**Digital tools for educators Factsheet: Draw.Chat**



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| Name | **Draw.Chat** |
| Link | [**Draw.Chat - Whiteboard Online | Draw on .pdf, .png, .jpeg**](https://draw.chat/index.html) |
| Cost  | Free |
| What it does | Draw.Chat is an online collaborative whiteboard where users can draw on images, PDFs, and maps, share files, hold video calls, and chat in real-time. |
| Uses for ATL | Draw.Chat is a versatile tool for Adult Tailored Learning, enabling real-time collaboration on a shared whiteboard. Educators can annotate PDFs, images, and maps, enhancing interactive lessons. The platform supports video calls and file sharing, facilitating remote learning and group discussions. Its user-friendly interface allows learners to engage in creative activities, such as drawing and note-taking, without needing an account. This fosters a collaborative and inclusive learning environment, making education accessible and engaging for all participants. |
| Benefits | **Real-Time Collaboration:** Draw.Chat allows multiple users to work on the same board simultaneously, making it ideal for team projects and interactive learning.**Versatile Tools:** Users can draw on images, PDFs, and maps, enhancing presentations and creative projects.**No Account Needed:** Participants can join sessions without creating an account, simplifying access and participation.**Integrated Communication:** The platform supports video calls, file sharing, and chat, facilitating comprehensive remote collaboration. |
| Alternatives | [**Excalidraw**](https://excalidraw.com/)**:** An open-source whiteboard tool that lets you sketch diagrams with a hand-drawn feel. It supports real-time collaboration and is available online and for self-hosting.[**tldraw**](https://www.tldraw.com/)**:** A collaborative digital whiteboard that offers drawing, mind mapping, and real-time collaboration features. It can be integrated into other products.[**Ziteboard**](https://ziteboard.com/)**:** An online whiteboard with real-time collaboration, drawing, and mind mapping tools. It is ideal for remote team meetings and educational purposes. |
| Devices it works on | Internet Browsers |

**Draw.Chat Review – Teachers First Review**

([TeachersFirst Review - Draw.Chat](https://www.teachersfirst.com/single.cfm?id=18332))

Draw.Chat is a free, collaborative online whiteboard tool that doesn't require registration. Use the site's tools to upload images and files from your computer, draw and type onto the workspace, and share discussions via chat. Another handy feature includes a draw-on map. Share any location to begin an online session with a map of the area already in the background. Allow access from your computer to include audio or video discussions. Draw.Chat also offers multiple whiteboard pages for use during sessions allowing for flexibility in sharing different materials. Invite users by sharing the link to your whiteboard, email, or QR code. When finished, save your session as a sketch file. Even without registration, users can access previous work for one month.

**In the Classroom**

Allow students to create collaborative drawings as responses to literature. They can map out the plot or themes, add labels, create character studies, and more. Share the finished products on an interactive whiteboard, projector, or your class website. Have a group of students create a drawing so that another group can use it as a writing prompt. Use a board as a brainstorming or sketching space as groups (or the class) share ideas for a major project or for solving a real-world problem. Use this site with students in a computer lab (or on laptops) to create a drawing of the setting in a story as it is read aloud. As an assessment idea, have students draw out a simple cartoon with stick figures to explain a more complex process such as how democracy works. If you are lucky enough to teach in a BYOD setting, use Draw.Chat to demonstrate and illustrate any concept while students use the chat and drawing tools to interact in real time. If you are studying weather, have students diagram the layers of the atmosphere and what happens during a thunderstorm, for example. Introduce this tool to students who are working on group projects. Alternatively, have students use this to work as partners or as a small team to complete complex math problems or equations. Give students a problem by typing it on their board. Take advantage of the map feature to share and annotate landforms, historic places, or locations in novels.