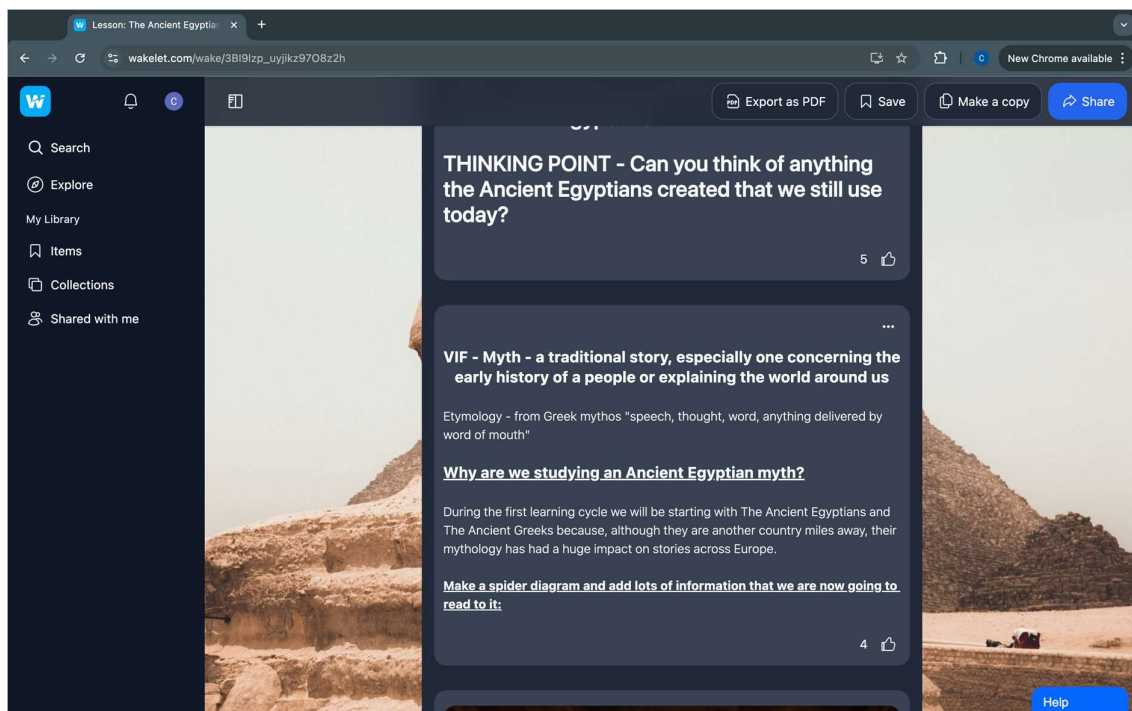**Scenario**

Dr. Gerber teaches a German class and uses videos, PDFs and an online textbook. He has been teaching from a slideshow for several years now, and he feels like it is not engaging his class. He wants to find some way to engage the younger generation of students with something that they can actively follow along with from their own computers.

Dr. Gerber starts using Wakelet for his classes. His students follow along on their own computers, and with Wakelet's flowing, social media-like style they are engaging with the material in his class in a new way. Dr. Gerber is easily able to guide the class from topic to topic with the free-flowing format of Wakelet as a guide for the whole process. He also uses Wakelet to format sources for his Canvas site to make it easier for students.

What is it?

Wakelet is a platform that organizes and presents information in a more visually appealing format than a Google doc or Google Slide presentation. Its unique look makes it appear similar to Twitter or Facebook. Instead of switching from slide to slide it presents a frictionless scroll that allows users to move through the information seamlessly. At the most basic level it is a place to collect different types of media (PDFs, videos, documents, links, etc.) into one place, but due to its clean design it can be used for much more.

How does it work?

Wakelet allows users to create interactive presentations that can aggregate sources, pictures and media. Teachers and students can also annotate their materials when needed. Students follow along on their computers or it could also function as a visually appealing list of resources and links that a teacher can give to their students to use outside the classroom.

There is a feature called classrooms that teachers access through the "Education Pro" plan. Classrooms allows teachers and students to connect seamlessly within the Wakelet platform. It also permits access to portfolios where students can create collections of content.

How much does it cost?

Free Plan

Wakelet has a free version that could be useful for students who only plan to make 2 or three of these presentations. This plan is limited because of this.

Individual Pro Plan - $5.99/month

A teacher will likely need to move into the paid options. The Individual Pro Plan has unlimited collaboration and publishing of the Wakelet collections. It also adds the ability to video record and upload to your Wakelet collections.

Education Pro - quote based

In addition to what is included in the Pro Plan, This plan adds the ability to have "classrooms" within Wakelet itself where classes can collaborate. This plan also includes additional student activities

and portfolios for students. The education pro plan also allows teachers to access a suite of training courses and tutorials.

What are the downsides?

The biggest downside is the limited features included in the free plan as students and teachers who use Wakelet for free will be limited to creating three "presentations" or Wakelet collections. The platform also does not provide robust technical support unless users buy an Education Pro Plan.

Where can I find out more?

Visit https://Wakelet.com to see what Wakelet has to offer. You may also contact Dr. James Nemiroff, SCLC Coordinator or any of the SCLC Student Assistants to discuss how Wakelet can be used with your students.