Patrick Crispen’s Complete and Total Waste of Time
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NetDisaster
http://netdisaster.com/
Pick your favorite method of destruction—meteors, wasps, chainsaw, etc—and then wreak [pretend] havoc on your favorite website. See also: http://tinyurl.com/2w77m5

Subservient Chicken
http://www.subservientchicken.com/
The Subservient Chicken – no relation to the Impatient [MOO!] Cow – features a person in a chicken costume who responds to over 300 different commands from “do the YMCA” to “watch TV” [see http://tinyurl.com/24jgxo for more commands.]

Zombo
http://zombo.com/
Zombo is the greatest website in the world. You can do anything at zombocom. Anything at all. The only limit is yourself. [Inside joke: The only things zombocom does are welcome you and repeatedly extol the virtues of zombocom.]

Internet Phenomena
http://tinyurl.com/2kjjry
Each generation has its own unique cultural landmark events – Pat Boone’s Little Richard impersonation, Marcia Brady’s face-blocking of a football, Jessie Spano ‘s caffeine-induced Pointer Sisters tribute, etc. The millennials’ cultural landmark events aren’t being broadcasted, they’re being netcasted. Here are the ones that made the evening news.

Cute Overload
http://cuteoverflow.com/
Awww. Cute Overload is an overwhelming collection of really cute animal images. Really, really, really cute. Updated daily. See also: icanhascheezburger.com

Best Week Ever
http://www.bestweekever.tv/
Best Week Ever–the companion website for the eponymous VH-1 show–is a constantly-updated, and often humorous, hub of celebrity and net ephemera infotainment. Visit this site daily if you want to be the first in your neighborhood discover the next “Chocolate Rain” or “Leave Britney Alone” craze.

Video Sift
http://www.videosift.com/
Video Sift is a collection of interesting or humorous videos from around the web. Users vote for the videos they like, and when a video reaches a certain level of votes it is published on Video Sift’s front page [a la Digg].

Fark
http://www.fark.com/
If you are easily offended, avoid Fark like it was covered with monkey pox. Fark is an active and often humorous user community that posts and comments on both real and weird news stories. Fark also runs regular photoshop contents. I strongly recommend reading the site’s FAQ [a.k.a., the “FArQ”] to learn more about the site’s pop culture “farkisms.” Duke sucks.
Worth 1000  
http://www.worth1000.com/
Worth 1000 is photoshop competition site that contains over 250,000 original images, some funny and some … well … not. You can spend hours browsing the photoshop and photography galleries, and the site’s tutorials will help you improve your graphics skills.

Albino Blacksheep  
http://www.albinoblacksheep.com/
Albino Blacksheep is a HUGE repository of weird and cool Flash movies, video files, audio files, and what not. Home of the Llama song, Numa Numa, Banana Phone, and other earbugs.

Pop Cap Games  
http://www.popcap.com/
In all deference to Ben “Yahtzee” Croshaw, Pop Cap Games offers 25 of the best designed, most addictive, online games. Home of Bejeweled 2, Insaniquarium, Peggle. Express versions of the games are free and can be played in any web browser.

The image tool with a semi-naughty name  
http://tinyurl.com/7g4fa
This ‘site who shall not be named’ lets you turn any picture on the web or your computer into huge, multi-page, poster-sized image that you can print out, piece together, and hang on the wall. For free. Onan would be so proud.

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DWheel  
http://tinyurl.com/2ryar
A 60 second optical illusion that will cause you to exclaim, “Dude! My hand is going all wiggly.”

Rockwell Automation’s Retro Encabulator  
http://tinyurl.com/92o3l
Finally! Now everyone can generate inverse reactive current for use in unilateral phase detractors and automatically synchronizing cardinal grammeters. Oh, happy day.

Custom Sign Generator  
http://www.customsigngenerator.com/
The Custom Sign Generator is a collection of HUNDREDS of fake sign and image generators. Create your own “For Dummies” book cover, ketchup bottle label, church sign, and so on. Some generators work better than others. For example, I tried to create my own “Hello My Name Is” nametag, but the text I entered– “Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die.”–would not fit. Inconceivable!

The Institute of Official Cheer  
http://lileks.com/institute/index.html

Freeplay Music  
http://www.freeplaymusic.com/
Freeplay Music offers professional, royalty-free, 15 second, 30 second, and one minute background music that you can use for in-classroom projects, provided those projects are not made public.

Poke the Bunny  
http://www.platinumgrit.com/poke.html
So there is this bunny. And you poke it. Lather, rinse, repeat. Watch out, though: the bunny holds a grudge.