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**KarrieF:** Hi, we are here for a class in technology.

**BJB2:** you're in for a treat, Karrie

**BJB2:** Kevan has some really cool stuff to share

**KevanN:** yes...applied technology using the web site of the Mpls. Institute of Art and the Walker Art Center in MN

**BJB2:** how about if we start with introductions, please, Kevan?

**KevanN:** sure!

**BJB2:** . o O ( and perhaps we'll pick up a few more participants )

**KevanN:** Kevan Nitzberg, ArtsConnectEd trainer and art department chair of Anoka H.S.

**KevanN:** How about you, Karrie?

**BJB2:** I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

**KevanN:** and BJ...lol!

**KarrieF:** besides Karrie another participant is with her. we are in the same class. My name is Joyce

**BJB2:** smiles...hi, Joyce!

**KevanN:** welcome Joyce...names can be deceptive (grin)

**KevanN:** Are you familiar with the MIA or the Walker Art Center?

**BJB2:** where are you located, Karrie and Joyce?

**KarrieF:** we are not familiar with either. Karrie is a jr. high teacher and I teach 6th grade.

**KarrieF:** we are from Utah, Salt Lake City.

**KevanN:** OK...well the MIA (Mpls. Institute of Art) and the Walker Art Center are the two major museums in Mpls. The MIA is more of a traditional museum in terms of its range of work and the Walker is devoted to strictly contemporary art.

**KevanN:** Welcome Jeff.

**KevanN:** ArtsConnectEd is their web site and allows the user to engage in a wide range of activities.

**BJB2:** . o O ( for two people, Karrie is sure quiet! )

**AsterM** joined the room.

**ShaunaD** joined the room.

**CiaranM** joined the room.

**BJB2:** Hi, Aster and Shauna and Ciaran. Welcome!

**BJB2:** we've just done introductions

**KevanN:** Welcome Aster, Shauna and Ciaran!

**CiaranM:** hi

**BJB2:** please tell Kevan where you are located and what you teach

**ShaunaD:** Thank you

**CiaranM:** Italian in Ireland

**AsterM:** Hi everyone! I just came on board.

**AsterM:** What was the discussion?

**ShaunaD:** west Jordan, Utah and I teach third grad

**KevanN:** I was introducing ArtsConnectEd to the group.

**AsterM:** Miami, city of the Heat.

**KevanN:** Anyone else need to introduce themselves?

**KevanN:** OK then...

**KevanN:** Let's get started...

**KevanN:** First a brief intro as to what ArtsConnectEd is...

**KevanN:** This is the name of the interactive web site that is operated by the Mpls. Institute of Art and the Walker

**KevanN:** Art Center...in Mpls.

**AsterM:** I studied in Mpls. Super people and place

**KevanN:** The site allows all users to participate in a variety of programs and functions that engage the user in arts based learning

**KevanN:** It is a great place...and I am a NYC transplant!

**KevanN:** Let's go to the site and I will lead you on a tour...ok?

**KarrieF:** ok

**AsterM:** I'm ready

**ShaunaD:** right on

**KevanN:** First, everyone should detach their chat screen - do you know how to do that?

**KarrieF:** no

**ShaunaD:** no

**KevanN:** If not, go to the top right hand corner where it says 'Actions' and scroll down to detach

**KevanN:** This will allow you easier viewing of the screen and the chat box

**BJB2:** Hi, Katie. Welcome

**KarrieF:** yes

**BJB2:** . o O ( good job, Kevan! )

**KevanN:** Welcome Katie...we are just about to go on tour.

**KatieSh:** Thank you

**KevanN:** A virtual field trip as it were...lol!

**BJB2:** when Kevan shows you a url, if you have a pop up blocker, turn it off or hold down the ctrl key on your keyboard

**AsterM:** okay

**KevanN:** here we go then...(thanks BJ)... <http://www.artsconnected.org>

**KevanN:** Once you get to the site, come back to the chat screen

**KevanN:** This is ArtsConnected's main screen....

**KevanN:** The different icons are all hyperlinks to the various main screens. Click on the Art Gallery first.

**KevanN:** The format that is used splits the screen into 2 parts: the search screen on the left and the activities screen on the right.

**BJB2** . o O ( what you are doing is 'guided surfing' ...something you can do with your students in the K-12 Student campus )

**KevanN:** OK then...

**KevanN:** The search screen allows you a variety of search tools regarding where you might wish to look and what you are looking for. The primary sources are the 2 museums. There are also search tips posted to help you conduct more efficient searches. It is helpful to make sure that you have the 'only show art with images' checked

**KevanN:** OK....Let's look at the programs on the right

**KevanN:** First there is Topics in Focus...

**KevanN:** This is a link to a number of different programs that the museums have created...

**KevanN:** Click on Topics in Focus now

**KevanN:** You will see that there are a number of intriguing programs that you can go into which would literally take a lot longer than we have tonight - you can go back to them later and explore at you leisure. I would like to point out a few - starting with Artists Toolkit

**KevanN:** OK...Click on Artists Toolkit

**KarrieF:** Are there good areas in the museum for social studies, ancient cultures or geography?

**KevanN:** The Toolkit is comprised of a series of short animated films that the museums created to illustrate the elements of art and the principles of design. Turn on your sound to get the full effect.

**KevanN:** Let's first go to Explore the Toolkit and click on it

**KevanN:** Each of the areas that you see have different animations attached to them. Try clicking on Space and Depth

**KevanN:** If you have a dial up connection (as I do), it takes a little while to load

**KevanN:** Be patient

**KevanN:** This is a great animation for a Saturday night...lol!

**KevanN:** Notice that the animation ends up as an actual work of art. This is the format for each of the films posted here

**KevanN:** Try another film once you have been through the Depth example

**KevanN:** Another nice feature here is that you can save specific films and keep them for showing to students by using the Create My Toolkit option

**BJB2:** cool, Kevan!

**KevanN:** Karrie / Joyce - to answer your question earlier, yes, there are great programs for social studies and ancient culture - we will explore some of those as well

**KevanN:** OK...let's Back out of the Toolkit and go to another program in Topics

**KevanN:** Let's click on the Art of Asia

**KevanN:** Everyone with me?

**BJB2** nods

**KevanN:** OK!

**KatieSh:** Yes

**KevanN:** Notice that this site provides you with a number of different subtopics to explore

**KevanN:** All of the artwork here is at the Mpls. Institute of Art

**KevanN:** OK...More exploring - back to Topics again...

**KevanN:** Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on World Myths and Legends...

**KevanN:** When you arrive, click on the Compare and Contrast feature

**KevanN:** This program allows you to give your students an online and interactive learning experience. Select any 2 of the works pictured on the Compare and Contrast screen...

**KevanN:** Notice that they appear in the box to the right...

**KevanN:** Click on Begin Essay

**KevanN:** The images are shown in a larger format and a text box opens up below to allow the students to write their own comparative essay. It can be as simple as this is a image of a ..... and an image of a ....., or it can become much more involved...

**KarrieF:** This is cool, it would be fun to have students compare and contrast works of art.

**KevanN:** They can also click on the More Info button as well as the Enlarge button to both get more information about the work as well as looking up close at the work

**KevanN:** The essays are also printable, Karrie - see the bottom of the page

**KevanN:** OK...shall we continue on?

**KarrieF:** yes

**KevanN:** Alright...go back to the Art Gallery page that Topics was introduced to you on

**KevanN:** You will notice the 2 red dice displayed there

**KevanN:** these dice are the icon for Art Sampler which will bring up 10 random images at a time

**KevanN:** Try it

**KevanN:** hmmm...I am getting an error message

**KatieSh:** Me too

**KarrieF:** me too

**KevanN:** Perhaps it is being worked on...well, no matter - let's take a look at another page -

**KevanN:** go to the top and click on Playground

**KevanN:** Playground is a series of activities for different age groups.. click on Make It

**KevanN:** Then click on the stamp icon for Postcards

**KevanN:** You can send an 'email' postcard to anyone online with a work of art on it as well as your message - and best of all, no charge for postage!

**KevanN:** Select a category...

**KevanN:** Seems like some of these categories are down at the moment as well. Foot in the Door is working, however so click on that

**KevanN:** well, those images also are not available at the moment... well when this DOES work, it is a great way to send art to folks anywhere and everywhere...it is also a great pr tool for communicating with parents, administrators, students, etc.

**KevanN:** Go back to Make It and click on the turtle

**KevanN:** This program creates a series of downloadable coloring pages of famous works of art that are then printable

**KevanN:** If you would then go back to the Playground and click on Explore It, you will find a whole other set of activities and so on...

**KevanN:** Check out Another Look for example...

**KevanN:** OK.... I want to show you one other feature in ArtsConnectEd this evening....

**KevanN:** If you go back to the Art Gallery, we are going to take a look at Art Collector (the box of marbles)

**KevanN:** Art Collector allows you to create a collection of images and text as well as hyperlinks to online sites. The Collection is also sharable as it can be published and receive its own URL.

**KevanN:** In my office, I have a series of files that you can look at which will further explain how this works and what some of my collections look like.

**KevanN:** The 4th link down provides you with directions for using this feature as it links to a collection I created for this express purpose. You will need to create a log in name and password to sign in.

**KevanN:** Note, there is no reminder feature so once you have done that, write the information down. Once forgotten there is no way to retrieve your work from that log in.

**KevanN:** I am going to have to go now, I am afraid...Our farm is on the market and I have to take advantage of the rest of today's light to mow. I hope that this proved to be helpful and interesting. I will be back again in July for another session.

**KevanN:** Goodnight all!

**KatieSh:** Thank you