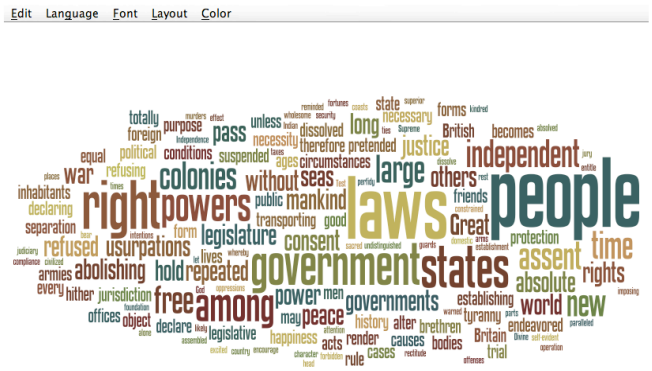
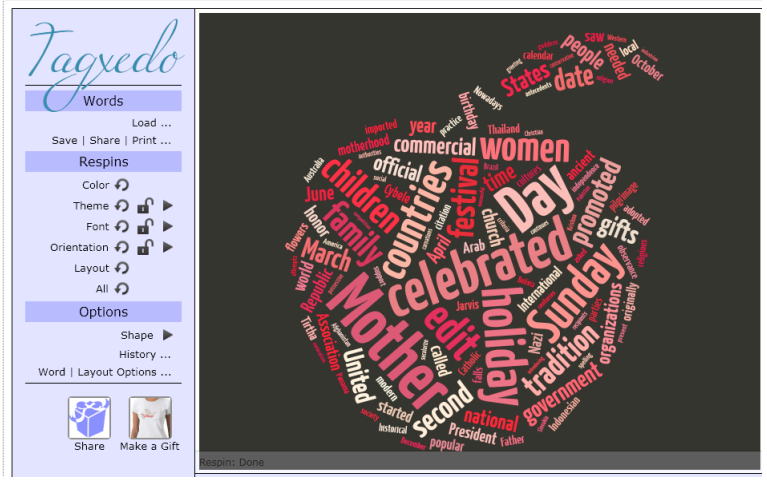
Word Clouds

WHAT ARE WORD CLOUDS?

Word Clouds, also known as tag clouds, are visual representations of text data. Word Clouds can come in a variety of formats but usually contain single words in which the words will become larger based on their frequency of use.

GETTING STARTED 1. Before you have students begin to work in Wordle or Tagxedo, you may want to have them type their word list in a Word document. 2. If students want two words to present as one image, they will need to use a **tilde ~** or **hypen—** to keep the two words together in Wordle or Tagxedo. 3. Once students have created word lists they then can use Wordle or Tagxedo to begin their Word Clouds.	**Wordle:** http://www.wordle.net *Although the layouts in Wordle are limited, you do not need an account to create word clouds. You can however change the font and color styles.* **Tagxedo: http://www.tagxedo.com/** *Tagxedo provides a variety of layouts that can be customizable, and you do not need an account to create word clouds.*
CREATING WORD CLOUDS IN WORDLE 1. Choose **CREATE** on home page 2. If you are using **WORDLE**, add word lists to **PASTE A BUNCH OF TEXT** and then choose **GO** 3. Once the word cloud as been generated, change the **FONT**, **LAYOUT** and **COLOR** using the word cloud **TOOLBAR**. 4. To print word clouds in Wordle, a **SCREEN SHOT** must be taken. To take a **SCREEN SHOT** hold the **SHIFT+COMMAND+4** keys on your keyboard and then draw a box around the word cloud.	

CREATING WORD CLOUDS IN TAGXEDO

1. Add word list by choosing **LOAD** under **WORDS**
2. Under **RESPINS**, change the **FONT**, **COLOR**, and **THEME**
3. Change the **SHAPE** of your word cloud under **OPTIONS**
4. Finally, return to **WORDS** and choose **PRINT** a new window will open, here choose **PRINT** again.