Technology Brainstorming Worksheet

Before deciding to use a particular type of technology in your course, it's a good idea to reflect on some of the issues surrounding its use. Use the following worksheet to brainstorm the reasons for using instructional technology in your class, and some of the barriers that might be present.

1. Which instructional technologies (IT) are you aware of, or which have you used in your courses (either as an instructor or a student)?

2. What were the benefits and drawbacks of these technologies?

Type of technology	Benefit	Drawback

3. If you are teaching, or plan to teach, in what way or ways do you hope to help students in your section master the course material (i.e., quizzes, discussion, group work, etc.)?

4. Which ITs do you think could help you to achieve this?

5. In which ways do you think IT would not help you achieve your classroom goals?

6. In what ways do you think IT can be used as a tool for students to manage their own learning, as opposed to a way just to present information?

7. What do you think you need to learn in order to use IT efficiently in your courses?

8. What barriers in your department or on campus prevent full implementation of IT use, in your opinion?