**DIIGO (Digest of Internet Information, Groups and Other Stuff) [www.diigo.com](http://www.diigo.com)**

DIIGO is a cloud-based information management tool that enables users to collect, highlight, access and share a variety of information, on a variety of devices. Possibilities for educators:

* Supports students organizing and sharing the information they locate online.
* Provides tools that allow users to highlight, sticky note, and bookmark websites
* Encourages students to collaborate when searching for information online by linking a whole classroom to the resources each student has bookmarked and highlighted as relevant to certain topic.
* Supports analysis and synthesis of materials found online through the various highlights and sticky notes that DIIGO users can make public for other DIIGO users to view.

**Three purposes of DIIGO**

**RESEARCH: Annotate, archive, organize** <http://www.vimeo.com/6747389>

* + **Annotate**: highlight paragraphs of interest, grab clips, right click to add a sticky note on the page
  + **Bookmarks**: can choose to use the capture feature to capture a snapshot to store forever (even if the page goes away)
  + **Tagging**: organize your bookmarks by adding tags to make easier to find later; you can search digitally to access these tagged bookmarks
  + **List**: organize, share, and display your collection of bookmarks; drag and drop to rearrange; generate a report of your annotated bookmarks; click web slides button to play as an interactive slideshow
  + **Interacts with iPhoneApp with DIIGO Bookmarklet** (can download for offline browsing)

**SHARE: Build a personal learning network** <http://www.vimeo.com/6747537>

* + **My library**: You can make your bookmarks and annotations private, share them publicly, share via a RSS feed, or designate a specific collection of your bookmarks to share
  + **Build a Personal Learning Network**: follow or be followed by people with different interests (bookmarks enabled with comments or annotated link to be shared with someone else without installing other software)

**COLLABORATE: Create a group knowledge repository** <http://www.vimeo.com/6747628>

* + **DIIGO Groups:** click “share with a group” from the bookmark page; other group members get automatic email announcements and can easily comment on or off the pages; can also view the shared snapshots;the collection builds around the group’s mission; can also have threaded discussions

**Three Parts to DIIGO**

## Library: This is the central place to store all your bookmarks, highlights, notes, pictures.

## Network: This is your network, which shows updates from people that you choose to follow. You can build friends lists to help you find good resources from people you trust and build your favorite network(s) accordingly

## DIIGO groups: A collaborative research and learning tool that allows any group of people to pool their findings through group bookmarks, highlights, sticky notes, and forum. (Example: Teaching and Learning With Web 2.0 <http://groups.diigo.com/group/clifsnotes4>)

**How to use DIIGO**

1. Download the toolbar.
2. Locate a website you are interested in and bookmark it to save it to your library.
3. Use the toolbar functions to highlight certain text. Once you highlight the text, a little pencil tool appears above the highlight. Click on the pencil tool to change the color of the highlighting or to add an annotation. Once added, the annotation appears as a number above the highlighting and you can mouse over it to read your notes.
4. Click on “My Library” from the left frame to view all of your bookmarks, annotations, and sticky notes in the browser window.
5. If you would like to explore a small library that Dr. Coiro created, you can visit: <http://www.diigo.com/user/jcoiro>
6. For examples of how all of the tools are used together in Education, view this collection from Heidi Everett-Cacopardo <https://sites.google.com/site/voicethreadliteracyessentials/diggo-how-to-guide-resources/examples-of-diigo>
7. Once you have a classroom of your own, you can apply for a DIIGO Educator account here: <http://www.diigo.com/education>. With this account, you can set up student accounts for an entire class with pre-set class only privacy settings and automatic setup as a DIIGO group to share resources with.