Title of Session: ArtsConnectEd
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Room: Kevan Nitzberg's Office

KevanN: Looks like I will be using my K-12 room again this quarter. Can I get some new passwords for my students? I have 11.

KevanN: Hi Dawn

DawnShe: Hello there

KevanN: Are you here for the ArtsConnectEd session?

DawnShe: I am visiting for a class assignment

KevanN: ok...ever used ArtsConnectEd before?

DawnShe: no!

KevanN: Well, this should be fun for you then...

KevanN: Let me give you a bit of an intro...

DawnShe: I am an alternative ed teacher in Southern Calif

BJB2 wonders what kind of alt ed?

KevanN: Great! I am a high school art teacher from MN.

DawnShe: Getting ready to begin an "Intro to Art" class soon

DawnShe: I have a one- room schoolroom 18 students, 5 hours per day, I teach all subjects kids are all "at risk"

KevanN: ArtsConnectEd is an interactive online learning environment that is run by the Mpls. Institute of Art and the Walker Art Center...

DawnShe: ok

KevanN: One of its many features is the ability for users of the site to create online collections that may incorporate images from the 2 museums as well as the internet, and written info as well as creating hyperlinks back to useful sites online...

KevanN: These collections are also publishable and can be created from any computer linked to the internet which makes the work available online (and therefore gradable online as well).

KevanN: I have some of my collections posted as links in the office. Click on the Aesthetic Scans link and you will get a taste of what one looks like. Then I will show you how to make your own.

KevanN: Note that the first page is the museum disclaimer page

DawnShe: got it

KevanN: OK...now to get you to the actual site: click on the following address...

KevanN: http://www.artsconnected.org

DawnShe: I'm there looking at the tapestry

DawnShe: nice

KevanN: Go to the art gallery and scroll down to the marbles in a box icon on the right hand side

KevanN: OK?

KevanN: Click on the icon to get to the log in page

DawnShe: still looking

KevanN: You should be in the art gallery (the bust and frame icon)

DawnShe: I don't see the marbles

DawnShe: I'm at Art collector

KevanN: It is under the tools heading at the bottom right

KevanN: The marbles are labeled as Art Collector

DawnShe: ok I guess I'm there

KevanN: ok - click on the marbles and you will get to the log in page

DawnShe: got it

DawnShe: I guess I'll enroll

KevanN: As a new user, you will have to create a log in - click on New Users Click Here

KevanN: great!

KevanN: Write down your log information as there is no reminder function

DawnShe: ok- done!

KevanN: Terrific! Now, in the yellow ochre rectangle you will see some pre-made collections from the museum that you can adapt to be your own....

DawnShe: yes

KevanN: We are going to start a brand new one, however

DawnShe: ok

DawnShe: let's!

KevanN: in the blank rectangle at the top of the box, type in a title for a collection - anything will do as it is changeable

DawnShe: DONE

KevanN: then click on start a new collection directly under your title

DawnShe: done

KevanN: you will come to a new screen that will allow you to begin

KevanN: there are 2 ways to start...

KevanN: You can create a search which is a word search and start that way or you can click on the create a text page command

DawnShe: wow

KevanN: which one did you select?

DawnShe: I searched for "illustrations"

DawnShe: got a bunch of random things

KevanN: great! You should have at least several images pop up in your search but they are all linked by having the text that accompanies them say 'illustration' somewhere

DawnShe: Kevan-- suggest something to me for an intro class-

DawnShe: yes-- I see that

KevanN: You might try 'portraits'

DawnShe: perfect!

KevanN: That will give you a broad range of possibilities to work from....

KevanN: OK...

DawnShe: yes!

KevanN: Click under one image where it say to add to my collection

KevanN: that will bring you to the editor screen

KevanN: with the image that you selected

KevanN: OK?

DawnShe: yes- done!

DawnShe: this is really cool!

DawnShe: thanks for showing me!

KevanN: great....Now a quick review of the tools...

DawnShe: Kevan-- I have to take an important phone call right now!

DawnShe: I'll be right back!

KevanN: Next to the image you will see a number of fairly self explanatory icons that will allow you to use the image in the collection that you are creating...

DawnShe: ok

KevanN: Grrr...I was just getting on a roll too!...lol!

DawnShe: one of my students overdosed today

KevanN: oh brother....hope that the student is ok!!!

KevanN: take as long as you need on the phone...I can print out directions here which you can get later...

DawnShe: talking to my principal right now

KevanN: OK...

KevanN: The directions are actually a link under Featured Items in my office (4th one down)

KevanN: That might be easier than my typing everything down and your have to scroll through it all.

KevanN: The directions are actually in an Art Collection that I created.

KevanN: There is also an overall 'tutorial' that ArtsConnectEd has available to users as well. The address for the tutorial is: http://www.artsconnected.org/tutorial

KevanN: I will be back again in October for another session - check the Tapped In calendar for the date and time

BJB2: thanks, Kevan

KevanN: Hope everything is ok with the student. I suspect that she is going to have enough to deal with without this.

BJB2 nods

KevanN: Talk to you soon, BJ!

BJB2 hugs. Take care!

KevanN: U2.

KevanN left the room (signed off).

DawnShe: BJ are you there?

BJB2: yes, Dawn

DawnShe: ok well I'm back-- sorry I had to leave like that! I was really enjoying the session!

BJB2: we were concerned. Dealing with issues like OD are difficult

DawnShe: yes that's for sure

DawnShe: This is a THIRTEEN year old!

BJB2: there is a lot of information that Kevan has in the group room

BJB2: is the kid ok?

DawnShe: I haven't talked to the Mom yet-- happened last night- I wasn't at school today- I was at a training

BJB2: ahhh, no wonder that was an important phone call!

DawnShe: so I got a phone message a couple hours ago-- trying to put together the pieces

DawnShe: So any way.....

DawnShe: I saw Kevan's office

BJB2 nods.

DawnShe: I guess you're referring to things that are available there

BJB2: right

BJB2: you also can read some of the archived ArtsConnectEd transcripts at
www.tappedin.org/transcripts

DawnShe: So I'll check it all out-- actually I can see how this could help me with the art class I'm going to start

DawnShe: I think Tapped In is really great

BJB2: using ArtsConnectEd to have your kids create their own collections is really cool...

DawnShe: yes I can see that---

BJB2: gives them a chance to find similarities and differences, build vocabulary

DawnShe: I want to figure out better that thing you were showing us the other day about creating a classroom in Tapped In where my students could meet

DawnShe: yes-- compare and contrast

BJB2: I can help you with the classroom, Dawn.

DawnShe: ok

DawnShe: do you have time now or can we meet later?

BJB2: before you can do anything you have to create the classroom in the student campus

DawnShe: I think I did that

DawnShe: I made an office

BJB2: so go to the Tapped In tab at the top of your screen

BJB2 . o O (you made an office, not a classroom)

BJB2: then click on groups

DawnShe: I think..

BJB2: and go to create a new k-12 student group

DawnShe: ok

BJB2: follow the tutorial

DawnShe: ok I see it now--

DawnShe: I'll do that

DawnShe: How to I add the Arts connected thing we were just doing to my favorites?

BJB2: you can edit most of the information, so don't stress out over what you enter

BJB2: you can add Kevan's office to your favorites

DawnShe: ok

BJB2 . o O (click on the green Add to my favorites)

DawnShe: hmm I don't see it

BJB2: you need to be at the welcome screen

BJB2 . o O (room view)

DawnShe: k

DawnShe: ok I have him in my favorites now

DawnShe: ok looks like you're busy--

BJB2 smiles. not too bad

DawnShe: ok-- how do you do the emoting?

BJB2: start the line with a colon

BJB2: followed by an action

BJB2: like   :waves

DawnShe giggling

DawnShe: ok that's toooo easy!

DawnShe waves back

DawnShe: so what kinds of things does the Alt Ed Forum do?

DawnShe: online research?

BJB2: whatever inspires me at the moment I do the calendar

DawnShe wonders

BJB2: the online research discussion was led by a member who has used the open source version of Tapped In to create a research community for special ed

DawnShe thinks

DawnShe: well I'd like to try to attend the next one

BJB2: there are some cool resources in the group room

DawnShe: I'll check it out

BJB2: and I've had some very interesting guests

DawnShe: how long have you been hanging out at Tapped In?

BJB2: since 1998!

DawnShe: WOW!

DawnShe: Do you use a lot of technology with your students?

BJB2: not as much as I'd like to. I told you about the blog I started?

DawnShe: no

BJB2: my students aren't allowed online...

DawnShe: can I still chat with you while I attend that faculty session-- gotta do my class assignment

DawnShe: But I want to keep chatting

BJB2: but I have them write weekly entries in their journals

BJB2: and then I post to the blog

BJB2: http://voicesfromloysville.blogspot.com/

BJB2: I'm still hoping that we'll get some comments from others

DawnShe: Well I'll go comment!

DawnShe smiles

BJB2: you have to be a member of blogger

DawnShe: hmmmm

BJB2: free and easy

BJB2: www.blogger.com

DawnShe: you mean at blogspot?

DawnShe: oh ok

DawnShe: I can't access blogspot from computers at school-- district has it blocked, but I can do it from home...

BJB2: I do the posting from home

DawnShe: I gotta go to that faculty resistance thingy

DawnShe: bye! I hope I see you again soon-- I'll check out the blog tonight

DawnShe: I LOVE alt Ed!

BJB2 waves bye