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**BJ:** the topic is going to be Quilts

**BJ:** we usually start all discussions in Tapped In with introductions...

**BarbB:** I am ready when you are.

**BJ:** I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

**BarbB:** You are always here to help me when I need you and I appreciate it. I am an old English teacher who hasn't taught in years. I am going back now to get my Masters in Reading and am almost finished. I can't wait to get going again.

**BJ** smiles. Great, Barb. You'll probably have some good resources and ideas to add to our discussion!

**BarbB:** education has changed a lot in the last 30 years...I think for the better, too.

**BJ:** yes, it's much more exciting I think

**BJ:** for both the students and teachers

**BarbB:** There are some really good ways of helping reading challenged students now. Much better than rote skills and labeling

**BJ** agrees

**BJ:** How about if we get started on the resources I've come up with and see if they will be applicable to your reading classes

**BarbB:** Quilts are a perfect example of a teaching strategy that didn't exist (or I didn't know about)

**BJ** . o O ( future reading classes )

**BarbB:** I am ready anytime you are.

**BJ:** the first site is from PBS

**BJ:** <http://www.pbs.org/americquilts/>

**BarbB:** do I go there?

**BJ:** yes, just click on the url

**BJ** . o O ( it will open a new web window )

**BJ:** just take a minute to look at the sites, Barb...

**BarbB:** I went to PBS. What do I do next?

**BJ:** You can close the PBS window once you've looked at it, Barb

**BJ:** and I'll show you another site

**BarbB:** ok

**BJ:** this one is primary sources from the Library of Congress

**BJ:** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/qlthtml/qlthome.html>

**BarbB:** I come from a long line of quilters. Unfortunately, I never did take it up.

**BarbB:** I looked at the last site.

**BJ:** great...on to some Math connections

**BJ:** math quilts - <http://members.aol.com/mathquilt/>

**BJ:** the next one is amazing! tangram quilts <http://www.womensearlyart.net/tangrams/>

**BarbB:** You are right. Those designs are beautiful.

**BJ** smiles

**BJ:** the next set of URL's ties quilts into social and political activism

**BJ:** <http://www.islandnet.com/~bbcf/art&activism.htm>

**BJ:** lots of opportunity for writing and research with this topic, Barb

**BarbB:** I'll say

**BJ:** Here's the site for the AIDS Memorial Quilt <http://www.aidsquilt.org/>

**BarbB:** a very moving site isn't it?

**BJ** nods solemnly

**BJ:** the size is one of the overwhelming things about it

**BarbB:** It must be something to see in real life

**BJ:** this next site is a place to make quilts for at risk infants. There is a teachers resource page linked from the site

**BJ:** ABC Quilts for At-Risk babies <http://www.abcquilts.org/>

**BarbB:** the teacher link had some things I will go back and check out. I can see that I might use this in the future.

**BJ:** great, Barb

**BJ:** one more...this site was actually developed here in Tapped In...

**BJ:** Blanket the World with Peace <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>

**BJ:** it is a digital quilt

**KarenL** joined the room.

**BJ:** Hi, Karen

**BarbB:** I am going to go back and read your lesson plan for the quilt project. You have some wonderful sites on quilts. I will keep the URLs for reference. Quilt squares are a useful way to have students respond to literature.

**BarbB:** Hi Karen

**KarenL:** Hi, **BJ!**

**BJ:** literature is the next topic, Barb

**BJ:** Karen, the topic tonight is quilts

**KarenL:** Ooooh, I want to make some quilts!

**BJ** smiles...you missed some good sites, but the next few are pretty inspiring

**MarkLM** joined the room.

**BJ:** Hi, Mark. This is the Language Arts discussion

**MarkLM:** Hi everyone

**BJ:** our topic tonight is quilts

**BarbB:** Hi Mark

**MarkLM:** quilts?

**MarkLM:** I love to crawl in them

**BJ:** the next site is Hmong Story Quilts

**BJ:** <http://www.uwrf.edu/library/exhibits/storycloth.html>

**BJ** . o O ( story cloths )

**MarkLM:** This is better than tupper ware

**BJ:** click on the url to open a new window, Mark

**BJ:** look for a minute and then close the window so we can move to the next site

**BJ:** which is a Middle School lesson on the Hmong story cloth

**BJ:** <http://www.csupomona.edu/~tassi/hmong.htm>

**BJ:** Dia's Story Cloth is a good companion story book to go with this lesson

**BJ:** <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/1880000342/002-0120946-3459212?v=glance>

**BJ:** Hawaiian's also have a history of quilting

**BJ:** <http://www.nvo.com/poakalani/historyofhawaiianquilting/>

**BJ:** I like the use of more plant forms and different colors in the Hawaiian quilts

**BJ:** you can see more images at <http://www.lava.net/~mhm/quilt.htm>

**BJ:** . o O ( sorry to be going so fast, but I have a few more to share and we're running out of time )

**BJ:** I was just going to show you Harriet Powers Bible Story Quilt

**BJ:** <http://www.womensearlyart.net/powers/>

**BJ:** a book and a couple of images of Harriet Powers quilts is at

<http://www.lyonsdenbooks.com/html/stars.htm>

**BJ:** One of the most well known story quilters is Faith Ringgold...

**BJ:** <http://www.faithringgold.com/>

**KarenL:** OOh, I love Faith Ringgold!

**BJ:** Here's one you'll appreciate, Karen

**BJ:** <http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/ringgold.htm>

**KarenL:** Awesome!

**BJ:** two more to share...this one is for Faith Ringgold posters

**BJ:** [http://www.boondocksnet.com/cb/posters\\_art\\_faith\\_ringgold.html](http://www.boondocksnet.com/cb/posters_art_faith_ringgold.html)

**BarbB:** Out of this world!

**BJ:** this is the last one this group: <http://www.tfaoi.com/aa/2aa/2aa137.htm>

**BJ:** most of these sites and a few others can be found in the quilt folder of my backflip site at <http://www.backflip.com/members/BJberquist>

**KarenL:** Cool sites, **BJ!**

**BarbB:** I'm glad I logged on to this tonight.

**BJ:** I'm glad you were able to join us too, Barb

**KarenL:** Thank you, **BJ.** I can only imagine the other sites I missed.

**BJ:** The next LA Forum is September 17

**BarbB:** See ya next time

**KarenL:** Bye, everyone! I gotta go!

**BJ** waves goodnight