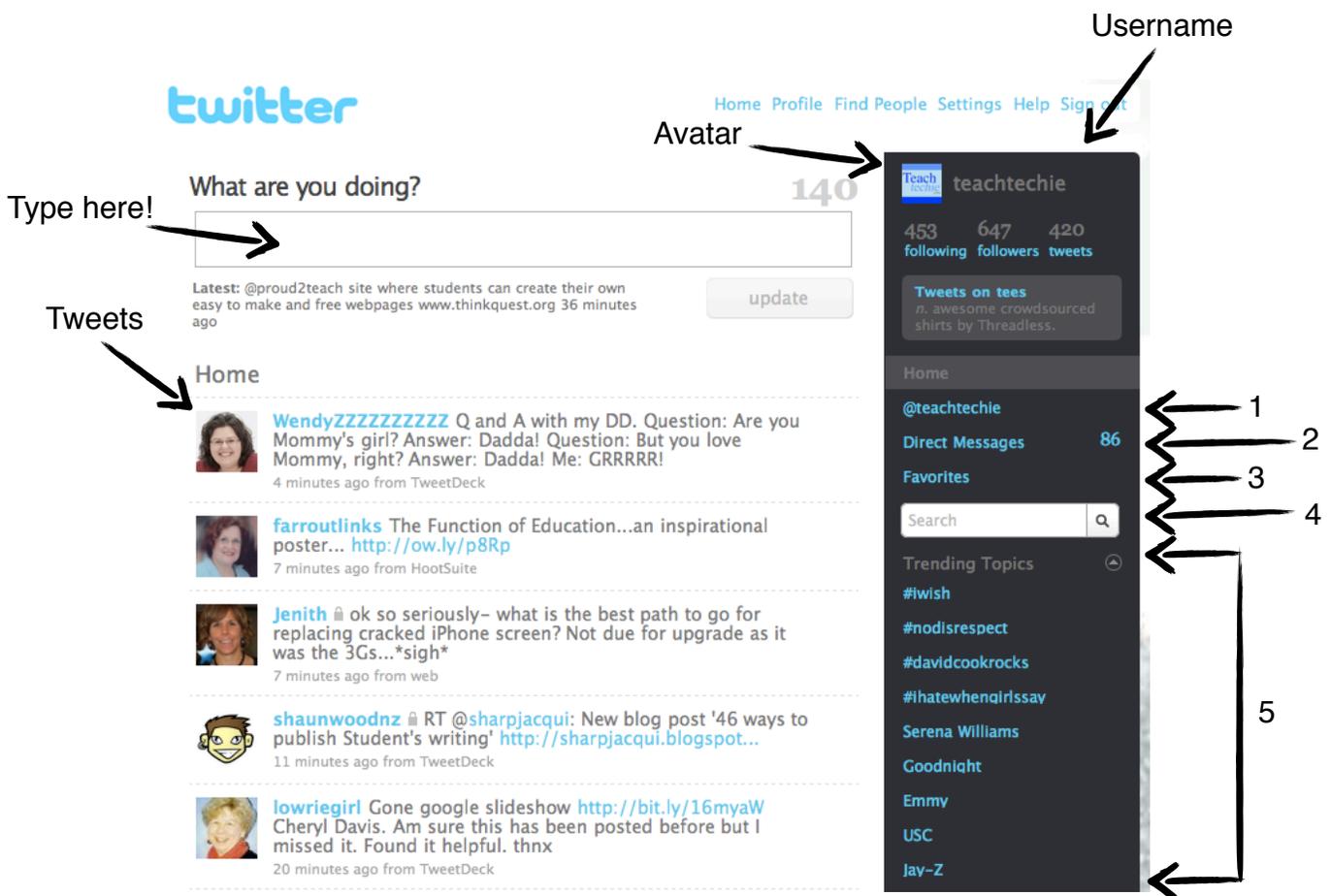# twitter

Twitter is a free Web 2.0 social networking service that allows users to send and receive messages known as tweets. It is the 3rd most popular social network site and has grown by 900% in the last year. But as an educator, why use it?

- to build a professional learning network
- to rapidly disseminate information
- to find answers from a global community
- to share because "together we are better"

1 - @username = This is where you will find tweets in which your username was mentioned. Someone either retweeted your tweet or is responding to you.

2 - Direct Messages = This is where you will find private messages sent to you, and are not made public.

3 - Favorites = This is where you will find your saved favorite tweets.

4 - Search = Self Explanatory

5 - Trending Topics = These are the top 10 topics being tweeted the most.

The Language of Twitter

Although the 140 character limit may be sufficient to get a tweet across, the following twitter glossary should help you stay within the limit.

@username + message   Directs a tweet to a specific person, but is a public tweet. This is usually used when replying to a person.

RT @username   RT is short for retweet. In this case, you are reposting someone else's tweet. Retweets are an important part of Twitter because it helps interesting ideas and links to spread quickly.

#_____   The hashtag allows you to filter through a particular discussion. Search for a hashtag using the search function or by clicking on the hashtag on a tweet.

140 characters

to add to your favorites

username

avatar

web20classroom Good Stuff...RT @tomwhitby: RT @NMHS_Principal: Fantastic graphic organizer resources http://bit.ly/F9IsY #education
7:06 AM Sep 9th from TweetDeck

reply to a tweet

time stamp

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Remember to Take and Give

Follow people and they will follow back. Like any pirate (I mean teacher) take and enjoy all the wealth of information you will be receiving, but don't forget to give back. Post information that will help others and help answer questions others may have.

Below is a list of excellent people to begin following. If you find a particular person who would be a great addition to our PLN (Professional Learning Network), make sure you spread the word during #followfriday or #teachertuesday.

teachtechie	me!
web20classroom	Instructional Technologist
keisawilliams	K-5 Teacher Librarian
NMHS_principal	NJ Principal
larryferlazzo	ESL High School Teacher
cristama	5th Grade Teacher
teachakidd	4th Grade Teacher
russeltarr	History Teacher
edutopia	Progressive Educational Magazine
tomwhitby	Professor of Education
weemooseus	Middle School Technology Teacher
hdiblasi	Technology Consultant
angelamaiers	Literacy Consultant
plnaugle	4th Grade Teacher
rmbyrne	Teacher and Web Apps Junky