**Comparison of Comic Applications**

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|  | **Comic Life**[**http://plasq.com/education/**](http://plasq.com/education/) | **Comic Creator**[**http://pixton.com**](http://pixton.com) | **ToonDoo**[**http://www.toondoo.com/**](http://www.toondoo.com/) |
| **Use of Visuals- Integration of Own Images** | \*Able to import your own images.\*Able to use images from online resources. Site reminds user of copyright restrictions.\*Includes recommended sites for image resources.\*Provides many options for manipulation and customization. | \*Cannot import images.\*Can customize images.  | \*Able to use the images on the site or upload your own.\*May save uploaded images to your own private folder.\*Provides a variety of ways to manipulate images (shrink, enlarge, rotate, flip, etc.). |
| **Cost** | \*Offers a free 30-day trial.\*May buy a license for $24.95(standard version) or $29.95(deluxe version). | \*Free 30 day trial for teachers \*Must register and log in \*Costs $4.99 monthly, $24.99 for 6 months, or $39.99 for a year  | \*Free but must register in order to access site. |
| **Design Availability**  | \*Offers limitless possibilities. \*Has several standard templates or may customize your own. \*Has great flexibility in the size and color of the font. | \*Offers a variety of backgrounds, characters, and caption bubbles. \*Is only available in grayscale coloring.\*Has a 1-6 panel template for comic strip design.\*Offers different fonts and sizes | \*Offers a wide variety of options regarding backgrounds, characters, props, caption bubble styles.\*May customize layout template. |
| **Portability-able to save work, print, share work online, linked with other sites** | \*Exports to HTML, JPEG, TIFF, or PNG.\*Able to share work via email or through other online sites.\*Prints work, but has Comic Life watermark unless user has bought the license.\*Is very easy to save and resume work session later. | \*Can save work.\*Can print work. | \*May share work through email or online, or keep saved work for your own viewing. \*May print work but self-printed product is partial and does not contain all details of design.  |
| **Ease of Use** | \*Initial intuitive usability for adults and teens, but with experience, designs gain greater complexity as customization options are learned.\*Is fun to create real-life cartoons with photos.\*Promotes creativity in writing and cross-curricular projects.  | \*Is designed to engage children-very simple to use. \*Complexity can be increased for high school students\*Excellent use for classroom writing in elementary, middle, and high school setting. | \*Is relatively easy to use. \*May require some experimenting and/or guidance for younger or less experienced users.  |