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BJB2: we usually start all the discussions in Tapped In with introductions

BJB2: please tell me where you are located and what brings you to the discussion

BJB2 . o O (your interest in the topic)

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler. I'm a HelpDesk volunteer and I lead a math/technology discussion - I'm in New Jersey, near New York City

DavidWe is interested in everything Bj does

AngelicaJ: I am in Houston and I need to do this for a class, but don't get me wrong,...so far I have learned a lot in these sessions

BJB2: I'm a communication teacher in Pennsylvania and am the leader of this discussion.

CodyG: I am Cody, from Houston, TX- I am here to learn any ideas on these subjects for my World Geography Classroom

CarolynAR: I am Carolyn Repa, and I am a 5th grade L.A./S.S. teacher in Humble, Texas, just outside of Houston

BJB2 smiles. Thanks, Angelica

EmilyJ: I'm Emily and I'm in Houston and a student teacher

ReneB: Hi, I'm Rene, a Chorus teacher in Hacienda Heights, California, My major was English however so I'm very exciting to be in this chat!! (also needed for class)

BrandiLS: I am Brandi Smith I am located in Sugar Land, TX I am a student teacher

MercedesH: I'm Mercedes and I'm a high school special education teacher in GA.

ElizabetA1: I am located in Houston and I would like to learn more about integration in the curriculum, it is also required for a course.

SusanR: I am Sue in Ottawa, Ontario. I am a helpdesk volunteer as well and lead the K to 3+ Great Resources discussions; also a K to 8 Occasional Teacher (Sub)

WilliamBi: I am just seeing how synchronous communication transpires. If I can take something back to the teachers at my school, even better...

BJB2 cheers...what a delightful and enthusiastic group! Welcome!!!

BJB2: Each month I try to integrate some aspect of art across the curriculum...to promote literacy

BJB2 . o O (literacy takes many forms)

BJB2: This month's topic is integrating art and literature

BJB2: I've found some very interesting sites to share that I hope you will like

BJB2: the first site I'd like to share was recently featured on the Scout Report:

BJB2: Just a single word can make all the difference in a poem, an essay, or an entire novel. Educating students of all ages about the importance of words, particularly in creative writing, can be a difficult task. Fortunately, this visually refreshing and well-laid out site created by the Barbican Education group is quite inspiring. The site is divided into four projects including the elements, the human body, the Odyssey, and changing voices. In the elements area, visitors will learn how to create descriptive writing through watching visual presentations and listening to new poems by a variety of authors, including Margot Henderson, Jackie Kay, and Michael Rosen. Also, this section (as with all the other sections) includes classroom activities for teachers. Overall, the site is easy to use and will hopefully serve to inspire a new generation of creative writers. [KMG]

BJB2: Can I Have A Word? [Macromedia Flash Player]

BJB2: <http://www.barbican.org.uk/canihaveaword/>

BJB2: take a few minutes to look at this site and let me know how this is literature related

BJB2 checks to make sure everyone got the site?

CodyG: This is awesome

WilliamBi: Looks cool!

CarolynAR: That is a pretty cool website! Very NEET!

ArielleT: Thanks

AngelicaJ: Wow, there is so much here!!

WilliamBi: I will share this. Thanks

EmilyJ: This site looks great

BJB2: ready for the next site? A reminder that all urls will be in your transcript

BrandiLS: It is very interesting!

ReneB: I love the Teacher Tips, yes ready

ElizabetA1: this site is great it is full of writing ideas

CarolynAR: ready here

BJB2: Can I have a word is a great way to use the multiple learning styles

ElizabetA1: ready

ArielleT: ready

AngelicaJ: ready

EmilyJ: ready

BrandiLS: ready

WilliamBi: ready

BJB2: Debbie Abilock, a Tapped In member, has created a page of online resources for young writers

BJB2: Debbie has updated Resources for Young Writers: <http://www.noodletools.com/debbie/literacies/basic/yngwrite.html> with descriptions of online and print opportunities for your young authors to publish nonfiction, fiction, essays and other forms of writing. If you know of other publishing opportunities - or if you publish student writing online at your school, send me a link and description of what you do.

WilliamBi: Wow. This is a great way to promote writing for more than just grades...

CarolynAR: Wow, that is a large amount of recourses! My Team at school will love it!

BJB2 nods...authentic audiences are a powerful motivator

ElizabetA1: This is just an easy way to create a sense of accomplishment in students' work

AngelicaJ: I love this!! There has to be something on here for every student!

ReneB: This is great, our school is in the beginning stages of publishing writing for our school library, this is a great goal to work towards

CodyG: Wow, this was a great idea.

ArielleT: Yeah I really like the variety

BJB2: does anyone have any experience with using any sites like this?

AngelicaJ: not yet

ArielleT: No I haven't

ReneB: no, not yet either

ElizabetA1: no but I will

EmilyJ: not yet

BJB2: blogs? wikis?

BrandiLS: I have not had the opportunity yet but it is a great site

ArielleT: yes blogs

ElizabetA1: blogs yes

AngelicaJ: I have little experience with blogs

CarolynAR: No, today was my first day! I am planning to after the winter break

BrandiLS: yes blogs

EmilyJ: blogs yes

WilliamBi: Yes blogs and wikis

TynleyB: My LA teacher in 4th 5th approached me about publishing her kids work and circulating them through the library.

BJB2: here's a link to a blog entry I started today using Robert Frost's The Road Not Taken <http://voicesfromloysville.blogspot.com/>

TynleyB: we are trying wikis with 4th graders

BJB2: my students are not permitted online so I have them write and I copy and post to the blog

BJB2: the next vista resource is also something to note

BJB2: <http://www.nextvista.org/2006/09/10/traveling-robert-frosts-the-road-not-taken/>

WilliamBi: I like it!

BJB2: again, you're providing sound as well as text to your learners

CodyG: May I ask about your Class.... BJ? Are you a correctional teacher? I have heard wonderful things about that.

BJB2: yes, I teach in a male juvenile correctional facility, Cody

BJB2: ready for more?

CarolynAR: I like this idea of letting the students use blogs, I just worry about the parent reception to it, I would think that it would have to be a district based site and controlled by the school where only other students could view it, I don't think they would let us use blogspot

WilliamBi: Small world! I have been to your site before.

WilliamBi: ready

CodyG: Your Blog is outstanding.

ArielleT: ready

CodyG: Yes, ready

EmilyJ: ready

BJB2 blushes...thanks, Cody

BJB2: <http://www.nga.gov/kids/flavin-is.pdf>

BrandiLS: ready

BJB2: this is kind of a back door approach to literacy

BJB2: the artist designs fluorescent art!

BJB2: scroll down towards the end of the page

BJB2: to the poem

BJB2: and ideas about light poetry

ArielleT: That is so neat and inspiring

WilliamBi: Love it!

BrandiLS: great site

EmilyJ: That's really interesting

AngelicaJ: This is something students can really relate to and use for motivation.

ReneB: love it, descriptive words in their poems could work for science, math and even language arts

ArielleT: Very true

BJB2: the next two sites are related to the Civil War

CodyG: What about History??? Cultures would be great.?

BJB2: the first is poetry <http://home.att.net/~lah-rbh/civilwar/poem114.html>

CodyG: Ah-ha!

CarolynAR: cool, I just started the revolution, but this will come in handy soon!

BJB2: Dunbar has written a great deal of poetry that the students can relate to

WilliamBi: great!

CodyG: Amazing

BJB2: but...here's the real gem....NGA has a site on the Shaw Memorial...

ReneB: my kids are singing a bunch of spirituals, what a great way to incorporate poems

BJB2: and a teacher's guide

BJB2: <http://www.nga.gov/feature/shaw/s6151.shtm>

BJB2: Shaw was the topic of the movie Glory

WilliamBi: This is great info...

CodyG: This is awesome...I found this: <http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/>

ArielleT: I like the topics they provide and the extensions

ReneB: this is my kind of site!

CodyG: These sites are wonderful!

BJB2: NGA has a ton of sites...

BJB2: Romare Beardon is a good one...lots of collage ideas

WilliamBi: Thanks Cody

BJB2: <http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/bearden/glance1.shtm>

BrandiLS: what grades do the lessons mainly revolve around, I could not find a grade or age

BJB2: I would assume you can adapt most of the NGA lessons to your own needs, Brandi

BrandiLS: Thank you

BJB2: you also may be able to search the NGA site by grade...not sure about that though

CarolynAR: I love these sites, anything to get the kids interested in something, they hate textbooks!

ReneB: well 8th grade we cover some but isn't civil war and Shaw 11th grade?

WilliamBi: I am taking these links back

ElizabetA1: for all you Houston people the Museum of Fine Arts has new Art integrated lessons this website is also neat <http://www.mfah.org/twa/main.asp?target=home>

CarolynAR: ya, it is great!

BJB2: NGA allows you to search for classroom resources by artist, curriculum, and topic

ArielleT: They have a great program

BJB2 smiles...thanks for the MFA link

BJB2: here's an example of how a lesson can be adapted from K-12...

AngelicaJ: simply introducing students to these great artists and to our history is soooo important

BJB2: K and early elementary do about me topics...

BJB2: but take a look at Who Am I?

http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/self_portraits/index.shtm

BrandiLS: This link is great and the fact that it is from the MFA in Houston is great

BJB2: local resources are always a good idea!

BJB2: they allow for field trips, or perhaps visuals or a guest speaker

CodyG: I know the MFAH does.

CodyG: Especially for teachers.

ArielleT: yes they do MFAH

BJB2 nods..most local museums will do that

BJB2 . o O (and don't forget local art associations)

BJB2: and artists in residence

ReneB: yes, we were blessed with one this year (artist in residence)

BJB2: here's a bi-lingual site you might find useful. I enjoyed it

<http://www.gettysburg.edu/library/news/exhibits/artista.dot>

BrandiLS: The Who am I? link is a great one too, at the beginning of the year elementary teacher it seems does a self portrait to introduce the students to one another what a great extension

AngelicaJ: Yes! A bilingual site for students I will be teaching....Gracias!

CarolynAR: =) maybe you could translate it for me Angelica!

CodyG:

AngelicaJ: sure!

BJB2: that resource is from Gettysburg University...another resource you should consider is local universities

WilliamBi: Since I teach Spanish I have to say Gracias!

DavidWe smiles

CodyG smiles

BJB2: Just a couple more sites for you. If you have something to share, you'll get a chance soon.

BJB2: http://www.english.emory.edu/classes/Shakespeare_Illustrated/intro.html

BJB2: for you Shakespeare buffs...or high school language arts teachers

BJB2: the Shakespeare site has a lot of reading, but if you skim, you'll see that there are some cool ideas

ElizabetA1: great background info

WilliamBi: The English teachers and art teachers at my school are going to love you all.

BJB2 smiles. Thanks, William

BJB2: this last one might be more social studies, but I love it...

CodyG: Yeah!

BJB2: <http://www.earthshots.org/>

CodyG: OMG, it's beautiful!

CodyG smiles

BJB2 nods to Cody

ArielleT: Wow that is really cool

CarolynAR: AWESOME!

EmilyJ: that's awesome

DavidWe . o O (AWESOME*)

ReneB: WOW!!

ElizabetA1: these photographs are breath taking

BrandiLS: What beautiful pictures

AngelicaJ: I am loving this!

ElizabetA1: These will inspire any young writer

BJB2: the site has a subscription email

BJB2: or rss feed if you're into that

BJB2: your turn! Anyone have something to share?

ReneB: I'm already thinking of activities for my class Bj, thanks!!

ArielleT: That was so awesome I have so many ideas now.

BJB2: great, Rene

WilliamBi: I going to post a blog at my blog about this. Way to go and thanks. My blog is <http://lostjohns.blogspot.com>

ElizabetA1: Thank you I will definitely share these sites

BJB2: thanks for sharing, William

CodyG: Your session was great!

WilliamBi: Adios...

CodyG: Thank you for share'g.

AngelicaJ: I am so excited about all the fabulous sites I learned about today...thanks!!

BJB2: my pleasure, Cody

BrandiLS: thanks for sharing all of your information with us it was wonderful!

CodyG: Have a wonderful evening!

BJB2: thank you all for joining the discussion...I told you you were a wonderful group!

ArielleT: Thank you so much

BJB2 waves goodnight unless there are any questions?

EmilyJ: Thank you so much!

ElizabetA1: Thank you goodnight

ReneB: Goodnight

ArielleT: Goodnight

CarolynAR: Thank you, this has been the best one of these yet!

AngelicaJ: Bye everyone!

BJB2: thanks, Carolyn