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KevanN: I am exploring the uses of the interactive online web site ArtsConnectEd in terms of how it can be applied to different classroom teaching strategies

BJB2: Fred, haven't you been to any of Kevan's discussions before?

FredK: I don't think so

FredK: But I have the site loaded

KevanN: Well, perhaps a bit of an intro to the site is in order...?

DavidWe: "Coitantly!"

KevanN: Alright then...

FredK: I am a tutor for the Pushmataha County Literacy Council in SE Oklahoma

KevanN: I am the ArtsConnectEd host here and the Art Dept. Chair at Anoka H.S> in MN.

KevanN: David, are you going to kick in an intro for the record>

BJB2: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

KevanN: BJ never disappoints...lol!

DavidWe: I'm an education-technology support person who is usually somewhere between Philadelphia and New York City. I've been using Tapped In since 1997

KevanN: I think I was just broad-sided!...lol!

KevanN: OK...here we go...

DavidWe can't stand the wait

KevanN: ArtsConnectEd is an interactive learning environment centering around a variety of programs that have been created by the combined resources of the Mpls. Institute of Art and the Walker Art Center...

KevanN: Patience...

KevanN: It is usable by all age groups and has programs that are adaptable for all curriculum

KevanN: OK...that is the short description

KevanN: I want to focus on one particular aspect of the site...

KevanN: That is the creation of collections that are publishable and stored on the museum's web site.

KevanN: Besides BJ, are you familiar with online collections?

KevanN: I guess patience is needed on both ends...lol!

DavidWe is familiar

KevanN: Thanks David - how about you Fred?

FredK: I was looking for the artcyclopedia

DavidWe has been to the Walker Art Institute in Minneapolis

KevanN: David is truly cultured

KevanN: Artcyclopedia is a different site but it can be used as a resource for collection making

KevanN: Fred, here is a brief description of the collection process...

KevanN: Art Collector (the name of the program), allows one to import images from the museum (or location of images from the internet), as well as create text and hyperlinks...

KevanN: the links can also be ways to bring in sound, video, and whatever else one is able to find online into the collection.

KevanN: The collection can then be published as it is assigned a URL which is then shareable with whomever you give the address to.

KevanN: Makes sense so far?

FredK: I think so

KevanN: OK...

BJB2: Fred, I had given you some examples of how to use a collection...

FredK: It's the sharing process I'm not too familiar with

BJB2: to make a digital story or to use as writing prompts

KevanN: The beauty of the collection process is that as a student you can create / work / add to your collection from anywhere that you can get online....

FredK: We use the art for story starters and also as rewards for correct answers

KevanN: from the teacher's perspective, the work can be checked from anywhere that he / she can get online providing that the teacher has the address of the collection

KevanN: Well, that would be a perfect use for this!

KevanN: Let me take you through the process...

DavidW: . o O (digital portfolio-like)

KevanN: First, let's go to the site: www.artsconnected.org

FredK: I'm there

KevanN: ok...

KevanN: click on the Art Gallery

KevanN: on the bottom right hand side of the page is the Art Collector icon - marbles in a box...see it?

KevanN: that's right David - anything online can be put into the collection

FredK: Ok what do we do with the marbles?

KevanN: just click on the icon

FredK: It wants me to log in

KevanN: Yep. You need to create a user name and password first - click on New User

KevanN: How are you doing Fred?

FredK: I got logged in. Now it wants me to start a collection

KevanN: OK...

KevanN: Let's do that...

KevanN: create a name for the collection (this can be changed later on)

KevanN: then click on 'start a new collection'

FredK: I chose Literacy Art

KevanN: one thing to go back to at a later date....

KevanN: the list of collections in the start a collection screen are all pre-assembled collections of images under a theme - you can use those if you wish as well

KevanN: OK...

KevanN: Now you can begin your collection in 2 ways...

KevanN: 1st you can click on the 'add a text page' in the menu bar or...

KevanN: you can begin a search for an image in the search box (white)...

KevanN: keep in mind that this is a word search and that what you are searching for needs to be appropriate to what is at the museum...

KevanN: for example...

KevanN: try typing in portrait

KevanN: and then click on go

FredK: . o O (mind is a clean slate)

DavidWe: . o O (Your mind, Fred, or THE mind?)

KevanN: clean slates are nice - lots of potential

DavidWe laughs

DavidWe looks for the box of chalk

FredK: Just blank

KevanN: hands David a dry marker for the white board

KevanN: OK...did you type in portrait and conduct the search?

FredK: Chuck Close has many faces

DavidWe appreciates any and all tools for marking his territory

KevanN: He's been around for almost as long as me!

BJB2 . o O (sounds like a good title: The Many Faces of Chuck Close)

FredK: lol

KevanN: He now is confined to a wheel chair do to a major paralysis but is perhaps is doing his best work

KevanN: OK...

KevanN: Click on the Big Self Portrait image

KevanN: Here you get some more information about the work / artist...

KevanN: Every image in the database has a more info button attached to it which, in this case, appeared as the image itself..

KevanN: Now...let's get closer to the work - click on enlarge

KevanN: This will bring up the largest image of the work that is available but we can get closer still..

KevanN: Click on zoom

KevanN: The 1st zoom is set 1t 19% of the final size...

KevanN: Select a part of the image that you want to see in greater detail in the enlarge screen Fred and click on it...

KevanN: You are now at 38%

KevanN: Keep clicking until you reach maximum zoom

KevanN: Note that you can move around in any level of the zoom by clicking on the directional arrows

KevanN: You can also back up and move around at the other levels as well in case you are not seeing something that you wished to

KevanN: Even on a dial up connection which I use at home (too cheap to look into DSL), this is still viable

KevanN: Pretty close and scary if you selected Close's nose...lol

KevanN: OK...let's go back to the information page (click on the back button of your browser)

KevanN: Do you see where it says add to my collection? Click there.

KevanN: If you did all of that successfully, you are now in what is called the editor page

FredK: The "add to my collection wasn't viable

KevanN: OK...I need feedback here.

KevanN: hmmm...

KevanN: did you create you collection?

FredK: I may have skipped the page you asked for

FredK: I was back at the instructions

FredK: The page expired when I tried to go forward

KevanN: go back to your log in page from Art Collector

KevanN: log in again with the same log in information - you need to write that info down as there is no reminder feature

FredK: I did the search again and have the gallery

KevanN: okay, do you see the pictures?

FredK: yes

KevanN: click under any one of them where you see 'add to my collection'

KevanN: that should get you to the editor page

KevanN: you should see the picture in miniature and a series of commands next to it

FredK: I have a geometric mouse

KevanN: I am barely computer literate - what does that mean?

FredK: The picture selected

FredK: is of a geometric mouse

KevanN: are you in the editor page?

FredK: yes

KevanN: ...lol! Got it - Oldenburg!

KevanN: ok...

FredK: right

KevanN: You will note that there are a number of things that you can apply to the image...

KevanN: click on add text

FredK: Lots of space to describe it

KevanN: The box that pops up next to the image can have your text created in it, copy pasted text pasted in it, hyperlinks to the internet created in it and also images made from image locations from the internet added as well.

KevanN: Let's try adding images from the internet and also creating hyperlinks.//

KevanN: OK? are you familiar with some html coding?

FredK: a little

FredK: not much

KevanN: ok - me too - a very little..lol!..

KevanN: What we are going to do is to bring in another image from the internet and also creating a hyperlink from that online page as well...

KevanN: First step is to create a second browser window which you can do by clicking on File and new window. Do that

KevanN: OK?

FredK: Got that

KevanN: Great - now the new window will be the search screen and the original will remain open as your collection screen. OK?

KevanN: You have the collection on the new window?

FredK: I can use the old screen to go elsewhere

KevanN: its all a big learning curve...lol!

KevanN: ok..as long as you know which window is which...

FredK: The Arts connected is a separate window

KevanN: now go to Google and find an image that you want to bring in - any image will do at this point

FredK: I now have google in the other window

KevanN: ok - find an image online and you need to highlight its url address using the properties menu (right click on the image)

KevanN: does that make sense?

FredK: What do I search for?

KevanN: anything that you want - this is simply a test

KevanN: we are walking this process so that you have it on the transcript and can refer back to it

FredK: Wikipedia has an article on mice

KevanN: after you have the image and have clicked on its url (ending in a jpg or other image designation, copy it (Control C), and then paste it in the text window in your collection

FredK: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mouse

KevanN: Let's stick with images for now

FredK: I clicked on the Images at the top

KevanN: Did you find an image of a mouse that you want to use?

FredK: I'll look

KevanN: Remember that you need to right click on the image

KevanN: The clock is ticking...

FredK: 24,000

FredK: One copied

KevanN: All you need is one image - hi Jeff

JeffC waves and lurks

KevanN: ok,

KevanN: paste it in the text box

FredK: Of Artsconnected?

KevanN: yes - the box we opened up in the editor page

KevanN: do you see the http string in the text box?

FredK: Paste does not seem to be working

KevanN: try control V

KevanN: This does get easier over time

FredK: Copy may not be working

KevanN: did you right click on the image?

FredK: I got the menu

FredK: chose copy

KevanN: ok...did you go to the properties function?

FredK: no

KevanN: ah! Copy won't work

KevanN: You cannot copy the image only its location

KevanN: OK. This makes sense!

KevanN: Get the image on your screen again and right click on it. Then go down to the properties function and highlight and open it

KevanN: Then highlight all of the address that appears designating the location of the image

KevanN: then click on Control V to copy it

KevanN: That will work!!!

FredK: done

KevanN: Great!!!

FredK: There is something in the box

FredK: about pixels etc

KevanN: OK - I just gave you the wrong control key - control C copies and control V pastes. My fault . try it again

KevanN: I feel a bit like the house elf in Harry Potter - but I won't bang my head on the wall

FredK: ctrl v works for me

KevanN: ok! Now you should see an address in the box beginning with http:

KevanN: right?

FredK: no <http://>

KevanN: is it an address?

FredK: I have the www address now

KevanN: good. OK next step...

FredK: www.rayarray.com/.../paintings.htm

KevanN: In front of the address type img src=

KevanN: that stands for image source

KevanN: uh oh...

KevanN: You have the web site address and not the image

KevanN: did you right click on an image?

FredK: That came from clicking on the image

KevanN: check the address in the properties box again - you might have only taken a piece of the address

KevanN: we need only the image location - we cannot take the whole web site

KevanN: even though we can link to the web site

FredK: They are all websites

KevanN: How are we doing?

KevanN: that's strange...

KevanN: Let's see ;;; are the images links themselves?

FredK: They take me to the website

FredK: www.charlesghigna.com

KevanN: okay...

KevanN: that might be the problem. What happens when you get to the web site? Can you find an image there?

FredK: yes

KevanN: ok...right click on that image

KevanN: find the address in the properties menu and highlight that one

KevanN: it should end in a picture file designation

FredK: <http://www.charlesghigna.com/pics/mice.jpg>

FredK: It did it

KevanN: That's it!!!!!!

KevanN: OK you are half way there...

KevanN: paste that in your text box in your collection

FredK: I did but the rest of the garbage is still there

KevanN: Now...in front of the address, type in img src=

KevanN: delete the other stuff

KevanN: and then repaste the address

KevanN: ok?

FredK: is there a space after img?

KevanN: yes

FredK: got it then

KevanN: Good! Now, in front of the img and at the end of the address (jpg), you need to place brackets...

KevanN: they are the smaller than sign and the greater than sign...

KevanN: ok?

FredK: yep

KevanN: alright! Now click on use this text below the box

KevanN: You should now have your 2 images side by side

KevanN: Note that the one from the museum has the more info button under it and the new one does not as it did not originate at the museum

FredK: The second one didn't make it

KevanN: ok?

KevanN: Did you use these brackets: <>

FredK: yes

KevanN: < goes in the front and > goes at the end

FredK: That's where I put them <img.....jpg>

KevanN: and you used the = sign after src?

FredK: Maybe not

KevanN: try it again

KevanN: here is the command

KevanN: don't forget to click on the use this text under the box

FredK: In the box is this

KevanN: ?

FredK: <img scr=<http://www.charlesghigna.com/pics/mice.jpg>>

KevanN: you need to type src not scr

FredK: ty

KevanN: np

KevanN: OK...that should do it...

FredK: Now they are both there in my Literacy Collection

FredK: My fingers need a rest too

KevanN: I have a file in my office that you can download to get the rest of the directions for publishing and also for hyperlinking internet sites. Feel free to download them.

FredK: Thanks for the tour, info and the invite

BJB2: Kevan will meet again for ArtsConnected some time in September...date to be announced

KevanN: It has been a pleasure - I am on again next month and you can also email me at knitzber@ties2.net

BJB2: thanks, Kevan

FredK: Appreciate it

KevanN: You are welcome! Thanks for coming and taking part in the session!