



# ALRC TECH TIPS

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*Welcome to November's ALRC Tech Tips. We hope you find these brief ideas helpful. Please feel free to contact us with any tech ideas you would like to share with other programs. This is your forum.*

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## Peruse and Use: [Free Photos for Classroom Use](#)



### National Geographic

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/siteindex/index.html>

Click on "Photography" and then "Photo Galleries" at the top of the page. Right click and copy BEFORE enlarging the picture.



### Kodak Picture of the Day

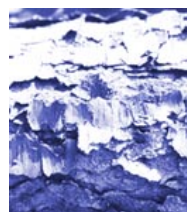
<http://snipurl.com/1tnbt>

Go to "View Pictures by Month"



### Eyewitness to History

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/snpfrm.htm>



### Image Grammar

<http://www3.uakron.edu/noden/web/students/index.html>



## WIMBA!

### WALK-THROUGHS

Everyone must take a walk-through before their first WIMBA.

All the walk-throughs below are from 10 – 11 a.m.

Wed. November 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Thurs. November 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Tues. December 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Wed. December 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Wed. December 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Wed. December 19<sup>th</sup>

### CLASSES ONLINE

*Financial Planning 101*  
 Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
 12 – 1 p.m.

*Using Excel: Functions*  
 Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>  
 1 – 2 p.m.

*Piecing Together Good Decisions*  
 Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*Multiple Intelligences*  
 Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
 2 – 3 p.m.

*Begin Vocabulary Teaching with a Quadrant Chart*  
 Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
 1 – 2 p.m. & 6 – 7 p.m.

*What to Expect in an Interview*  
 Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

*Civil War Picture Book Box*  
 Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
 1 - 2 p.m. & 6 – 7 p.m.

*Using English for All with ESL Learners*  
 Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

*Using Excel: What If Analysis*  
 Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>  
 1 – 2 p.m.

### Registration:

[www.thecenterweb.org/alrc/wimba.html](http://www.thecenterweb.org/alrc/wimba.html)

## This Month's Feature: Getting Photos From Camera to Classroom

So you have decided to use photos with your students. You might want them to create:

- A how-to essay
- Illustrations to go with a story
- Inferences from a picture
- Word balloons attached to a person or animal in a picture
- Illustrated names of objects, adverbs, or adjectives

You may choose to select photos from one of the sites above.

Alternatively, you may want to give your students a camera and have them photograph what they wonder about or what they want to discuss. At Amazon.com, there are many digital cameras under \$40.00. They are very basic, but might be fine for class use.

You can download your pictures to a flash drive or to a CD and bring them to a photo kiosk or a camera store. The cost is about 29 cents plus 2 cents tax per picture.

If you upload the pictures to your computer and then upload them again to a photo site the cost will be:

[www.kodakgallery.com](http://www.kodakgallery.com): 15 cents each for 4 x 6 pictures plus \$1.39 for shipping (expect to wait at least a week)

[www.adoramapix.com](http://www.adoramapix.com): 15 to 29 cents each for 4 x 6 pictures plus \$4.95 for shipping (usually under a week)

[www.fotki.com](http://www.fotki.com): 9 cents each for 4 x 6 pictures plus \$1.95 for shipping

The reproduction quality of these services varies widely. Often they will print the first few photos free or for a very low price. There are always specials of one kind or another. Have the same photo printed by several services and compare before you decide which service to use.

If you buy an inkjet photo printer, you probably will pay between \$100.00 and \$200.00. The cost per 4 x 6 picture ranges from 25 cents to 45 cents not including the initial cost of the printer. There is no waiting for delivery, but certainly waiting to make each print.

If you decide to buy an inkjet printer check:

- Resolution: at least 4,800dpi for a color inkjet printer.
- Ink drop volume: 2 to 4 picolitres
- Number of ink cartridges – better to have six than one. It is cheaper to replace the one color that is low on ink rather than a composite cartridge.
- The different types of paper it uses
- How fast it prints. Some printers take more than 2 minutes to print a single photo. Look for one minute or less. Note: the speed on the printer box is usually for the lowest resolution. Expect slower.

TOTAL COST: 20 pictures plus shipping				
Inkjet Printer (\$100 upfront)	Fotki	Kodak	Adorama	Store
35 ¢ per 4 x 6	19 ¢ per 4 x 6	22 ¢ per 4 x 6	40 ¢ per 4 x 6	31 ¢ per 4 x 6