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BjB : Welcome, everyone, to today's The Art of Storytelling discussion

MarianitaL: Hi to all

RosieU: Hello!

JosephA: Hello.

RosieU: hi

BjB : we usually start all the Tapped In discussions with introductions

BjB : just in time for intros, Jennifer

RosieU: what should we mention in intros?

BjB : please tell me where you are located and what your interest in storytelling is

JulieML: I am Julie a teacher of Spanish from West Windsor-Plainsboro Reg., NJ

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler. I'm a HelpDesk volunteer and I lead a discussion on math education and technology. I'm in New Jersey, close to New York City

RosieU: I teach in Edison, NJ and I am interested in storytelling because it is both creative and reflective

JosephA: I am located in Kingsville, Texas. My name is Joseph Acevedo and am studying to be an English teacher.

JenniferH5: I'm Jen. I am a 5th grade teacher in Raleigh, NC. I am interested in the creativity of storytelling

MarianitaL: I am a HS Spanish teacher in Freehold, NJ

BjB : I am in Pennsylvania and teach remedial communication. I'm also leading this storytelling discussion

BjB: looks like a good group :-)

JulieML: I have used Digital Storytelling in my Spanish classes and loved it!

JulieML: It is great to have so many different states tonight!

RosieU: yup!

BjB : I had originally had a guest scheduled for today's discussion, but he canceled...

DavidWe frowns

JenniferH5: yikes

BjB : however, he has such great information...

BjB : that we're going to talk about him behind his back ;-)

JulieML: BJ you will do great... :)

MarianitaL sad

JenniferH5: haha- as long as it is positive I'm sure he won't mind

BjB : has anyone read any of Jason Ohler's information?

BjB . o O (I'll forward the transcript to him ;-)

MarianitaL: no

DavidWe: I haven't

JenniferH5: honestly no

JosephA: No I have not.

JulieML: I read a bit in methodology class

BjB : let's start with his homepage at <http://www.jasonohler.com/>

BjB : cool, Julie. He's the author of the 4th R

BjB : scroll down the menu on the left of the page

BjB : and take a quick look at art the 4th R

BjB : good tie-in with your interest in multimedia

RosieU: absolutely

RosieU: I will sign the petition!

CarmenAr: Hello everyone! I'm new! This is a great resource

RosieU smiles

RosieU: hi Carmen

BjB : another important page to read is the DAOW of Literacy

BjB . o O (listed on the menu of the homepage)

BjB : http://www.jasonohler.com/storytelling/storyeducation.cfm#DAOW_of_literacy

RosieU: wow... this is so much like my final project right now... students edit photos, convert ppt slides into jpegs, import into moviemaker and add voice-overs & music

JulieML: I am so glad he gives such importance to the writing part!

CarmenAr: I have done something like this with my kids using GarageBand. They really love to hear themselves (3rd and 4th grade)

JenniferH5: very neat page

RosieU: we call it "my personal legend"

RosieU: GarageBand rocks

JosephA: What is GarageBand?

CarmenAr: Rosie, what grades do you teach?

JulieML: Do you need to have Apple to use GarageBand?

CarmenAr: As of now yes.

RosieU: hs...it's an apple program

RosieU: I wish we had iMovie and Garage Band

CarmenAr: I think there's CakeWalk or something like that for PC's

RosieU: and iPhoto and iWeb

BjB : Jason even has handouts on the page.
<http://www.jasonohler.com/resources/handouts.cfm>

JulieML: Great...

BjB : I recommend that you join this group and check out the resources in this room

RosieU: thanks

CarmenAr: I love those programs. They are very user friendly and help in the storytelling process if used effectively

RosieU agrees

RosieU: BjB, how did you find Jason Ohler?

BjB : you'll find that there are many ways to tell stories

JosephA: I love telling stories.

RosieU: me, too!

MarianitaL: Me too

BjB : David and I met Jason years ago...he was a guest speaker for me for one of my arts discussions

RosieU: cool

JulieML: WOW!

MarianitaL impressive

JulieML: He is a big time guru...

RosieU: how does one define "guru"?

BjB nods...and so busy that he has trouble joining us

CarmenAr: That's great. His page and this group have great resources!

SuTuanL joined the room.

BjB : but I'll keep working on him ;-)

BjB : Hi, SuTuan. Welcome

RosieU waves

SuTuanL: Sorry I am late.

RosieU: s'all good

SuTuanL: How is the event going?

JenniferH5: The page is definitely a good resource

BjB : has anyone looked at any of the other links on Jason's page?

JulieML: He was a keynote speaker in NYC for the Center for Digital storytelling-sold out!

BjB : cool, Julie.

JulieML: Our group is growing...

RosieU: I like the wisdom list

BjB : again, check out the resources in this group room

JosephA: I'm reading his quotables.

RosieU: public commitment looks interesting, too

RosieU: projects section

BjB . o O (this group was originally founded by Julie Springer from the NGA and some cool folks from the Univ. of Va...)

RosieU: NGA?

BjB : to support the National Gallery of Art Digital Storytelling workshop

RosieU: got it =)

RosieU grins

BjB : tell me more about the quotes page, Joseph

BjB : what do you like about it?

RosieU: I think, therefore I am!!!

JosephA: I'm reading his quotations, they're pretty interesting.

RosieU: brilliant

BjB : SuTuan, we're looking at <http://www.jasonohler.com/>

JulieML: He is giving us his keynote! I love it!

JenniferH5: The future is a very individual thing, lasting only as long as you do. is my fav. quote

RosieU: Before you suspect conspiracy, don't rule out incompetence... how true!

RosieU laughs

BjB grins...good one in our paranoid society

MarianitaL: I checked the Jazz music he has....nice

JosephA: When surrounded by jerks I just remind myself that it could be worse -- I could be one of them. I like this quote.

JenniferH5: The future is a very individual thing, lasting only as long as you do. I totally agree with this one

RosieU: funny

JenniferH5: and Joseph's choice

JulieML: Ck/out: The science of teaching...

RosieU: I like that he offers presentations and hand-outs

JosephA: Rosie, I also like that.

RosieU smiles

JulieML: The science of teaching is knowing a number of different methodologies. The art is knowing when to use which. NICE ...

RosieU: I concur

MarianitaL: How true

CarmenAr: That is great

JulieML: The resources are just amazing!

RosieU: teaching is an art, a science, and a blessing

CarmenAr: I really like that the Getty education resources

RosieU: Bj, thanks for sharing this site!!!

JosephA: This quote is pretty true. Everything created by us contains our bias.

JulieML: We are compelled to use technology because without us it seems useless--no sense letting all that negative entropy go to waste. But when it breaks we discover who really owns whom.

CarmenAr: I didn't realize they had so much online until looking through the resources in this group

BjB nods to Carmen

BjB : do you all know how to join this group?

CarmenAr: by requesting to join it? giving you our email?

CarmenAr: I guess my answer is no :)

BjB : easier than that, Carmen

JulieML: Show the way, BJ...

BjB : do you all see the webpage that was above this chat window before you detached?

CarmenAr: yup

BjB . o O (if you didn't detach, look at the screen above this chat)

JulieML: Yes

RosieU: thanks

BjB : at the top of the webpage is a welcome note

BjB . o O (welcome to the art of storytelling)

RosieU: yay storytelling

JulieML: ready...

CarmenAr: I'm with you Bj

BjB: look for the sentence This is the group room for The Art of Storytelling

CarmenAr: ok

BjB: there is a green i next to the group name

BjB: click on the green i

BjB: you should now see the group ID page

BjB: at the top of the page is Join this group

CarmenAr: see it

JulieML: y

CarmenAr: Yay, I joined!

BjB: just click on join this group

RosieU: welcome Carmen!!!

CarmenAr: thanks!

BjB: to get back to the welcome screen click on Room View at the top of the page

CarmenAr: thank you Bj

RosieU: Bj, what's your favorite software for digital story telling?

BjB: Jason's subTechst Journal is good too

BjB: I don't have a favorite, Rosie...just depends on what kind of story and the person writing the story

CarmenAr: good question Rosie

RosieU: makes sense

CarmenAr: that's true

BjB : you can tell a story using comics, using a box, making a book...lots of ways

RosieU: I judge software on capabilities and user-friendliness

SuTuanL: will I get email transcription for the chat today? I feel that I have difficult to catch up with the discussion.

CarmenAr: There are so many programs out there, especially on the apple computers

DavidWe: Yes, SuTuan. When you logout - you'll get the transcript by email

JulieML: I did one with Guernica (Picasso's) for Spanish AP class.

CarmenAr: like comic life, garage band, power point, even word

BjB : don't forget the personal aspect too...the importance of listening, the importance of speaking

CarmenAr: it just depends on how you use it and the point of the project

BjB : theater is another way of telling a story...and music, poetry

RosieU agrees

JulieML smiles

JosephA: I enjoy writing plays, I think they are one of the best ways to tell stories.

CarmenAr: yes, and you can incorporate technology into these mediums to help with the storytelling

BjB : yes, Joseph!

BjB : and yes, Carmen!

JosephA: It's especially fun when you see other people act them out.

JulieML: I could see that...

RosieU: in what ways do you incorporate technology into plays?

RosieU: (I'd like to incorporate plays into my technology courses...)

CarmenAr: Proper lighting, or sounds, microphones and speakers so people can hear in the back

RosieU: got it

CarmenAr: sometimes I record my students and have them listen to themselves or see themselves so they understand the feedback

JosephA: Carmen is right, there are several ways technology works with plays.

BjB : perhaps displaying graphics as a stage set/background

CarmenAr: I do this is pe too when trying to teach a skill

JosephA: Bj I was about to type that!

RosieU giggles

BjB sits on her hands and let's the participants lead the discussion!

RosieU laughs

BjB . o O (you're doing great!)

CarmenAr: I'm sure there are a lot more

RosieU: We write screen plays and shoot films

JulieML: BJ is facilitating...

JosephA: Rosie, that's very cool.

RosieU: thanks. I work with an English teacher

CarmenAr nods in agreement with Joseph

RosieU: students write plays, shoot movies, and edit their work

JosephA: How long does it take them?

RosieU: we present in the auditorium (I bring pop corn)

RosieU: depends on the movie

CarmenAr: That's a great idea!

JosephA: That is a very good idea, I agree.

RosieU: we've done 4 day minis and 1 month epics

RosieU: we did a rendition of The Kite Runner

RosieU: after students read it in the English Class

JosephA: Cool, Rosie does each student choose what they want to do or are parts in the project assigned?

BjB: that must have been fantastic, Rosie

CarmenAr: that was my question too Joseph

RosieU: we allow them to choose teams... within a team, they decide on directors, editors, writers, etc

RosieU: everyone must contribute... there's a personal and a group grade given

JosephA: That seems like a lot of fun!

JulieML: Cooperative learning, very nice...

RosieU: The quality has exceeded my expectations

CarmenAr: do you have any of the mini's posted on the web anywhere?

CarmenAr: Like teachertube?

RosieU: not yet... we will be posting some on uTube soon

JosephA: Students can come up with a lot of interesting things. It's fun to see how creative some people can be.

JulieML: That usually happens (higher than expected quality) when we allow the students to take responsibility for their own learning

RosieU: (it's up to the students, since many of them are also actors)

SuTuanL: have to go now. Nice to meet you and thanks for the sharing.

CarmenAr: There's teacher tube too you know.

RosieU: bye

CarmenAr: www.teachertube.com

JenniferH5: now that is interesting as well

RosieU: thanks. I'll check it out... same idea?

JosephA: That is very interesting Carmen.

BjB nods...but just for teachers

CarmenAr: same idea as you tube, yes

RosieU: cool

RosieU: is it filtered?

JulieML . o O (looks at the clock...)

BjB : something else to check out...not exactly the same, but might be useful, is Next Vista www.nextvista.org

BjB smiles...well done, Julie

JulieML smiles

CarmenAr: I'm not sure, it looks like it is

CarmenAr: you can also report inappropriate videos and the webmasters will take a look at them and delete them if necessary

RosieU: cool

RosieU: I appreciate that it's free

JosephA: These websites are really cool. Teacher tube and next vista, I think I'll be up most of the night looking through them!

BjB : Joseph, Next Vista leads discussions in Tapped In once a month

BjB : their next discussion will be during the Tapped In festival on July 25

BjB : everyone know about the festival?

RosieU: if we give students creative control with language, is that automatically inappropriate (in an FCC sort of way)?

JosephA: I will have to check that out. Thanks.

CarmenAr: great to know Bj

CarmenAr: what do you mean by creative control?

JulieML: I saw it posted

MarianitaL: I have to go. Bye

BjB waves bye to Marianita

CarmenAr knows about the festival now thanks to Bj :)

RosieU: if they eloquently create characters who use poor language

MarianitaL: Julie, I will speak with you later.

RosieU: Bye

JulieML: Yes..

CarmenAr: oh, I see, hmmm, I guess it depends on the poor language

RosieU: thanks...

JulieML: I must go as well, Thank you kindly BJ. Good nite all...

BjB : our time is almost up. Thank you all for participating in this discussion

RosieU: THANK YOU

BjB : any last questions? comments?

JosephA: Thank you all so much, this has been very helpful.

RosieU: it was a pleasure

JulieML: You were great, as usual! :)

CarmenAr: thanks everyone

CarmenAr: how often does this group meet?

RosieU: Good night

JosephA: Good night Rosie, you had a great idea with the films.

BjB : once a month...second Wednesday

RosieU waves good bye

CarmenAr: thanks Bj

CarmenAr: bye all

BjB waves goodnight