THE
WORLD WIDE WEB
WASTE AWAY YOUR TIME VIA THESE WEBSITES

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REDDIT

Registered users of reddit, or redditors, like Jake Little submit content as links to other websites or as text posts. Every day, for anywhere from one to three hours, he browses his frontpage, upvoting posts that make him laugh and occasionally commenting on a submission.

"[Reddit is] a good timewaster--which is also one of the worst things about it," Little said.

Little will occasionally stray from the most popular submissions on of the front page to check out the more obscure video game subreddit. Subreddits are themed, like r/politics for U.S. news, r/skyrim for gaming advice or r/aww for cute photos of puppies and kittens -- all of which make up a redditor's frontpage.

"There's a lot of cool, interesting stuff," Little said. "You can get a good laugh."

NETFLIX

Netflix provides on-demand streaming of movies and television shows. For $7.99 a month, senior Sara Cooper can immediately access thousands of television shows and movies from her Nintendo Wii at home or from her iPhone.

"I pretty much don't watch regular TV any more, it's just Netflix," Cooper said.

Cooper uses Netflix to catch up on or re-watch her favorite television shows -- like Lost, Dexter and Medium -- and to find new shows like Hotel Babylon. She prefers Netflix over other streaming services -- like Hulu and traditional television--because it's commercial-free, has every episode of a series and gives a wider movie selection than she would find on cable.

"All of the episodes of Law and Order: SVU that are on there, that just distracts me from doing my homework 24/7," Cooper said.

6 WAYS TO WASTE TIME
WITHOUT A COMPUTER AT HAND

1 PLAY SUDOKU WITH FRIENDS

2 TAKE YOUR DOG FOR A WALK

3 ATTEND AN EAST SPORTING EVENT

4 RELAX AT LOOSE PARK

5 DRAW A GOOFY PICTURE

6 LET'S BE REAL HERE: GET A JOB

WHAT SOCIAL NETWORK ARE YOU?

REDDIT IS FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT A GOOD LAUGH TO EARN KARMA FROM OTHERS.

NETFLIX IS FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE ENTERTAINED BY THEIR FAVORITE TV SHOWS.

STUMBLEUPON IS FOR FOLKS WHO HAVE A VARIETY OF INTERESTS AND WANTS TO JUMP BETWEEN THEM.

PINTEREST IS A SITE FOR PHOTO SHARING AND LOOKING AT ADORABLE PICTURES OF ANIMALS.

PINTEREST

Photographs of white dresses, glittered manicured fingernails and platform heels scroll across the screen as freshman Emily Biegelsen pins photos to image collection boards that she has created on Pinterest.

"It's kind of nice because it's all girls and it's a girlie site," Biegelsen said.

Pinterest is a social photo sharing website where users can collect images to "pin" to their boards and view other boards. When looking at someone's profile, Biegelsen can follow certain boards of theirs rather than following everything they post -- her wedding board has 221 followers while others, like her celebrity board, have fewer.

"I like Pinterest because it gives you a lot of ideas," Biegelsen said. "It's cool to see other peoples' interests."
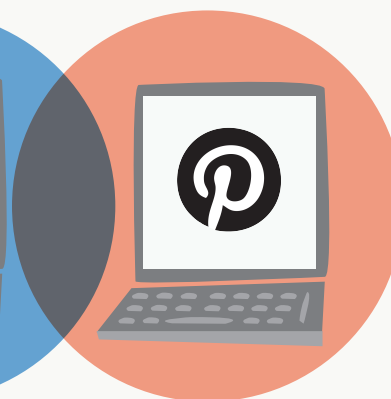
TUMBLR   PINTEREST

- MORE PERSONAL USER INTERACTION THROUGH ASK BOX & FAN MAIL
- BETTER DISPLAY OF POSTS, MORE CUSTOMIZABLE
- MEMES ARE MUCH MORE ABUNDANT AND THERE IS MORE ACTIVISM
- BETTER HISTORY ON THE WEB

- ABLE TO GET IDEAS FOR INTERIOR DECORATING OR FASHION
- HAVE BOARDS THAT YOU MAKE TO HOLD CERTAIN CATEGORIES
- SHARE YOUR PINS OF OUTFITS, HAIR, ETC., WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY
- CREATE YOUR OWN STYLE OF FASHION OR DECOR

STUMBLEUPON

StumbleUpon is a modified search engine. Users enter their interests, like design, fitness or zoology and, with the click of a button labeled "Stumble!," the engine takes stumblers to a recommended webpage, photo or video.

Each new page on StumbleUpon is something new and different from the previous page, jumping between categories of interests. The site takes sophomore Malcolm Gibbs from a news article on a theater technique to clips of a movie by Bela Fleck, one of his favorite musicians, jumping between his categories of interests.

"It doesn't always stay on exactly what I would want to browse," Gibbs said. "Sometimes, I'm on one subject for too long and need to look at something else, but sometimes I want to stay on that category."