**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. |