

## Websites to Encourage Class Engagement

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### **Materials needed:**

- **Instructor:** Smart classroom (Internet connection, computer, projector, screen).
- **Students** will need Smart phones or tablets.

### **Learning challenge addressed/predictable outcome:**

- Promotes learner retention of course content
- Encourages active engagement for better learner outcomes
- Improves communication
- Increases synthesis of course material
- Provides a more objective platform for controversial topics
- Creates a positive, engaged classroom environment with instructor as facilitator
- Provides a intentional deliberate opportunity for technology

### **Best used for:**

- Any class size

### **Learning objectives/skills fostered:**

- Encourages reflection, synthesis and retention of material

### **What to do / how to do it:**

1. Explore the following free websites:  
Poll Everywhere <http://www.poll Everywhere.com>  
Socrative: <http://www.socrative.com>  
Exit Ticket: <http://exitticket.org/?gclid=CP-p8s-v-L0CFVKIfgodl4oApg>  
Pearson's Learning Catalytics: <https://learningcatalytics.com>
2. These websites provide an opportunity to “poll” students or obtain feedback on survey items to promote discussion or implement assessment on a topic or course content. Consider embedding “polls”, questions, assessment measures periodically in your lecture slides or with your activities.
3. Provide directions for students prior to starting the activity.
4. Construct and upload reflective questions or items related to content.

### **Tips for implementing:**

- Preload questions. Most of the websites listed are housed on the application's own server – meaning you do not have to download any software to your class computer and can simply “log on” to the site from the class computer or your tablet.