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Assignment No 2

Q1. Booktrack is a reading skills developing tool which makes reading more interactive and engaging by allowing students to select audio to go with their text. Students can use their "soundtrack" while reading alone, or work together to create a soundtrack as a class for group or teacher reading.

Go and explore the functioning and uses of 'Booktrack' by visiting this home site link:

https://www.booktrack.com/

After observing this technology tool, brainstorm and share some ideas and ways in which you can use 'Booktrack' in your English language classroom.
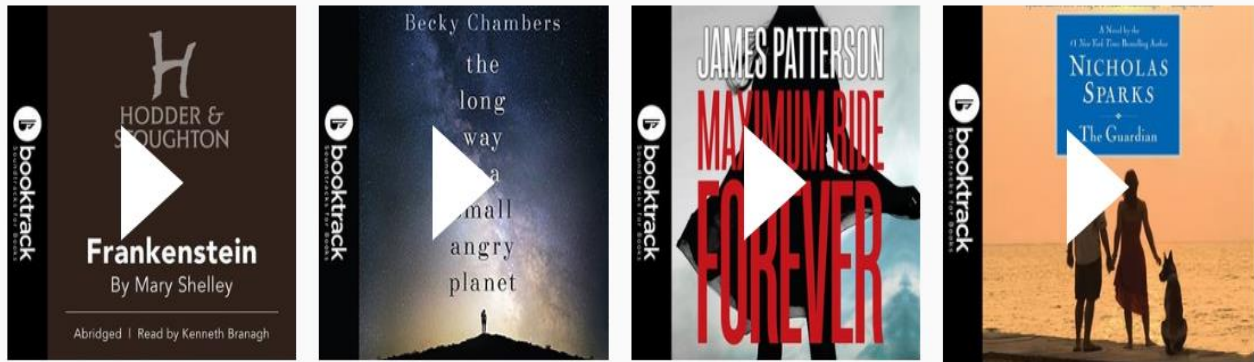
Solution:

Booktrack Introduction:

Booktrack is a web-based application that allows users to create an audio soundtrack that syncs up to books and other text-based assignments. Studies have shown over and over that students have a much higher attention rate when their environment is filled with sound. Personally, I find that I read and retain text better when I have extra noise going on around me. To get started, teachers can select from one of the hundreds of books already created on the Booktrack website, or input their own text. Books found on their website already come with an awesome soundtrack and can be accessed without signing up for the service.

I have checked all four samples mentioned below in picture and observed lot of learning in this activity. Recording is in clear voice and easy to comprehend even by non-native listener. The pace of recording is synchronized with actual reading speed. These recordings are attractive and avoid cause of boredom in the classroom. Some of the main points which I observed while listening to the recording and also from other sourcess are summarized below:

Samples Of Our Work

- Booktrack classroom is where students, teachers, librarians, and readers overall can write stories and choose soundtracks for their text.

- Teachers can create informational text and then make them more informative, fun, and engaging by allowing students to select suitable audio to accompany the words.

- Students can write their own stories both creatively and for informational purposes and then can add in their own soundtrack to their writing.

- Booktrack classroom also has a library available with free, fun, and engaging soundtracked books.

- Booktrack is also available for read-aloud opportunities where students and teachers can read stories, poems, and plays with an accompanying soundtrack.

- Booktrack is overall a wonderful tool for engaging students at a new level with their reading.

- Booktrack classroom also has lesson plans available for teachers with recommendations on how Booktrack can be used in classrooms and libraries.

- Booktrack classroom is available for free.

- Be aware that there are two different sites with Booktrack. There's Booktrack Classroom as well as just Booktrack. The non-education based Booktrack is publicly available to all.

- Booktrack classroom is specifically built for the classroom and students, teachers, and librarians. Stories and text that are created with Booktrack classroom are private, specifically written by and for students.

- Students can create their own stories and share them among students in their class; they can also read from thousands of titles available on the Booktrack Classroom site.

If we look at Booktrack Classroom, we encourage students to view some of the books that are already available. Have students read through and take a look, or listen to the books that are available in their library. See how the site works and let students create their own stories with accompanying soundtracks. Booktrack Classroom works toward strong reading comprehension, student retention, student engagement, and enjoyment of reading.

Q2. The use of human-like avatars was not far-fetched technology and is already in place and widely used in gaming situations and social networking spaces such as Second Life. Avatars might be an interesting platform for second-language instruction for primary and secondary level English language learners. Go to this given link: https://mybluerobot.com/create-your-own-avatar/

Create your avatar by using different options given at this site and download the final avatar picture and paste on your assignment file.