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**21st century tools for teaching and learning**

**Word clouds**

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| What is it? | * Represents text in a ‘cloud’
* Frequent words are larger
* Use by copying/pasting text or inputting a website address
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| How could it be used in teaching and learning? | * Can help you analysis and reflect on text
* Copy/paste essays to aid discussion about what has/hasn't been included
* Combine course/class expectations and copy/paste into wordcloud for review
* Copy/paste text of important speeches for review of frequent/important words
* Create word clouds of two texts on the same subject to compare/contrast
* Compare articles for bias by creating a word cloud for article about the same news story and reviewing them
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| What services could I use? | * [**http://www.wordle.net/**](http://www.wordle.net/)
* [**http://tagul.com/**](http://tagul.com/)
* [**http://worditout.com/**](http://worditout.com/)
* [**http://www.tagxedo.com/**](http://www.tagxedo.com/)
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