

TUESDAY TIPS

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TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION

Saving as PDF

When you have difficulties sending word processing attachments to friends or colleagues who use a different word processing application, you can make that information accessible by saving it as a PDF before attaching it to your email message. **In both Pages and Open Office, on the bottom left-hand side of the Print window, you will find a PDF button. On the pull-down menu, select save as a PDF and place it where you want it saved.** PDF documents can be read by anyone anywhere. Photos will not disappear and the text and format will not change.



Shmoopsterpiece Theater

Via an obvious homage to *Monsterpiece Theater* of *Sesame Street* fame, students can learn about a variety of topics by watching fun, informative videos. The videos are organized by categories: **Literature, Math, US History, Why Should I Care?, How to Shmoop, and Coming Soon!**

These delightful, tongue-in-cheek videos engage students with their humor. Ranging from Shakespeare to calculus, some personal favorites are *1984*, *A Modest Proposal*, *30-60-90 Triangle*, *Adding and Subtracting Decimals (Spanish or English)*, *All the Suffrage Ladies*, *Lords of Greed*, and *Thesis Statement vs. Topic Sentence*.

Shmoop has been recognized by SIIA (Software & Information Industry Association) for its many innovations in learning technology. Read more about **Schmoop** in the April 9, 2013, issue of *Tuesday Tips*.

<http://www.shmoop.com/video/>



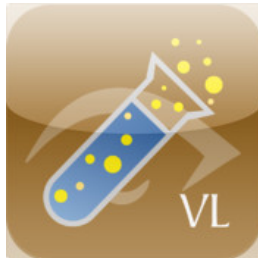
Apple vs. Java

Apple does not like Java. When upgrading from Lion to Mountain Lion, Java was disabled from the system. Apple says that Java brings security leaks to its system and therefore disabled Java to avoid those leaks.

Apple is not the only entity that has come down against Java for security reasons. Fraser Howard of the SophosLabs (an IT Security firm) and the Department of Homeland Security have also weighed in against Java.

Mozilla (Firefox) has added Java to its add-on block list. Plugins on the block list are forced into using Firefox's "Click to Play" functionality. When using such sites, you are prompted to approve the launch of a Java applet. Mozilla does this so that you are aware of the security risk of the site you want to use.

Java is on NJSP teacher machines to power the GradeBook package, but is not at the server level to safeguard the security of our network.



TOTALLY FREE APPS

Free apps can be fun as well as useful!

Science Glossary

This glossary of [scientific](#) terms and short biographies support the science education website, <http://www.visionlearning.com>. All definitions link to related terms and to free, detailed learning modules. Though geared for high school and undergraduate students using the visionlearning.com website, the glossary and modules are appropriate for anyone generally interested in [science](#).

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