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Tool	Connection	Rationale
Learning Management System (LMS) - Moodle, Blackboard Connect, web site, Schoology?	Learner-facilitator Learner-learner Learner-content	I would prefer to use a LMS, but am uncertain right now what I would use. Moodle is what I know as it is what we use at our school and it is free. Another option would be a web page, but this would be trickier to do all that would need to be done to create a community of learners. You need a system that users can easily navigate for discussions and content/assessment distribution.
Discussion Tool - LMS discussion tool, Google Groups, Disqus (would like to look into this one - can embed in blog)	Learner-facilitator Learner-learner Learner-content	I would use the discussion tool in the learning management system or I would use Google Groups if I did not have a LMS. Discussions are an important way to create deeper thinking and for community members to make connections. It is also a good way for learners to share content.
Content Distribution/ Sharing - LMS or Livebinder or Delicious or some type of bookmarking system to share resources	Learner-content	I would like to have a way for the students to share their resources for the class. Sometimes they get lost in all of the emails. Setting up a course binder would be one way to share resources
Dropbox	Learner-facilitator	This tool would be used to share work and assessments between the instructor and learner.
Collaboration Tool - TodaysMeet, Google Docs/Drive, Padlet	Learner-learner	I would like to incorporate a collaboration tool, but think I would leave this option up to the students so they could pick one they like when they are working with a group. These would be tools I would suggest and I would curate a list from the students in the class. This type of tool would be used when students are doing group work so they could have a place to collaborate. They could share their link with me.
Email - LMS system or set up a google group	Learner-facilitator Learner-learner	Having an email system is an important way for students and instructors to have private conversations, when necessary.
Video Conferencing - Skype, Adobe Connect	Learner-facilitator Learner-learner	Having a way for students to “see” each other as an option when communicating might be useful to the more visual learner. This would fall under collaboration tool, but it is a little different.