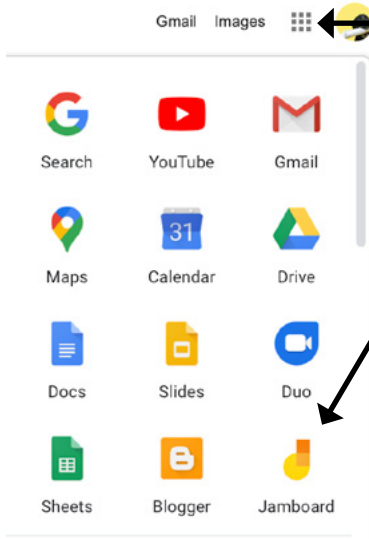# A TLPDC QUICK TIP SHEET

A free Google account features tools that can work very well with classes of all modalities. Let's Zoom in on using Jamboard for a synchronous online course (yes, I meant to capitalize Zoom).
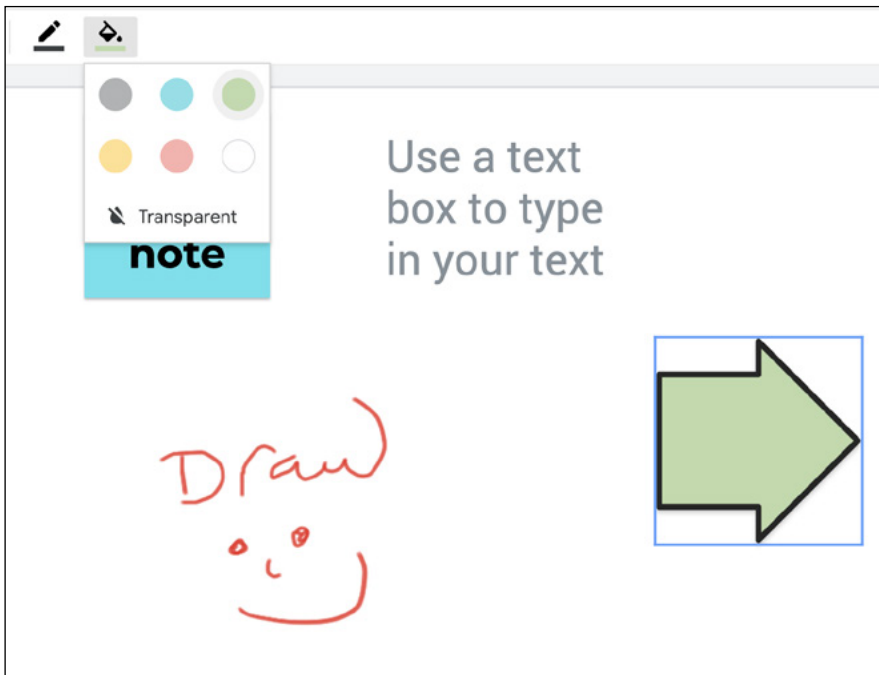
SIGN IN. FIND THE FREE TOOL(S) IN GOOGLE

When you log into a Google account, click here and find the Jamboard tool. Scroll through until you find the tool. You can move the long list of free tools Google provides so once you find one you like, move it to the top for easy access next time.

What is Jamboard? It's a free virtual whiteboard.
Click the **+** to add a blank canvas in Jamboard that can be shared so that everyone who has the link can add to it using the myriad tools provided.

What might one do with this?
Share the link to a blank Jamboard with a Zoom class in the chat and let students collaborate using the canvas like a whiteboard. Here are just a few of the tools in action.

Images can be placed on a Jamboard, so perhaps you have a map and want students to locate a country (ha, good luck!) or identify some part of an image as the thing it is.

There are many creative ways to use a whiteboard in a class, but perhaps the most important thing it can do is get students to actively participate in some fun way within a Zoom or Teams class, in particular. Similar to using a Google Docs or Sheets file, this allows students to simultaneously collaborate.

Click for a **quick video of the process**.