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**BjB** waves hi to Cindi

**BjB:** sorry I'm late..just got home from school

**CynthiaLC:** no problem

**CynthiaLC:** how are ya?

**BjB:** fine, thanks

**CynthiaLC:** looks like it's going to be quiet in here today

**EmilyW** joined the room.

**CynthiaLC:** hi Emily

**EmilyW:** Hi

**EmilyW:** I didn't realize this was going on right now

**CynthiaLC:** well, any questions?

**BjB:** yes, I'd love to hear how students can use digital photography in projects across the curriculum

**CynthiaLC:** writing prompts

**BjB:** who takes the photos?

**CynthiaLC:** do either of you utilize united streaming in your school division?

**CynthiaLC:** ah you can or you can use other online resources

**BjB:** no, but I'm familiar with the site

**BjB** nods

**CynthiaLC:** they have on there writing prompts with pictures that go across the curriculum

**EmilyW:** where is that site

**CynthiaLC:** including social studies

**CynthiaLC:** [www.unitedstreaming.com](http://www.unitedstreaming.com)

**CynthiaLC:** let me know, I have access because of my current job, I can set you up a temporary online account

**BjB:** I would think photos from LOC would also be good for writing prompts about social studies

**CynthiaLC:** LOC?

**CynthiaLC:** library of congress

**EmilyW:** where are the writing prompts?

**CynthiaLC:** under teacher resources

**CynthiaLC:** they've now changed it to learning resources

**BjB:** I don't think you can even see that unless you log in

**CynthiaLC:** has a lightbulb as an icon for it

**CynthiaLC:** exactly, she may have an account

**CynthiaLC:** or you can set up a temporary one when you go to the website

**EmilyW:** I don't have an account

**BjB** sets up a trial account

**JeffC** joined the room.

**BjB** waves hi to Jeff

**JeffC:** hi

**CynthiaLC:** hi

**BjB:** we're discussing United streaming, Jeff

**CynthiaLC:** do you use it?

**BjB:** as a good resource for writing prompts across the curriculum

**JeffC:** nope

**CynthiaLC:** they have good material and are continuing to add to it

**JeffC:** url?

**CynthiaLC:** [www.unitedstreaming.com](http://www.unitedstreaming.com)

**JeffC:** why pay? <http://www.ourmedia.org> is free

**CynthiaLC:** I didn't even know about that one

**CynthiaLC:** can you download the media and put it in a powerpoint?

**JeffC:** It's a collaborative... and searchable... I imagine that fair use applies.

**CynthiaLC:** I'm sure

**EmilyW:** unitedstreaming is more for educators

**JeffC:** It's collection might not be as extensive as unitedstreaming... yet... but... it will grow with time.

**CynthiaLC:** isn't that what we are?

**EmilyW:** I was telling Jeff

**EmilyW:** the other site is for anyone

**EmilyW:** this site is great

**JeffC:** If it costs money... it's an issue for K-12 (and other) educators.

**CynthiaLC:** I understand that

**EmilyW:** what other tools are there besides the writing prompts?

**BjB:** there are lessons and tutorials, Em

**CynthiaLC:** online quiz center for educators

**CynthiaLC:** where you can create quizzes and your students can take them online

**CynthiaLC:** automatically scores them for you, problem is, technology is not always the friendliest thing in an educator's life

**CynthiaLC:** any questions about digital photography?

**CynthiaLC:** free resources?

**BjB:** do you have other free resources, Cynthia?

**BjB:** Jeff, united streaming has images and multimedia resources

**CynthiaLC:** www.picasa.com is a good free resource for creating webpages, etc.

**CynthiaLC:** and altering digital images

**CynthiaLC:** love this program

**CynthiaLC:** similar to adobe photoshop elements, but easier to use plus free

**BjB:** similar to photoshop tools?

**BjB** laughs..thanks

**CynthiaLC:** not that fancy but you know what I'm saying

**CynthiaLC:** you can't beat FREE!

**BjB** nods and agrees. I doubt that many people can actually use all the photoshop tools and features

**JeffC:** afks

**BjB:** what about digital storytelling?

**CynthiaLC:** we had a huge discussion about this with the department of ed the other day

**BjB** listens

**CynthiaLC:** but we referred to it in a blog format

**CynthiaLC:** is that what you're talking about?

**CynthiaLC:** I'm curious

**BjB:** <http://www.storycenter.org/>

**BjB:** Joe Lambert is the exec. director

**BjB:** he's who led the institute at the National Gallery of Art this summer

**CynthiaLC:** this is awesome

**CynthiaLC:** thanks for the resource

**BjB:** digital storytelling is wonderful for social studies and language arts

**BjB:** it's also a good therapeutic tool

**CynthiaLC:** I'll definitely use this for teaching English

**CynthiaLC:** one thing about blogs, so many school systems restrict their use

**CynthiaLC:** this would probably pass

**BjB:** If a school blocks blogs, they might want to try the Tapped In student campus as a safe place to bring kids

**BjB:** and use the threaded discussion boards as a 'training' blog

**CynthiaLC:** nice, see I've learned more here today than I have in my 4 years teaching technology

**CynthiaLC:** goodness

**BjB:** here's another resource <http://www.headsonfire.org/hof/index.html>

**CynthiaLC:** is this a resource students can use?

**BjB:** this is the one I was looking for...when I mentioned therapeutic value of digital stories <http://www.silencespeaks.org/index.html>

**BjB:** I would imagine students could use it.

**BjB:** Silence Speaks is a bit heavy emotionally

**CynthiaLC:** I'll have to do some reading on that one

**BjB:** the person in charge of Heads on Fire was a guest speaker for Tapped In a couple years ago

**BjB:** Xavier Leonard

**CynthiaLC:** cool

**CynthiaLC:** I have to go BJ, I'm selling my photography at a bazaar tomorrow and Saturday and must get set up

**BjB:** and Amy Hill from SilenceSpeaks was also a guest

**BjB** nods. Good luck with your sales!

**CynthiaLC:** thanks, it was fun

**BjB:** thanks for being a presenter, Cindy

**CynthiaLC:** anytime