



# Picasa™ *in the Classroom*



Get the tool: <http://picasa.google.com>



## What is it?

Picasa™ is a free application that helps you instantly organize, edit and share all the pictures on your PC. It automatically locates all your pictures and sorts them into visual albums. Picasa™ also makes advanced photo editing simple. You can easily email photos, print photos, post them to your blog, and make slideshows. The new Web Albums feature allows you to upload your photos to the web with just one click.

## Why use it?

Students can use Picasa™ to:

- organize and manage photos for projects and reports
- quickly edit photos
- share photos of special events with friends and family
- quickly create movies/slideshows

## Instructional Ideas

**Elementary.** Take pictures of student work, presentations, or field trips throughout the year and quickly turn them into a slideshow that you can play at Open House or during parent conferences.

**Middle School.** Students can create a historical photo album by taking pictures of themselves in historical costumes and settings. Then apply sepia tones or black & white effects to make them look like old photos and print them out.

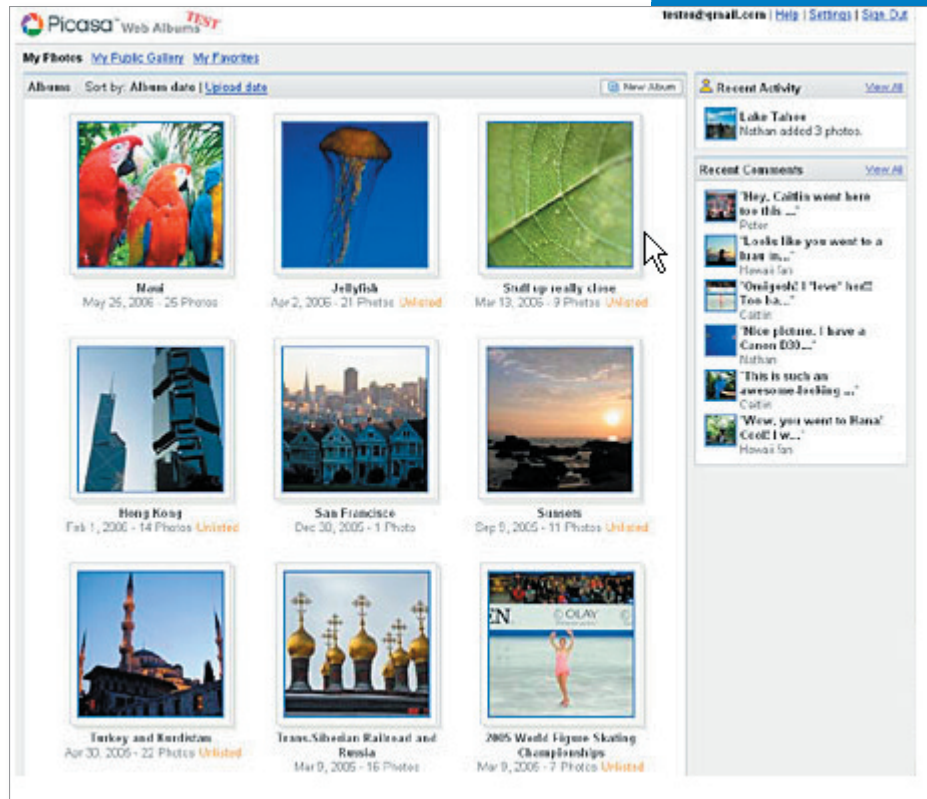
**High School.** Journalism students can keep all photos for each edition of their newspaper or magazine in one location on your classroom PC, adding descriptions and captions that make them easy to find, re-use, and share.



## Expert Tip



Albums, star ratings, and captions make it easy to group your photos and find what you need quicker. Get the most from these organizational tools by labeling them as new pictures come in, rather than doing it all at once.



## Additional Resources

### More Examples

Picasa™ in Education

<http://picasained.wikispaces.com>

Adobe Digital Kids Club

<http://www.adobe.com/education/digkids/lessons/index.html>

10 Tips for Capturing Great Photos

[http://education.apple.com/education/ilife/howto/digitalphoto\\_tips/](http://education.apple.com/education/ilife/howto/digitalphoto_tips/)

### Complimentary Tools

iPhoto (Mac)

<http://www.apple.com/ilife/iphoto/>

Blogger

<http://www.blogger.com>