Title of Session: The Art of Storytelling - Using Wikis
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BJB2: as always, let's start the discussion with introductions...

BJB2: please tell me where you are located and your interest in storytelling.

HeatherBu: I'm a middle school teacher in Texas, always interested in learning new ways to help my kids learn.

BJB2: I'm leading this discussion but I'll be relying HEAVILY on you all for your input....

GaryML: San Antonio, Tx. Middle School. Hoping to learn different ways to teach my kids

AnaseliJ: I am from Houston, Texas. and I love to learn new ways teach

BJB2: I'm a communications teacher in Pennsylvania

AmyMa: I am an elementary teacher located in Louisiana and I want to motivate my students through storytelling.

CynthiaSA: I'm a k-8 media specialist in Michigan

CynthiaSA: and I love a good story.

HeatherLM: I'm from Houston

BrigitteM: I'm a middle school teacher of Spanish in Manassas, VA. Doing this as part of graduate work at University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA.

DebL: Hi, I am in Wyoming and I would like to learn about using wikis for storytelling. I'm an elementary librarian/tech facilitator

HeatherBu . o O (Yea, Texas!)

LaurieC: I am a first grade teacher in Louisiana. My kids love storytelling.

BJB2: very cool group!

HeatherLM: I'm student teaching fourth grade right now and we are currently working on writing mysteries

AmberG: hi sorry I am amber from Houston Texas

AmberG: I am student teaching in a fourth grade language arts class

BJB2: I have created a Tapped In wiki and participated in the discussion earlier with Adam Frey...

BJB2: so that I could cram as much information into my brain as possible!

BJB2: but I'm very much a beginner in using wikis, so your input will be appreciated

DebL: The wiki session with Adam Frey was so good. How can we get a transcript of the session.

BJB2: Deb, were you in the discussion?

HeatherLM: I'm not familiar with wiki

DebL: Yes, I was.

BJB2: as a tapped in member, you will automatically be emailed a transcript

BrigitteM: Mine was already on my e-mail account.

DebL: Yeah! Thanks, I have a lot to learn.

BJB2: thanks, Heather...so let's start with an explanation of what a wiki is

BJB2: a wiki is an interactive webpage...

BJB2: where a group can post and edit text, add pictures and upload files

BJB2: a wiki is Collaboration with a capital C

AmberG: cool

HeatherLM: fun!! interactive websites!

BJB2: anyone have anything to add to that definition?

AmberG: So it's a website not software right?

BJB2: that is correct, Amber

AmberG: awesome

GaryML: Most are probably familiar with wikipedia

HeatherLM: yes that I know!!

BJB2: the main wikispaces site is www.wikispaces.com

AmberG: yeah that's the one I know

AnaseliJ: I've heard of that.

GaryML: It's an on line encyclopedia

GaryML: where you can add or delete material

BJB2: this is the wiki that I created for this group http://tappedin.wikispaces.com/

AmberG: is it free! Like REALLY! free?

BJB2 nods to Amber. Free

BJB2: I learned (I think) how to invite other users to the wiki

AmberG: this is awesome!

DavidWe smiles

BJB2: oh, it worked! When you log in to your wiki, you click on Manage Space

HeatherLM: so you can create a wikispace for anything

BJB2: and then invite people

BJB2: that is correct, Heather...language arts, social studies, math

DavidWe . o O (even math)

HeatherBu . o O (Tech)

AnaseliJ: Awesome.

BJB2: great way to collaborate. Heather gave an example of her teachers using a wiki to write a tech plan

HeatherBu: It was a great tool for us to use

BJB2: if you would like me to invite you to the Tapped In wiki, type your email address

HeatherLM: what's your url heather?

BJB2: or you can create your own wiki and play with it

BJB2: you can add pages, make the wiki private or public, add links.

HeatherLM: pretty cool

AmyMa: Great!

AmberG: this is an awesome tool for teachers to use in the classroom,

FredK joined the room.

DavidWe waves to Fred

AmberG: especially in my classroom, where they are older and know how to manipulate a computer

FredK: Hi

AmberG: they can get on and write a story as a class

AmberG: that is GREAT!

HeatherLM: I agree Amber, fourth graders love using the computer

AnaseliJ: I am looking to integrate technology and this seems like a great way !

BJB2: Fred, do you want to be invited to join the Tapped In wiki? If so, type your email

AmyMa: Amber, do they work in groups or individually to create the class story?

BJB2 . o O (I'll delete all the emails from the archived transcript)

MaryBel: Hi! I work with 1st and 2nd graders. Has anyone use this with the younger children?

FredK: yes

AmberG: well right now we are working together to start the story, and then

AmberG: they work alone to finish the story

GaryML: So what lessons do you use with the wikis? Do you give a topic and then have them all add a story?

LaurieC: I have trouble using technology with my first graders

AmberG: my school uses smart centers though

MaryBel: I would like to here about it.

AmberG: a great tool for teachers to use that keeps students working in various content areas, such as math, science, social studies, etc...

AmberG: they are basically tubs filled

AmberG: with an instructions sheet that has them do things like

AmberG: read, write, collaborate with classmates

AmberG: research etc...

AmyMa: Clarify something for me..... The teachers logs in and invites the students to write or complete an activity????

AmberG: my teachers has them working with them while she is doing guided reading in small groups.

HeatherLM: next week, I was thinking of creating a mystery on a powerpoint, but this might be a better idea

AmberG: This wikispace would be great to integrate writing and the technology tubs together

AmyMa: OH.

HeatherBu: Heather, I think it would be a great idea.

BJB2: the students can edit the posts, add their own posts

AmberG: and the kids would get a kick out of seeing each others writing

HeatherLM: a good idea would be to have students pair up and edit each other's posts

BJB2: I thought the idea of creating a story was perfect for the wiki setting

AmberG: yeah definitely

AmyMa: This seems very motivating for the students.

HeatherLM: students love to see their work publish, especially on the internet

AnaseliJ: That is very true Heather.

GaryML: I think I have some ideas on how to use the wikis for history. does anyone have any other ideas?

HeatherLM: can you upload pictures onto the wikispace?

KatieT joined the room.

HeatherBu: My Tech students are using the wiki to plan a photo shoot job they have for the 7th grade dance

BJB2: http://educationalwikis.wikispaces.com/

BJB2: yes, you can upload pictures

HeatherBu: they are sharing ideas and planning who will do what, and what shifts.

HeatherLM: if so then a great writing idea would be to upload a picture and write a story about the picture, anything they want

LaurieC: great idea

BJB2: you can also upload a podcast

BJB2 . o O (as one of the participants in the earlier discussion did)

AnaseliJ: What is a podcast?

BJB2: a voice recording

DavidWe . o O (the root of it comes from iPod)

HeatherLM: that would be awesome!

MaryBel: So they can actually read the story using their own voice?

AnaseliJ: Oh okay, thank you BJ.

BJB2: yes, Mary

HeatherLM: I have a student now, who stutters, except when I heard him read today to a ppcd student, when he read slowly he didn't stutter. this would be a great way to have him hear himself read and boost his confidence

BJB2: cool idea, Heather!

AnaseliJ: That is a great idea Heather.

MaryBel: The younger kids would love to hear their own teacher's voice reading a story that the class wrote together.;

GaryML: I think all kids would like that

AmberG: definitely

AmberG: that is awesome

AmberG: I hope to use this when I have my own class

KatieT: these are wonderful ideas

HeatherLM: so we would probable only need a microphone, right?

LaurieC: good question. How does this work

BJB2: Gary, did you share your ideas for using wikis in teaching history?

HeatherBu . o O (Audacity is a great software for recording, and it's Open Source ... free)

AmyMa: That was my question Heather, because with Kidspiration and other programs a microphone is needed.

HeatherLM: where can you get it at heather?

HeatherBu . o O (http://audacity.sourceforge.net/ but hold down the Ctrl key while you click the link)

AmyMa: Thanks Heather

HeatherBu . o O (you still need a mic)

HeatherBu smiles

BJB2: Adam also shared some very exciting information...wikispaces is inviting 100,000 teachers to get a free upgrade http://www.wikispaces.com/site/for/teachers100K

GaryML: I'm thinking about it. I wanted to get some more info first

GaryML: I think I might use that picture idea

GaryML: post a pic of the Alamo or something and then have different groups write their story on it

HeatherBu . o O (taking the role of one of the characters of the Alamo story?)

BJB2 nods to Gary. I was just thinking the same thing, Heather...writing a story from the point of view of a participant in the historical event

HeatherLM: right now we are studying Native Americans and students could post stories about different tribes and how they think they might have lived, and how they felt.

AnaseliJ: It could also be used to write a descriptive story.

AmberG: true

AmberG: or a great one would be to post a compare and contrast story of Native Americans and themselves

HeatherBu: right...like the "pass-back" stories, where one person starts then passes it back

AmberG: How are they alike, and how are they different

HeatherLM: good idea

AnaseliJ: Great idea Amber!

AmyMa: For younger students, they could write the adjectives that describe the picture, then write a sentence using one or more of the adj.

MaryBel: I like that idea.

FredK: Possibly you could link to some of the art sites

BrigitteM: You could also set up something like a webquest, giving links in your story for students to go to for research to then incorporate into the story.

CynthiaSA: I think a simile writing project I've used before as a paper book could make a good wiki.

GaryML: Is it difficult to make hyperlinks in a wiki program?

BJB2 smiles....what wonderful ideas!

BJB2: no, Gary, it's pretty easy

HeatherBu . o O (and the Help at wikispaces.com is very good)

AmyMa: Please explain how.

BJB2: you highlight a word or words and click on a globe/link icon at the top of the page

BJB2: and just follow the directions

AmyMa: Thank you

GaryML: but if a kid puts something into the wiki that you want to hyperlink, you have to know of a website to link it to, right?

HeatherBu nods

HeatherBu: You can have internal links (to other pages in the wiki)

HeatherBu: or external links going outside the wiki

AmberG: that's pretty interesting

GaryML: wow

AmyMa: this is one fantastic web

FredK: Isn't it wonderful how Tapped In has such great educational opportunities

HeatherLM: yes Fred

AnaseliJ: It has such great features and so easy to use.

BJB2 smiles. Thanks, Fred

AnaseliJ: It can be used for a multitude of thing!

KatieT: it's so user-friendly!

HeatherLM: I have learned so much more thanks to tapped in

BJB2: so...we have about 10 minutes left...

HeatherBu cheers for Tapped In

BJB2: what I'm going to ask you all to do is join this group if you haven't already

BJB2: and play with the tapped in wiki

BJB2: I'll add the url as a featured link

HeatherLM: you betcha ya

BJB2: do you know how to join the group?

FredK: wow

LaurieC: no, how do we?

AmyMa: not sure

MaryBel: I need help with that.

BJB2: do you see the welcome note on the screen above the chat window? ...or the screen that you detached

KatieT: I'd love to, just need some help!

HeatherLM: just add it to my favorites right?

BJB2: if you don't see that other window and you're detached...

DebL: I'm pretty sure the school district email filter stopped the earlier transcript of the Adam Frey wiki talk. Would someone be willing to send me a copy?

BJB2: no, Heather, you have to join the group to be able to use the discussion board

HeatherBu . o O (I will, Deb)

DebL: Thanks!

BJB2: Deb, make sure that the email didn't go in the junk file

HeatherLM: ok where is this window

BJB2: click on the x in the top right of your chat window

BrigitteM: Are you talking about joining the group in TappedIn or Wiki? I'm confused.

BJB2: that will automatically attach your chat window

BJB2: Bridgitte, we're talking about joining the Art of Storytelling group

BJB2: you can also join the wiki

BrigitteM: So, we're not automatically part of it by being in the discussion group?

BJB2: then, we can play with the wiki and post to the discussion board if we have questions

BJB2: that is correct, Brigitte

BJB2: did everyone attach their chat?

GaryML: yep

HeatherLM: what do you mean attach chat?

KatieT: so, once we join the group we can join the wiki?

BJB2: you should see the Welcome note above this chat window

HeatherLM: I joined the group

BJB2: scroll down on the welcome note to the green i next to the group name

AmberG: wait how do I join the other group?

AmberG: I'm confused

BJB2: you will then see the group ID page...and join this group at the top

AmberG: got it

MaryBel: I'm in!

AmyMa: I'm in

GaryML: good to go

HeatherLM: well everyone have a great night, thanks for all the wonderful ideas

AnaseliJ: Thank you all

AmyMa: Thanks for sharing.

BJB2: thanks, everyone for your wonderful contributions!

GaryML: thanks for hosting

BJB2: I'll look forward to seeing our story grow

HeatherBu: thank you, BJ

MaryBel: I enjoyed it!

FredK: Good match up tonight

DebL: Thanks.

CynthiaSA: Thanks.

BrigitteM: Will tell my friends about it.

BJB2: thanks, Fred

BJB2 waves goodnight

FredK: Night