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BYU researchers find free textbooks are just as effective as costly ones
In a result that will make college students rejoice, a group of researchers at Brigham
Young University have found that a free textbook is just as effective as an expensive
one.
http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/education/college/byu/byu-researchers-find-free
-textbooks-are-just-as-effective-as/article_5f3fbc35-404c-51f3-bbe7-68907de208fd.html

How Facebook's tentacles reach further than you think
Facebook's collection of data makes it one of the most influential organisations in the
world. Share Lab wanted to look "under the bonnet" at the tech giant's algorithms and
connections to better understand the social structure and power relations within the
company.
http://www.bbc.com/news/business-39947942

Feedback is one of the best tools in the classroom, research shows
The secret to the success of the school is that teachers and students work every day to
give each other feedback. It's never just about a mark, it is saying this is what you did
well but this what you need to do now.
http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/feedback-is-one-of-the-most-effective-tools-i
n-the-classroom-research-shows-20170522-gwa7yo.html

3 Very Good Apps for Annotating Images
Bring your images to life with these useful iPad apps. Using these apps will enable you to annotate your photos the way you want. You can highlight text in an image, add shapes and text, take notes and many more. In the case of Thinglink, you can add a layer of interactivity to your images by linking parts of your visual to videos, notes or music from YouTube.
http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2017/05/3-very-good-apps-for-annotating-images.html

The 2017 Dean's List: EdTech's 50 Must-Read Higher Ed Blogs
These administrative all-stars, IT gurus, teachers and community experts understand how the latest technology is changing the nature of education.
https://edtechmagazine.com/higher/article/2017/05/2017-dean-s-list-edtech-s-50-must-read-higher-ed-blogs

Amazon doesn't understand why you don't understand why Amazon is opening bookstores
Ever since Amazon opened its first physical bookstore in late 2015, there's been a question burning through industry circles: This retail initiative can't really be about selling good old-fashioned books. In a store. In 2017. Can it?
https://www.recode.net/2017/5/26/15698664/why-amazon-opening-book-stores-jennifer-cast

6 Great Tools for Creating Classroom Newspapers
There are several web tools you can use with your students to create class newspapers, the list below features some of our favourite titles that we reviewed in the past. We have also included two important resources where you can access and download pre-designed newspaper templates.
http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2017/05/6-great-tools-for-creating-classroom.html

How Finland Created One of the Best Educational Systems in the World (by Doing the Opposite of U.S.)
In Finland no teacher is allowed to lead a primary school class without a master's degree in education, with specialization in research and classroom practice. Teaching "is the most admired job in Finland next to medical doctors.
http://www.openculture.com/2017/05/how-finland-created-one-of-the-best-educational-systems-in-the-world-by-doing-the-opposite-of-u-s.html

5 things you (probably) don't know about online privacy – but should
Increasingly connected modern lifestyles have brought us real tangible benefits, such as convenience and more information about ourselves than we know what to do with. However, this has also changed our view on privacy, and according to the World Economic Forum, it has impacted many people's trust in the organizations and tools behind the numerous apps and devices we regularly engage with.
https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/05/your-personal-data-privacy-what-to-know

How to build your own VPN if you're (rightfully) wary of commercial options
It may be time to look into how to get your data out from under your ISP's prying eyes and grubby fingers intact. To do that, you'll need a VPN.
https://arstechnica.com/gadgets/2017/05/how-to-build-your-own-vpn-if-youre-rightfully-wary-of-commercial-options/

Is personalized learning the future? This high school thinks so.
Vista, located just north of San Diego, is an advocate of personalized learning, a method that encourages students to work at their own pace on challenging projects that reflect their interests. Instead of sitting at a desk and hearing a series of teachers lecture all day, students work closely with fewer teachers and collaborate with other students in small groups to solve real-world problems.
https://www.usatoday.com/story/sponsor-story/xq/2017/05/23/personalized-learning-future-high-school-thinks-so/102049470/#

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