Introduction to Teaching with Padlet
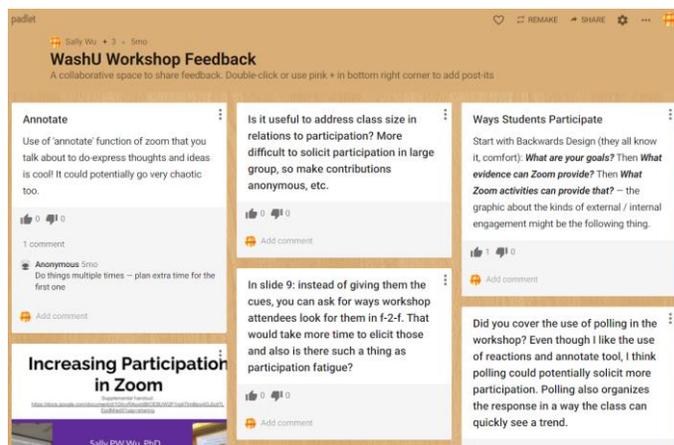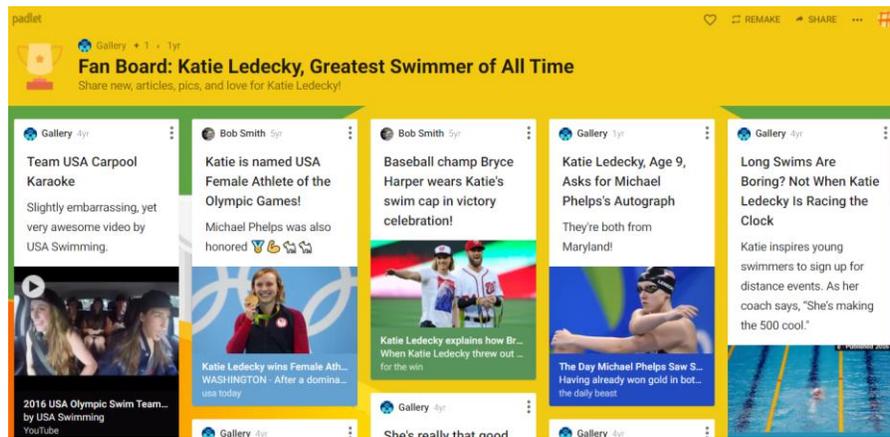
Padlet is a web-based pinboard where users can easily post and organize ideas in a digital "wall" space.

Use Padlet to engage all of your students in gathering, discussing synthesizing, and reviewing ideas in one place.

Students can add not only text, but videos, webpages, spreadsheets, and more. Posts can be color coded, dragged around, and connected with arrows to facilitate visual sense-making of content.
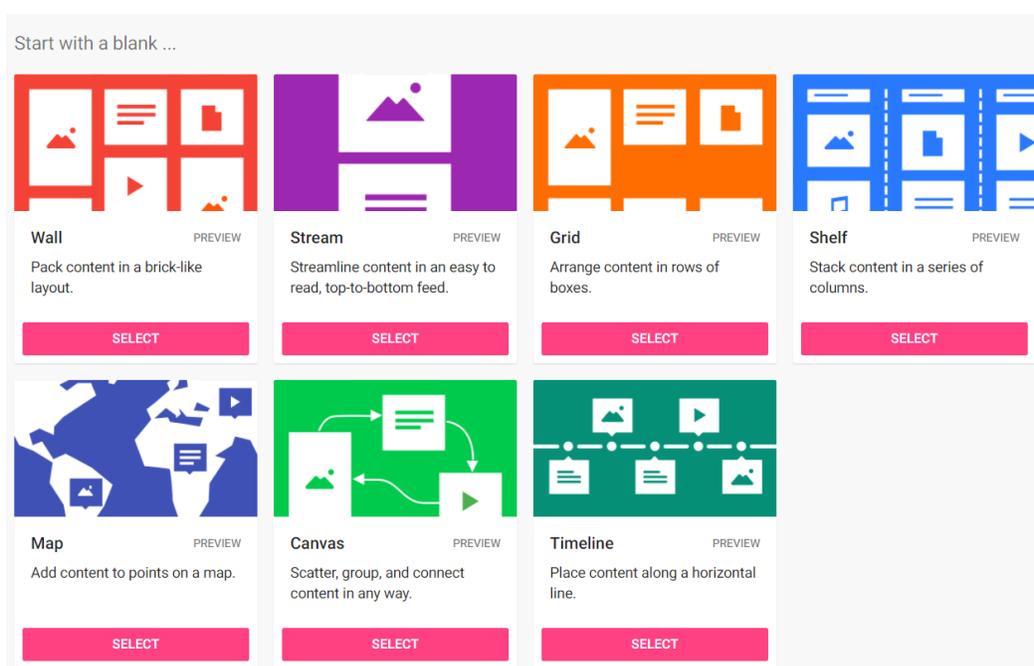
Ideas for Teaching with Padlet

Icebreakers	Poll students on what they read, listen to, or are excited about in their lives
	For international students or content from international locations, create a Map Padlet and ask students put pins on where they are from or where they want to go/learn about
Brainstorming / Mapping	Students respond to one or more questions. Responses can be liked, up/down voted, commented, color coded, or moved around
	For concept maps, create a Canvas Padlet. Add posts and then click on posts to change the color or connect it to another post.
Group discussion	Create a Shelf Padlet and name each column by a topic or group name (e.g., Group 1, Group 2). All posts are shown immediately and can be reviewed by all users
Wiki / Poster session / Gallery walk	Students post content in a Wall or Grid Padlet for others to review, like, and comment. Upload webpages, pdfs, videos, audio, documents, PowerPoints, spreadsheets, and more.
Feedback/ Evaluation	Create a Shelf Padlet with columns that each ask a reflective question (e.g., What went well? What could be improved? What did you learn from this class?)
Sequence / Timeline	Create a Timeline to identify steps in a process or map historical events / developments in your field

How to Use Padlet

Sign up for a Padlet account with your WashU email address to access the institutional account.

From your Padlet dashboard, click the pink **Make a Padlet** button.

Then, choose a type of padlet:

Modify your padlet, including Title, Description, and more. You can also activate comments and reactions so that students can engage with each other's posts. Double-click on your title or click the gear in the top right corner to edit at any time.

Click **Share** on the top right to change your privacy setting from Secret to Password Protect or Public. To allow students to post, keep the setting at Visitors "can write." Then copy the Padlet link to share or copy an embed code to paste your padlet within Canvas.

To **use**, invite students to add a post by double-clicking in the board or clicking the pink + button in the bottom right corner of the screen.

Suggest other features: Move posts around, add multimedia, react, add comments, connect posts, or change their colors!

For a more detailed guide on Padlet, see https://ctl.wustl.edu/resources/padlet/. You can also email ctl@wustl.edu with questions or schedule a consult with a CTL staff member.