My Knowledge of Google Sites

Select a color cube based on your comfort level:

- **Red** = Novice, not much experience
- **Yellow** = Proficient, some experience
- **Green** = Exemplary, looking for more information
Up Your Game with Google Sites

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Why Google Sites?
What are Google Sites?
Economy

The Midwest region does lots of farming.

It has a huge Manufacturing Industry.

Did you know about the belts?

- Corn belt
- Wheat belt
- Dairy belt

The corn belt is in the great plains and is hardy covering western Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, eastern Nebraska, and eastern Kansas.

The wheat belt is in great plains and is the dominant crop.

The dairy belt is in the great plains and includes cows, goats, and sheep.

- Regions’ Project- Website Design
- Research- Graphic Organizer
- Planning Page/ Purpose
- Structure of Website Design
- Design
  - Region with subtopics
  - States within region -subtopics
Sample Google Sites

Magic Mailbox

Click on the Magic Mailbox submissions below to read some very creative writing pieces:

- Camel Stories by Oscar & Mel
- The Christmas Story in Rome
- The Magic Post Envelope Habit

Keep Me Posted!
Sample Google Sites

Fifth Grade Genius Hour

All About Chickens

Smarts of Sleep
Hello Families,

Math - Unit 7 has begun (multiplication & division) and (fractions)

ELA - book groups.
Research Guides
WebQuests on Steroids
Research Guides
Bring Collaborations to Life
Student Projects

Research Guide, Project Template and Student Exemplars
Student and Teacher Resources

One Stop Shopping & Updated Live Content

AI RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

To Read, Follow & Digest

- Guidance for Use:
  - ChatGPT AI impact on teaching and learning [From UCONN's Center of Excellence in Teaching and Learning]
  - Guide to ChatGPT for Parents and Caregivers from Common Sense Media
  - What Is ChatGPT? What Parents Need to Know About this Popular New App

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Web Design 101
Before You Start...

Remember: People come for the information, not the design! Your design is a way to deliver the information!

**INFORMATION first**
**DESIGN second**

Come up with a **plan**:

What is the purpose of the site? What will be the topic presented?

Who is your audience? Build your website with your audience in mind!
The best designs are kept simple. They do not squeeze every image and font on the page.

Designers use open space to bring attention to what is important!
Balance

When it comes to design:

- Be **creative** - but **balanced**.
- Less is more
- White space is key
- Don’t overwhelm viewers

It’s similar to you rearranging your bedroom, you wouldn’t put all the furniture in one corner.
Hierarchy is how you present your information on the page.

Web designers use this strategy to grab viewers attention to important parts!

Cool Fact
The larger the design element (picture, words, video), the more attention-grabbing it will be!
Color

Color is powerful! It attracts viewers and pulls them into your site!

Colors you choose are not only important for the overall beauty of your website, but they also help connect with your audience!
The words you use in your designs are important, but so are the **fonts**!

Fonts make your website visually pleasing and grab the attention of your viewer!
How to Build a Google Site

**Make a Site**
- Go to sites.google.com
- Click "Blank" to create a site

**Pick a Theme**
- Click "Theme" and choose a theme
- Edit your site Name, Title, and Header Image

**Insert Content**
- Click "Insert" and add items to your page
- **TIP:** Scroll down to see all the different options!

**Add Pages**
- Click "Pages" to manage multiple pages
- Click the "+" at the bottom to add a new page
- **TIP:** Don’t forget to type the name of your new page!

**Publish**
- When your site is finished, click the "Publish" button. Your Site is now LIVE!
- **TIP:** Any time you make changes to your site, you will need to click "Publish" again!
How to Create a Google Site
Let’s Construct!

- Open a new tab
- Click on your “waffle”
- Scroll down and locate the image to the right
More Than One Page?
Customizing Your Design
Publishing Your Site
Other Ideas for Google Sites
What did you think?

Tell us what you liked and any constructive criticism?

Let us know via this [Google Form](#).
THANK YOU!

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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