

TUESDAY TIPS

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TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION

More iPad Care

As strange as it may seem, you need to go through one charge cycle per month to keep your **iPad** battery healthy. To do this all you have to do is charge the **iPad** to 100% and then run it completely out.

Your **iPad** works best when you make sure that it lives in an **iPad**-friendly environment. It should never be subjected to heat over 95° or cold below 32° for extended periods of time. Keep your **iPad** out of water or extremely humid locations. If your **iPad** should become wet, do not try to dry it out with an external heat source like a hair dryer. Take care of your **iPad**!

PowerPoint Palooza

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PowerPoint Palooza is a website that houses over 220 PowerPoint presentations that deal with American and World History. These presentations range in size from a dozen or so slides each to over 145 slides. Several PPTs contain large sound/music files. If you decide to use one, be patient because the larger ones will take a long time to download.

Topics include World War I and World War II, the Election of

1912, the Ashcan School of Art, the Revolution of 1848, 1920s Europe, Feudal Japan, and the Geography of Latin America.

Teachers are encouraged to edit these presentations to their liking and to keep them on their computers. They are too large to run from the website.

Although **PowerPoint Palooza** freely gives the use of these presentations to teachers, you are cautioned not to attempt to sell them whole or in part, for this would be a copyright violation.

<http://www.pptpalooza.net>



My Garbology

My Garbology is a flash-based website that uses appealing and well-designed animation and light interactivity to teach players how to deal with waste sustainably. Students match common waste products with the correct way to handle them (Reuse, Compost, Recycle, Landfill). If done correctly, a short animated sequence appears that they can watch, read, and click through.

Each animation sequence provides useful and often thought-provoking facts and information about how waste can be decreased or increased given the decision to reuse, recycle, compost, or throw away (landfill). These facts provide excellent topics of discussion, teachable moments, and platforms for activities. *My Garbology* is less a game than an animated website.

<http://www.naturebridge.org/garbology.php>



KEEP-IN-SHAPE FREE APPS

Calorie Counter & Diet Tracker

Lose weight with *MyFitnessPal*, the fastest and easiest-to-use calorie counter for iPhone and iPad. This app contains the largest food database of any calorie counter (over 3,000,000 foods), and amazingly fast food and exercise entry, that will help you take those extra pounds off!

Fit Brains Trainer

The *Fit Brains Trainer* brings you the easiest and most enjoyable way of keeping your brain sharp in just minutes a day. The *Fit Brains Trainer* is a scientifically-designed app for iPhone and iPad that provides a collection of fun brain

games, personalized training sessions, and visual tools to help you improve your brain's performance. The *Trainer* utilizes an innovative adaptive learning system that automatically scales the level of each brain game to your appropriate level.

Smart Vocab

Used as a daily word game, you can set a personal goal and then use *Smart Vocab* to learn all the words in a given level of difficulty. You can view the usage and definitions of tricky words to make sure you never forget them, and you can test yourself constantly to see how large your Mastered Words list gets over time. It's a great way to expand your vocabulary!