SoftChalk-Widgets

A Widget is a chunk of Web code that can be embedded within any html-based Web page. When a Web Widget is embedded, updated information from the originating site will display within the Web page. The Media Search tool, which is found under the Tools Tab can be used to search for YouTube widgets. In order for the Widget to work, students must be online.

- Locate the Widget that is to be inserted into the lesson.
- Copy the Embed Code for the Widget.
  - Different Web sites may use different wording for this code.
  - The code that is to be copied should be obvious.
- Start SoftChalk.
- Click Insert on the Menu Bar.
- Select Widget from the list of options.
- The Insert Widget window will display (see illustration below).

- Input a name for the Widget into the Name box.
- Input a description of the Widget into the Description box.
- Click the Paste HTML button to insert the Embed Code into the Widget HTML box.
- Click the Metadata tab. This information is used when others are searching the Web.
- Fill in the information for this tab (see illustration above).
- Click the OK button to return to the lesson.
- A placeholder will be placed in the lesson as shown in the illustration on the next page.
- When the lesson is saved and previewed, the Widget will display.
- This information is coming from the Web site where the Widget was located.
Examples of Web sites where an embed code can be obtained are YouTube (www.youtube.com), TeacherTube (http://teachertube.com) and SoftChalk Cloud (https://softchalkcloud.com).

**NOTE:** There are other types of Widgets such as platform widgets and desktop widgets which cannot be embedded in SoftChalk.

**NOTE:** In order for the Widget to work students must have access to the Internet and must be online at the time they are accessing it. The Widget inserts a link to the Video. The Web site must be available to the students in order for them to view the video.