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**Question:**

How can I use technology without a lot of effort?

**Andie's Answer:**

I was observing an eighth grade teacher, Russ Yocum, last week. When I entered the classroom, I was amazed. The students came in and began class without instructions from the teacher—I thought. The teacher used a PowerPoint presentation to begin each class and provide information that students needed.

The PowerPoint began with a class greeting—something particular to the day or week. The bell work or morning assignment was the next slide in the presentation. This slide is followed by the class agenda, which outlines what the students will be doing that day. Announcements specific to the class are also included.

Mr. Yocum changes the colors of the slides, backgrounds, fonts, etc. to keep students guessing. This is a great way to give information for the organization of the class while modeling good technology skills.

Try it! This should not take much time. There are many templates that you can use to get you started with the PowerPoint.