

Before this class started, I thought gmail was just email that can be sent from a computer to a phone and vice versa. I was totally unaware of the calendar, the blogs, and the reader. There are probably so many other things that it does--but I have not explored it yet!! What is cool is that it saves my document without me asking it to. If Google Docs does what I think it does, it can be helpful in the educational setting. Students can work collaboratively on an assignment and post it here and they can edit the assignment. Same with adults--presentations can be edited by other colleagues without downloading, saving, editing, then sending. This makes things much easier and faster. I guess we will see what happens when I send it to other classmates. - Barbara Snidow

I like to work with Google Docs because collaborators can discuss and manage documents online. Each collaborator can pick a text color to distinguish their comments from others. This year, I helped eighth grade language arts students work with Google Docs and Google Presenter in groups for projects on Eras (1950s, 1960s...) They were able to work individually on certain parts of the project (trends, music, inventions...) and then put everything together to make on presentation. It was very cool!

The RSS feeds are informative and useful -- both individually and for educational classroom settings. Students could use Google Sites to create a learning resource for projects. Teachers could use Google docs (blogs, sites, documents...) to manage classroom assignments online. --Glovis South

Another feature I like about Google Docs is that students and teachers can begin a project or document at school and then save it to Google Docs for easy retrieval at home. This helps to eliminate the step of saving work to a flash drive. It can also work in reverse for work created at home and then retrieved at school. It makes independent work easier, as well as the opportunities to work collaboratively. I've just started to learn and appreciate all that Google Docs has to offer. - - Debbie Wetherholt