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Youtube & Students

Youtube is a great tool for education and global connection/engagement.

Increasingly, teachers are asking students to watch specific videos for discussions, projects, etc.

There are two ways of doing this. The easy way – send the student to Youtube and watch the video (most common). Alternatively, there are “safer” ways, which takes a little bit of effort.

The Youtube way has become a concern with parents and some educators, for those under 13yrs of age.

Going to Youtube:

When watching a video on Youtube, one is subjected to:

- Pop-Up Links in Videos and/or in the description of the video
- Suggestion Videos on Right Panel (not necessarily relating to the video being watched)
- Reading comments left by other users (enough said on that!)
- Advertisements
- Accessibility to videos that are suggestive, offensive, provocative, etc



To that end, let's explore a Safer Way.

A website called Watchkin offers a way to avoid the issues above (watchkin.com)

A teacher will do the homework on the video(s) they want their students to watch. Upon viewing the video and seeing it complies with their objective, they simply copy the URL of the video, and paste it into Watchkin.

What teachers will give their students to view at home, or outside the classroom will be a Watchkin URL, and not a Youtube link. If an educator wants to show videos in the classroom, they can add a Bookmarklet, and use the Drag & Drop button in the browser being used to watch the video.

With the removal of links, comments and suggestions – makes for a better experience. Visit www.watchkin.com to learn more, and try your first video!

Example: Here is my TEDx Video on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaEn0BQS0vY&t=2s>

And now on Watchkin

<https://watchkin.com/ef366637b8>

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