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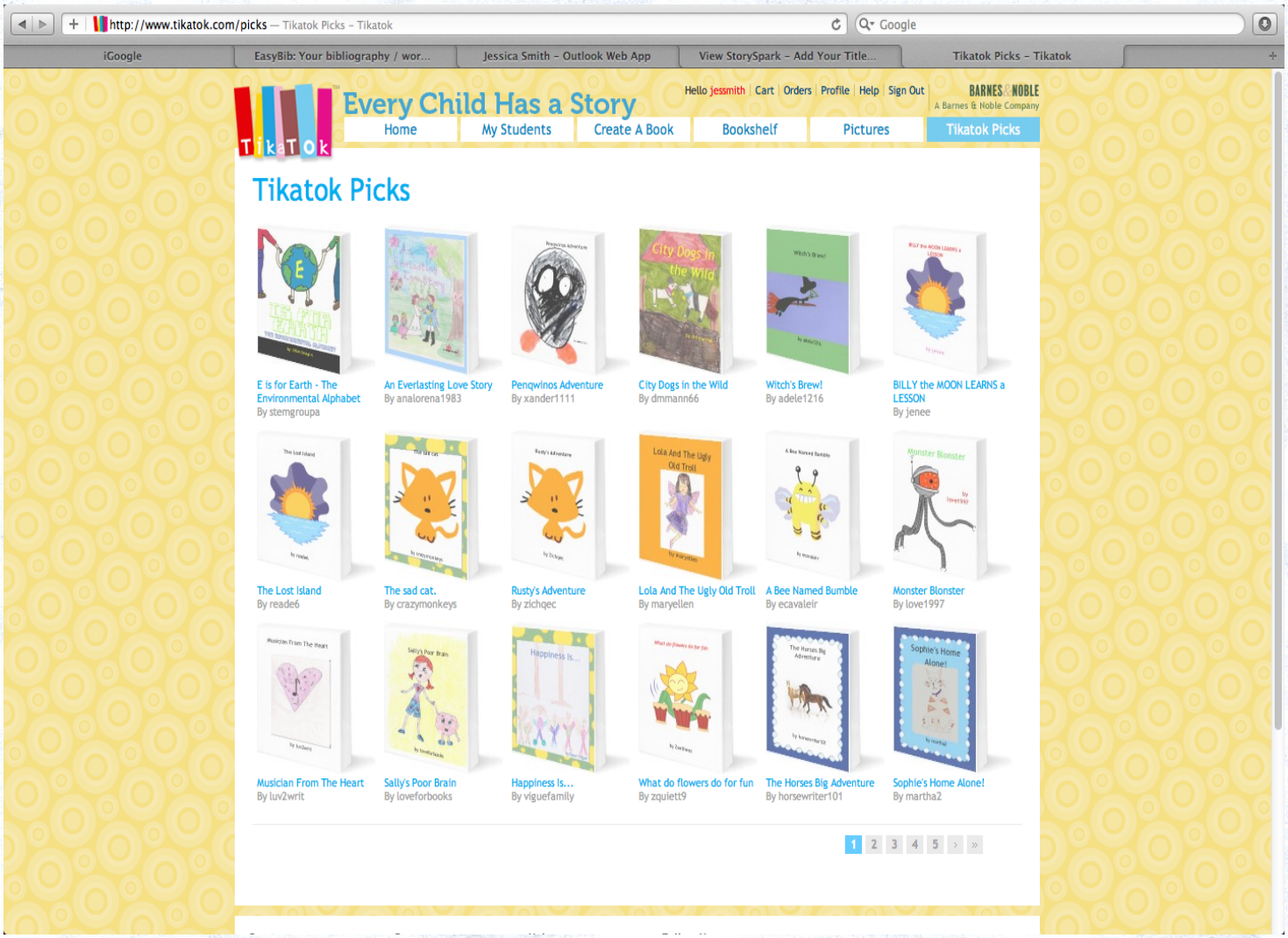

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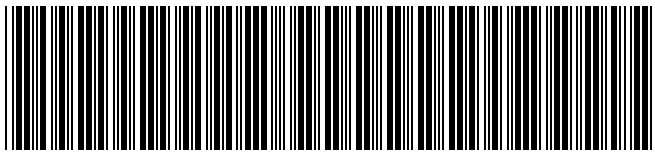

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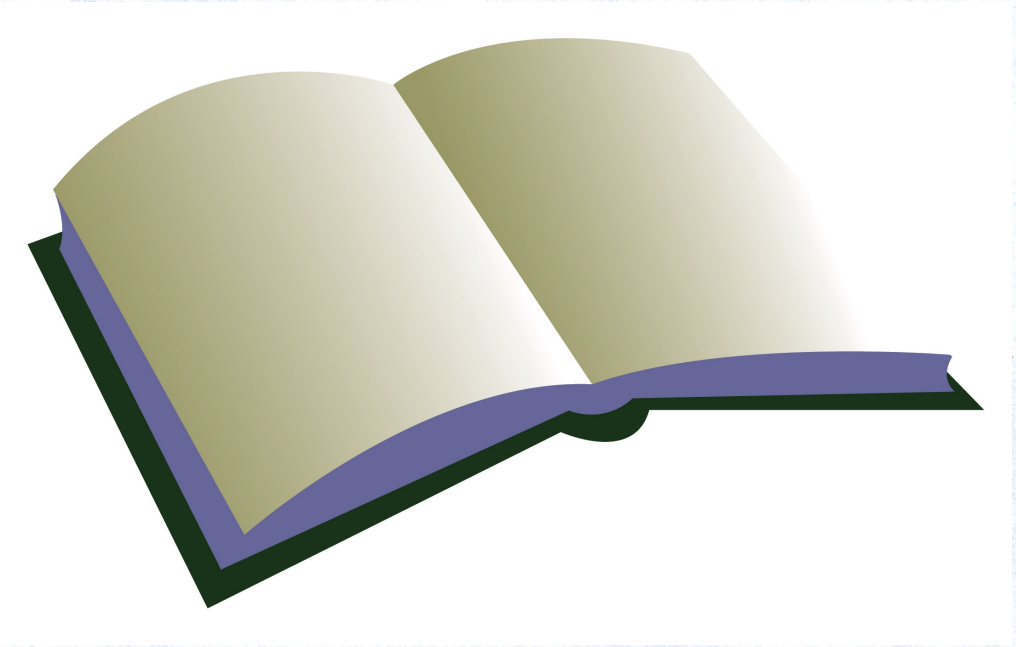
Chapter One



Tikatok as Emerging Technology

Finding innovative tools to use in the classroom had become easier than ever in the transition from Web 1.0 to Web 2.0: essentially, from being consumers of information to being producers of information. When selecting these tools, students need to be engaged whilst absorbing material.

One of these tools that can be utilized while differentiating instruction is an eBook publisher, powered by Barnes and Noble. Let me introduce to you… Tikatok!

What exactly is Tikatok?

Tikatok is a Web 2.0 tool which allows anyone to create a book to publish online or in print. As repeated on the website, the process really is as simple as 1-2-3…

1 - Write your Story
2 - Add pictures
3 - Order your book

Who can use Tikatok?

Anyone with access to a computer and the Internet can truly use Tikatok. Although the webpage appears to be geared towards younger children, adults and teachers alike could set the parameters of the students detail within their designed texts. This is a great way to differentiate instruction and cater to learner's individual needs.

How can Tikatok be used in the classroom?

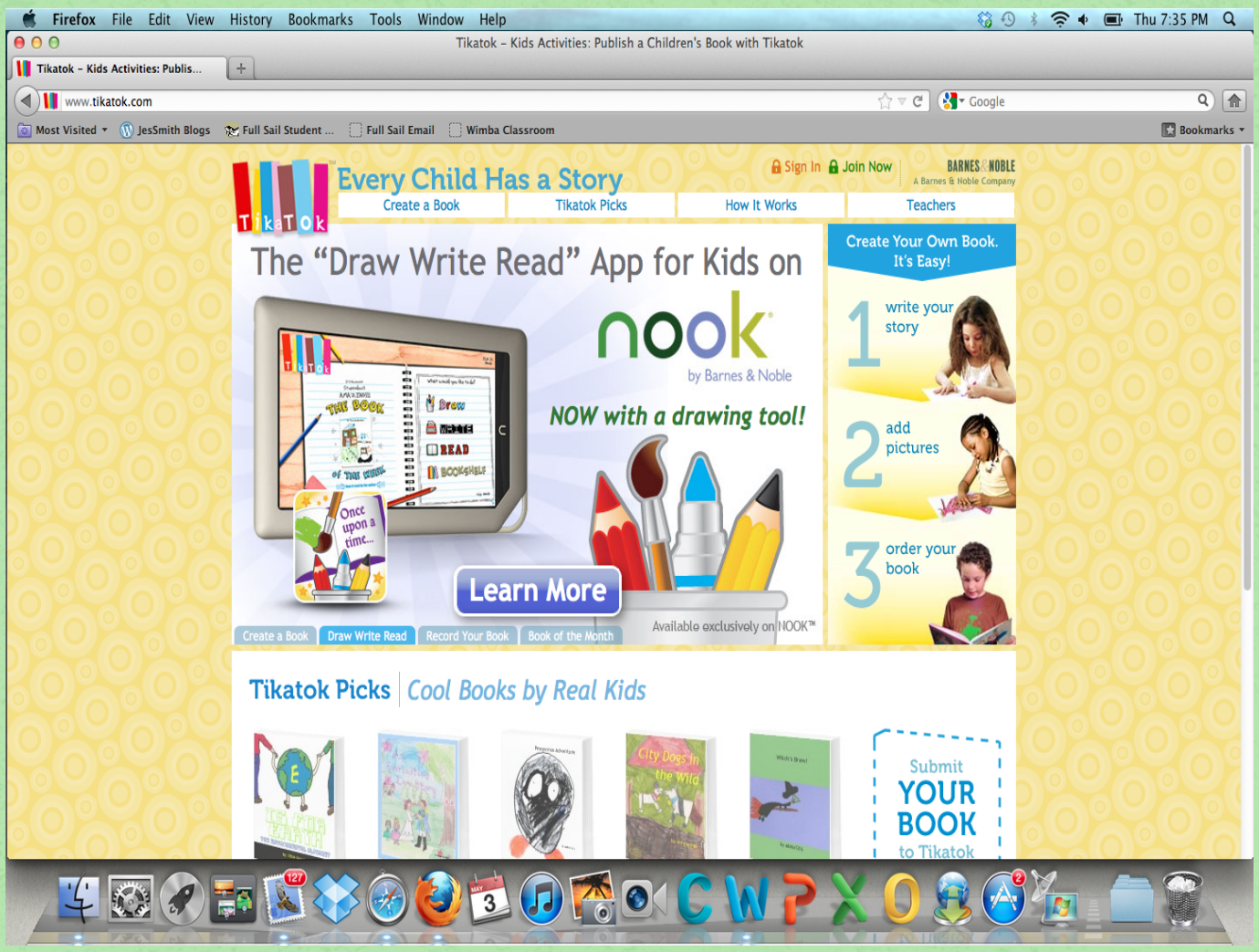
Tikatok can be used in just about any classroom at any grade level.

When implementing Tikatok, teachers should take the time to create objectives and detailed plans using the ADDIE instructional model.

Creating tiered and detailed rubrics will help guide students while allowing them to produce original information, digitally.

Chapter Two

Creating a Book



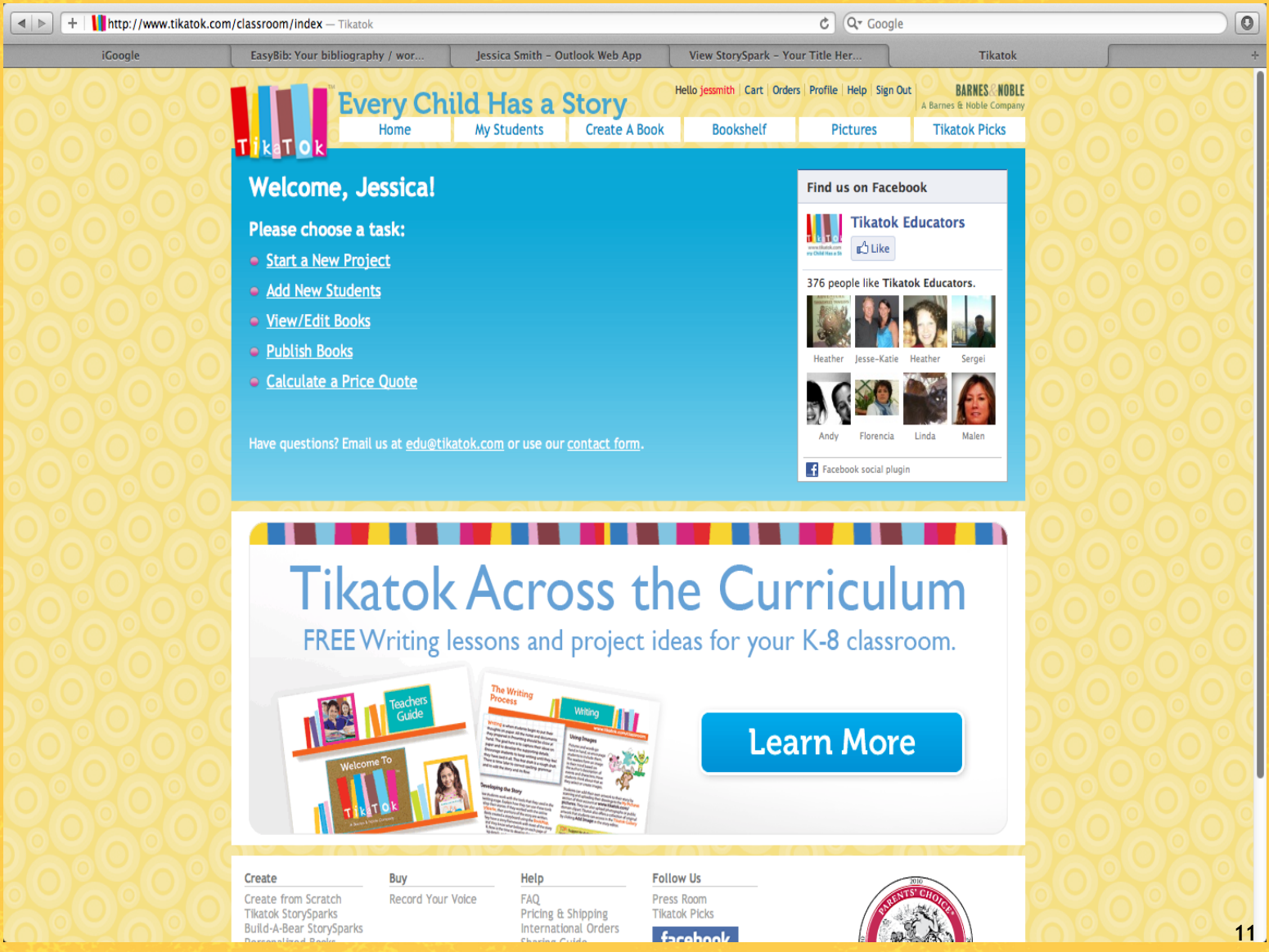
Creating a book through Tikatok is as easy as 1-2-3!

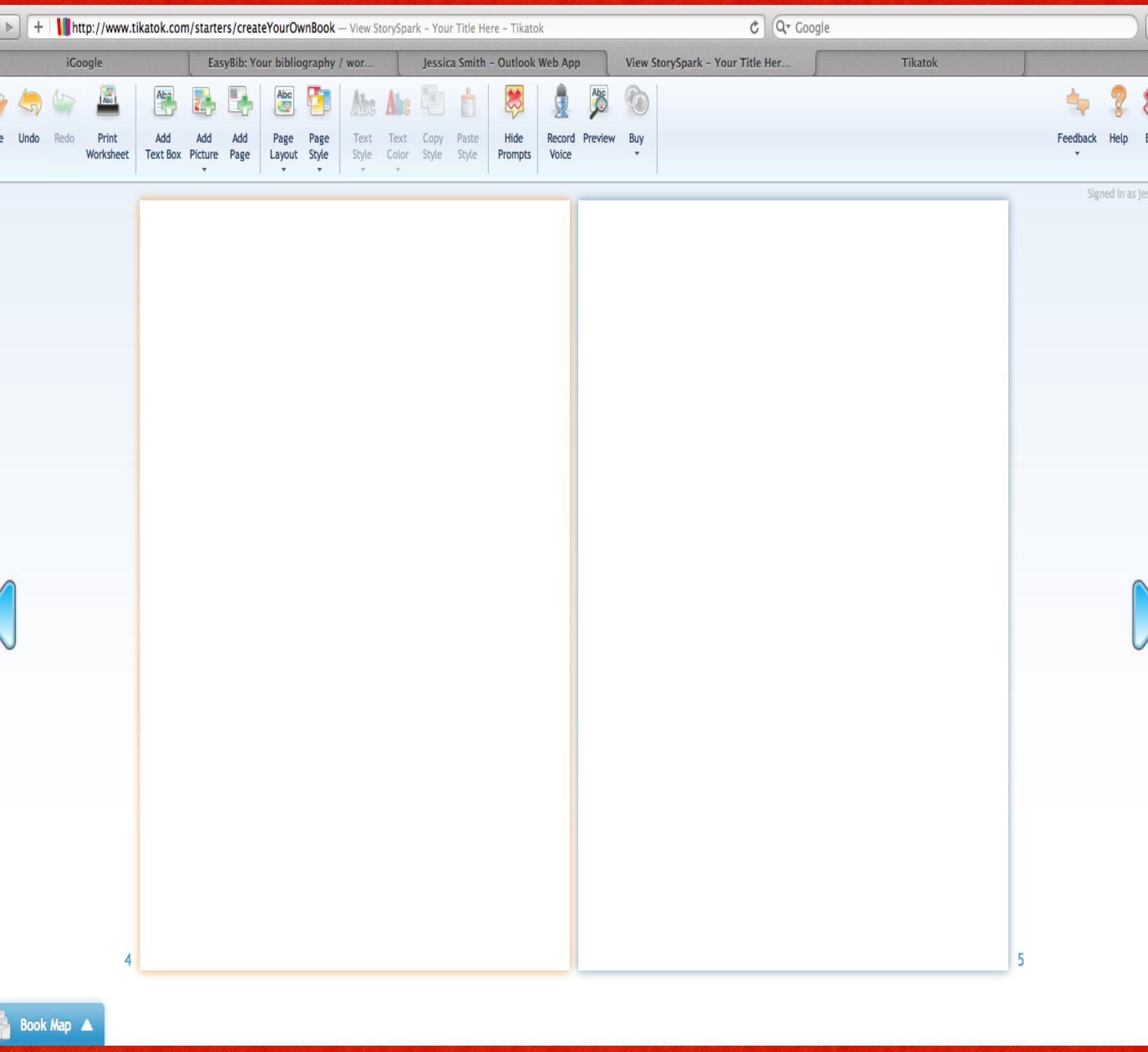
Simply go to Tikatok.com. People can register individually, or teachers can create cohorts for their classes.

To sign up, look for the link at the top of the screen. Upon registration you will be prompted to select an individual or educator account.

This is what a teachers "home" screen will look like.

Notice the tabs at the top:
-My Students: Monitor and create accounts
- Create a Book: Select the level of book to create
- Bookshelf: Allows you to view your book and shared books created by students
- Pictures: Save pictures to the website for easy access and uploads.
- Tikatok Picks: Selects featured books. Great for examples!

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Book Map

Once you are ready to create your eBook, you will have a screen that looks like the one to the left.

As you can see, students and adults can navigate their book quite easily. Options on the toolbar include:

- Save: all eBooks are saved online
- Undo, Redo actions
- Print Worksheet: A great feature that creates a document similar to a .pdf which allows you to print a draft of your book at any point in the process.

- Add Text Box: add text anywhere on the page
- Add picture: add personal pictures or use those in Tikatok's library
- Add page: You can never run out!

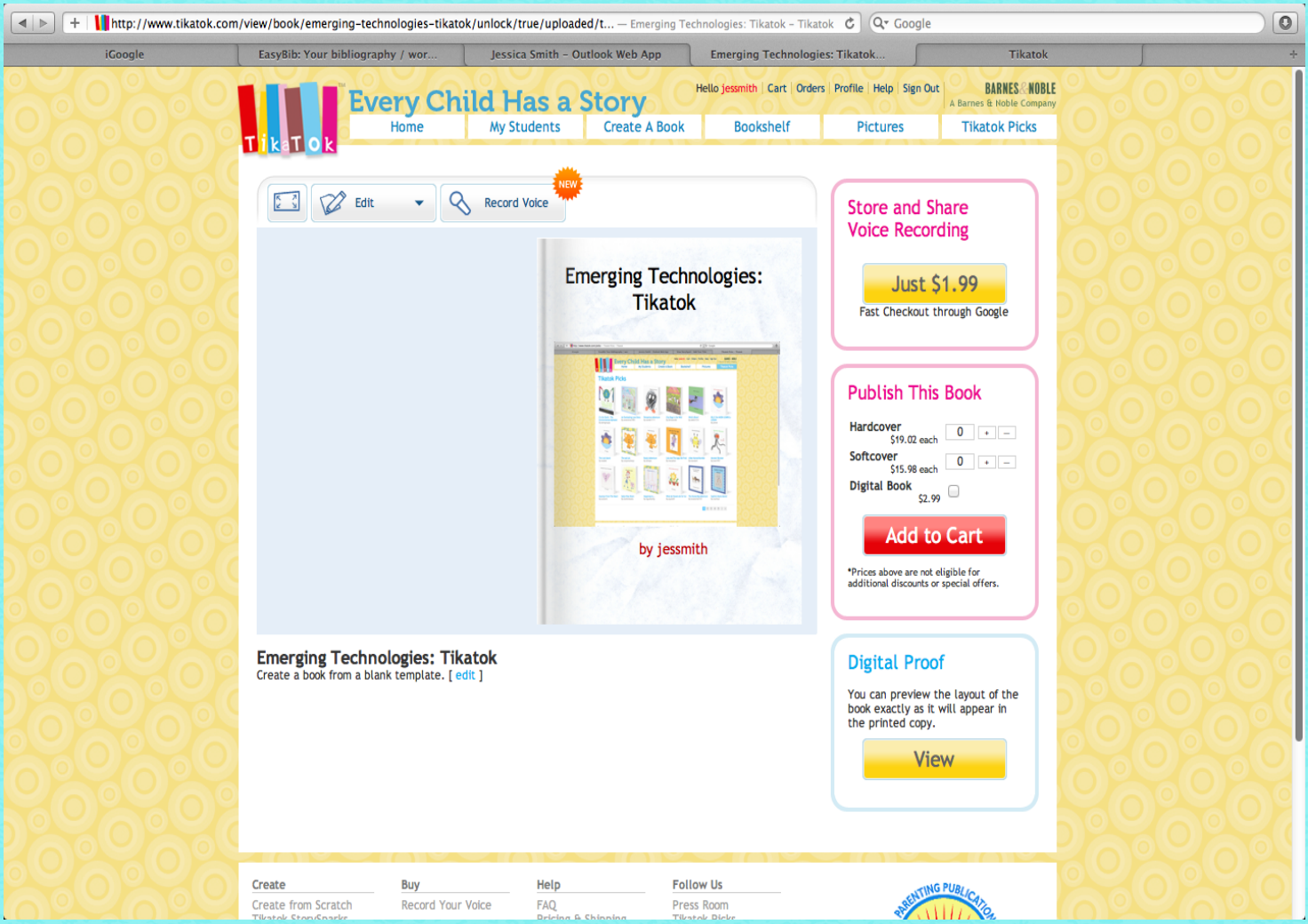
- Page layout: Offers templates for a quick "click and type" format
- Page Style: Change the background or design of the page

- Text Style/Color: Format text to the theme of your book
-Copy/Paste Style: Easily allows you to duplicate a page layout for consistency

- Hide Promts: Removes guidance provided by Tikatok
- Record Voice: Narrates story
- Preview: View eBook online

- Buy: Purchase a copy of the text.*

*Hard cover books are $18 while soft cover books are $15. Digital books are now $2.99.



At any given time, make sure you

SAVE

your work.

It will be stored digitally at http://www.tikatok.com.

Once you are ready to continue your book, you will be able to log-in to Tikatok.com and continue working on your book by accessing it on your "Bookshelf", as shown on the left.

Costs...

From Tikatok's FAQ site:

To Join:

It is free to join Tikatok! You will only need to pay when you order a hardcover, paperback, or eBook of the original story.

The final cost of a book depends on the number of pages and the shipping method.

To Purchase:

- Hardcovers start at $18 and paperbacks start at $15 for a book with 7-8 original interior pages plus the front and back cover.

  Additional pages cost $0.18.

  Shipping starts at $6.48 for a single copy.

  All eBook downloads are $2.99.

- Shipping costs vary based on your preferred shipping method and the number of books that you are purchasing.

For Educators:

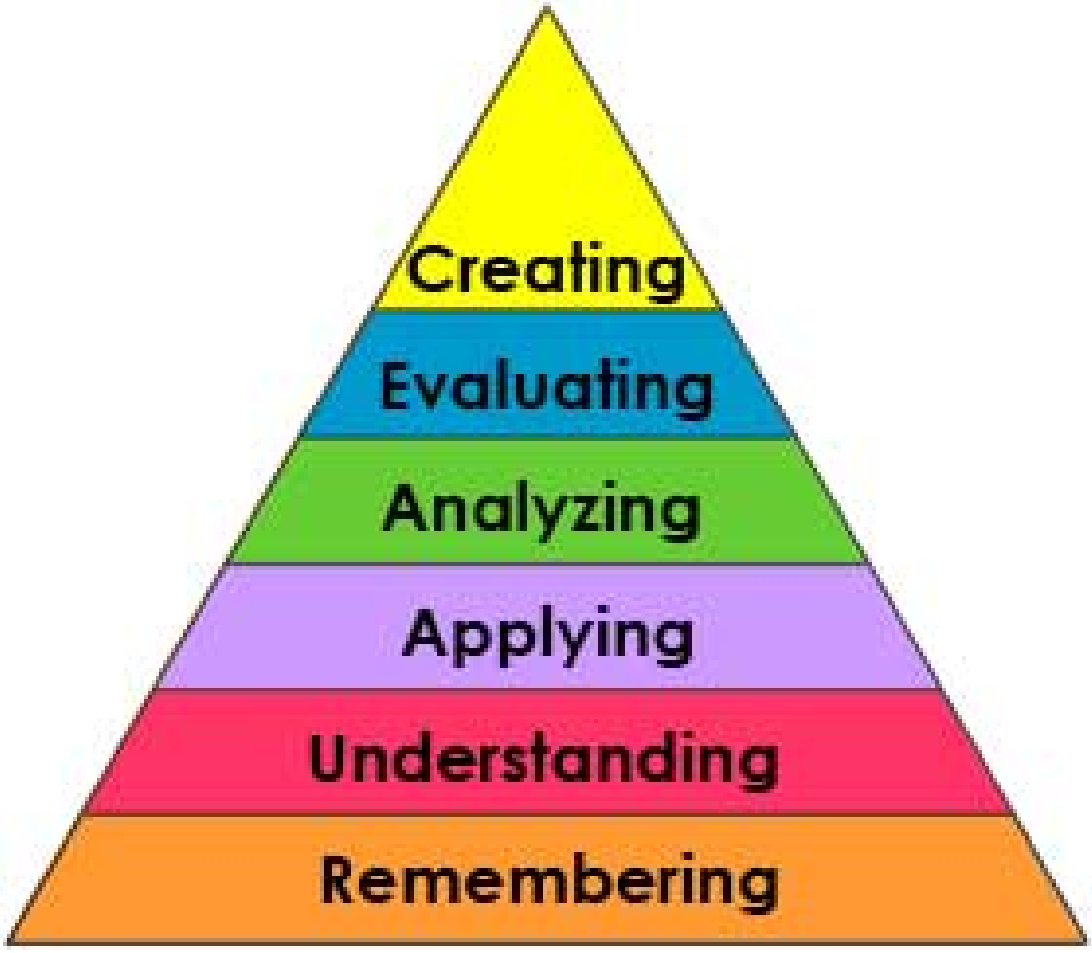
- Teachers and other educators who can provide Tikatok with the necessary paperwork get special educator pricing for orders made from their teacher accounts.

  There is an educator calculator that estimates book costs on the Tikatok website.

Chapter Three

Personal Review…

Bloom's Taxonomy



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Creating an eBook, or even a published book is an excellent way to shift students into the Web 2.0 realm.

Using a resource such as Tikatok is an excellent way to push for higher levels of learning through all grade levels, specifically in the areas of analyzing, evaluating and applying information through reading and writing – and thus, promoting higher levels of learning approved by Bloom's Taxonomy.

All information obtained from Tikatok's website:

http://www.tikatok.com

A fun world where kids create and share their own books. (n.d.). Tikatok by Barnes and Noble. Retrieved from http://www.tikatok.com

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