably online





# Lone Star College Online

- ▶ Find Online Credit Courses in Catalog
  - ▶ List of degrees and certificates at <http://www.lonestar.edu/lsc-online/degrees-certs.htm>
  - ▶ Class sign-in: <http://www.lonestar.edu/lsc-online/>
- ▶ LSC Films On Demand
  - ▶ [Alexander Street Films](#)
  - ▶ Search for special interests



# Podcasts for Story Lovers

- [Moth Podcast](#) for Story Tellers



- [Radio Lab](#) weaves stories & science into documentaries

- [Story Corps](#) tells stories of the human heart



# Explore NPR

- [Culture](#)
- [Books](#)
- [Movies](#)
- [Television](#)
- [Food](#)
- [Art & Design](#)
- [Performing Arts](#)



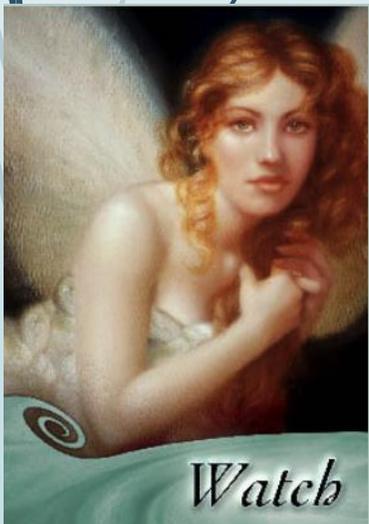
# Arts & Crafts

- [Craftsy](#) – Fabric, Food, Art, & Living
- [CraftyPod](#) started as a podcast
- [GoodHouseKeeping](#) on YouTube
- Art Dolls on YouTube at [NIADA](#)
- YouTube – search for Arts & Crafts for Adults
- [Pinterest](#)
- [Happy Ever Crafter](#) – great for lettering
- [Curious Mondo](#)
  - website and podcasts
  - Lots of free classes



# Arts & Spirituality

- ▶ [Spirituality and Practice](#) – resources for spiritual journeys
- ▶ The [Abbey of the Arts](#) – Transformative Living through contemplative and expressive arts
- ▶ [Cheryl Richardson Grace Cards](#) - Free daily Grace Card





# Food & Recipes

- [Good Housekeeping Best Grocery Delivery](#)
- [Tasty-Yummies.com](#) – Healthy eating
- [Food.com](#)
- [Mayo Clinic Recipes for Diabetics](#)
- [Cook for Your Life](#)



# Virtual Tours

- [Virtual National Park Tours](#)
- [Twelve Famous Museums](#)
- [Anne Frank House](#)



# Fishing

- ▶ FishBrain App (<https://fishbrain.com/>)
  - ▶ Social Media for Fishing Friends
  - ▶ Locate spots for Fishing
  - ▶ [YouTube](#)
- ▶ SaltStrong (<https://www.saltstrong.com/>)
  - ▶ Strictly Saltwater fishing
  - ▶ Podcasts and Free [YouTube](#)
  - ▶ How-To Lessons (Hint: \$100 Lifetime Membership)



# News Online

- ▶ Live news stream on [CBSN](#)
- ▶ Live news stream on [ABC](#)
- ▶ [NBC News Now](#)
- ▶ [How to Stream CNN Live without Cable](#)
- ▶ [Sky News](#) Live from England
- ▶ [Fox News](#) (need subscription)





# Suggestions and Questions from Class



# Suggested in class

## ➤ [SkillShare.com](https://www.skillshare.com)

- “Explore Thousands of Hands-On Creative Classes With One Inspiring Membership”
- Difficult to explore unless you register an email and a payment method

## ➤ [Internet Archive](https://www.archive.org)

- non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more
- Includes the [Internet Archive Wayback Machine](https://web.archive.org)
  - Explore more than 836 billion [web pages](#) saved over time



# Domains with Country Codes

- ▶ **.ru** at the end of a web address does mean Russia
  - ▶ Wikipedia article:  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/.ru#:~:text=ru%20is%20the%20Latin%20alphabet,.ru>
  - ▶ CBS News labeled .ru and .ro as risky  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/some-web-domains-are-safer-than-others/>
- ▶ **.ro** at the end of a web address means Romania
  - ▶ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/.ro>
- ▶ **.fr** at the end of a web address means France
  - ▶ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/.fr>



# How many Mbps you need per device for common internet activities

	Minimum	Recommended
Streaming SD video	3Mbps	10Mbps
Streaming HD video	5Mbps	25Mbps
Streaming 4K video	25Mbps	100Mbps
Online gaming	5Mbps	100Mbps