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BJB2: Welcome to this month's Storytelling discussion!

BJB2: let's start with brief introductions, please. Tell me where you are located and what your connection to storytelling is.

KatherineP: I teach 5th grade language arts in East Moline, Illinois. My students use storytelling in their writing.

BJB2: I teach communication and am located in Pennsylvania. Storytelling is a wonderful way to enhance communication skills

BJB2: thanks, Katherine

KateSmi: Howdy--I'm a community college librarian, formerly a public librarian, and I love storytelling. I'm teaching a freshmen level children's lit class this summer, and I am learning all I can about storytelling as opposed to storytime :)

BethanyLC: Houston, TX- Kindergarten student teacher-I love telling students stories, and I would like to be better at it.

KateSmi: Oops, I read directions, but I get too excited, I'm from St. Louis

BJB2 smiles. no problem, Kate

ToryD: I teach 5th grade language arts in East Moline. My students love storytelling

MelissaMen: I am just curious about story telling I am an assistant principal at the high school level in Texas

MattG: I'm in the Chicago area. I was inspired by a Jason Ohler keynote at a tech conference. The pre-production process he introduced I saw as a great language rich activity for my ELL students.

ToryD: East Moline is in Illinois too.

BJB2 is a big Jason Ohler fan!

BJB2: This group looks at all kinds of storytelling. Tonight I have some ideas to share

SusanR: I'm in Ottawa, Ontario and I teach on an occasional basis. I offer twice monthly sessions here..K to 3+ Great Resources

BJB2: is anyone familiar with earthshots.org?

KatherineP: no

BethanyLC: no

MelissaMen: no

ToryD: Heard of the site but never checked it out!

KateSmi: me, neither

MattG: no

BJB2: earthshots.org posts a photograph every day...some of the photos are wonderful story starters! Take a look at this one <http://www.earthshots.org/2008/02/storm-rolls-in-by-kendrick-disch/>

ToryD: really cool picture

MelissaMen: really cool pic

KatherineP: What a great picture. We're reading Night of the Twisters and this would be a great story starter!

BJB2: cool, Katherine.

BJB2 checks to see if everyone got the site?

ToryD: That lightning picture was really cool

BJB2: you can subscribe to the daily posts

MelissaMen: yes

KateSmi: I like that it has the watermark/siggie, I'm assuming that one can copy the image to maybe ppt--esp. when we may not have web access?

BJB2: yes, Karen.

BJB2: This is yesterday's photo...from a storyteller!

BJB2: <http://www.earthshots.org/2008/04/last-light-el-cap-by-richard-duerksen/>

BJB2: sometimes the comments will also give you ideas for a story thread

BJB2: here's another one for the twisters

movie: <http://www.earthshots.org/2008/04/clouds-attack-by-gerry-pacher/>

KateSmi: Aha! I see them now have to remember to scroll :)

MelissaMen: beautiful!

ToryD: These pictures are very powerful

BethanyLC: I love that one!

BJB2: the photographers are all over the world.

BethanyLC: The sand looks so nice

SusanR . o O (great for earth day)

BJB2: good idea, Susan

SusanR: 500 days of earth shots

BarbaraAD: The pictures are great.

BethanyLC: this would be a great site to take about ten pictures from and have students create a story with all of them

BJB2: or take one photo and tell the story from an object in the photo's point of view

KateSmi: Ooh, that's a cool perspective!

ToryD: I like the idea of using the pictures to tell a story

ToryD: I liked the 500 days of earth shots collage

BethanyLC: What if you had students all collectively write descriptive words using the picture

YvonneF: Wow what a great site.

BethanyLC: You could then use that to incorporate into stories

KatherineP: that's a good idea

ToryD: I agree

ToryD: OMG I wish I could take pictures like this

MattG: I would use a smartboard and cover most of the picture Have the kids write about what they see. Then erase more and more. At each stage have the kids add to their story.

BJB2 smiles...maybe we'll see your photos posted some day, Tory!

ToryD: Don't count on it! LOL

BJB2: good idea, Matt

BJB2: ready for my next resource?

MattG: yes

KateSmi: RW&A

ToryD: yep

KatherineP: I like your idea Matt

NicoleA: yes

KatherineP: yes new idea

BJB2: are you familiar with memoirs in six words?

KatherineP: no

KateSmi: No

BethanyLC: no

MelissaMen: no

ToryD: NOPE

BarbaraAD: No

NicoleA: no

MattG left the room.

BJB2: this was started by a magazine: The editors

BJB2: were inspired by the story of Ernest Hemingway, who when asked to

BJB2: write a novel in six words, came up with this:

BJB2: For sale: baby shoes, never worn.

BJB2: Tami Maus submitted this memoir, which describes much of my own

BJB2: muddling through life:

BJB2: Little bit Lucy, tempered by Ethel. Tami Maus

YvonneF: I've heard that one many times and it always makes me sad

BethanyLC: I really like that! It forces you to condense

KateSmi: Nah, I'm a happy muddler ;)

ToryD: I agree Bethany

BJB2: I think this is the site I wanted to share http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=Dt5K8&m=1b1iRXw8_n9XNP&b=3EOyJleYL8gq_ygwpggoJPg

KateSmi: When you use this with students do you usually limit to a topic, such as an autobiography or a specific subject?

YvonneF: That link didn't work for me

ToryD: I would say limit to a specific topic~to start anyway

BarbaraAD: What a neat site.

BethanyLC: Cool. I want to win a six-word book!

BJB2: hold down the ctrl key

KatherineP: could be an good end of the school year summation

BJB2 . o O (and make sure you don't have a window minimized, Yvonne)

ToryD: The cancer one is really sad :(

MattG: Wow. Great idea. Really gets at the heart of the matter.

BJB2: I think that you could use any topic, but the memoir idea is so poetic...down to the bare bones of language

YvonneF: Now it works, very thought provoking

BethanyLC: It's really along the lines of critical thinking for language arts. I like it a lot.

MelissaMen: really cool

KatherineP: I wonder if Jordan's spouse read the one about the wedding band:) Talk about a conversation starter!

KateSmi: Yikes (Jordan's wife)

ToryD: There are some really entertaining ones on here! LOL

YvonneF: I find it hard to be succinct. Would take a lot of thought to get down to six words.

KatherineP: hold the ctrl key down and click on the site, charlene

JeffC: <http://www.smithmag.net/sixwords/>

JeffC: that's where you end up

JeffC: . o O (Bj is using gianturl.com)

BJB2: chuckles

KatherineP: I'm just kidding

BethanyLC: It takes a few moments for me as well

BJB2: Charlene, the site will be in your transcript

ToryD: turn off your pop up blocker

BJB2: before you all get sucked into cyberspace, shall we move to the next resource?

ToryD: Yes

MelissaMen: awesome

BethanyLC: Yes.

KateSmi: Yes, especially if I might get sucked into cyberspace :O

ToryD: lol

BJB2: this one is relevant especially if you were in the social studies forum discussion

YvonneF: That one was a great discussion. Great information

BJB2: Karen Ellis from the educational cyberplayground sent this to me...

BJB2: What is the Difference Between Information and Propaganda when Trusted Media Sources are The Official Story Tellers?

BJB2: From Gossip to Story Telling: Voter Education

BJB2: http://www.edu-cyberpg.com/Arts/Story_telling.html

BarbaraAD: Hey Yvonne, there are some Irish folktales here.

BethanyLC: I like this site. I like reading about these bards

YvonneF: So good for my big Irish heart..

BJB2: very rich site...so many ideas

ToryD: I'd say so

KateSmi: Gossiping is healthy and normal--well, alright! I love that Wikiscanner...I'd say Virgil is one of my heroes, but he is already a bit conceited :)

KatherineP: what's wikiscanner

BarbaraAD: Tell me what it is too

KateSmi: Wikiscanner.virgil.gr Virgil Griffith, a "famous hacker" created a database that tracks wikipedia edits

KateSmi: you can track edits by organizations or by pages--see when the Dems change the Repub pages and vice versa

KatherineP: hmmm

KateSmi: Good learning tool for students who want to get all their info from Wikipedia :)

JeffC: <http://www.wikiscanner.virgil.gr>

KateSmi: Thanks, Jeff, I'm not sure how to add a link...

JeffC: just copy/paste in the full address... hyperlinking is automatic here.

ToryD: interesting. I will be using this one!

KateSmi: Oy! Thanks!

YvonneF: Did anyone else take a look at the Wikipedia video? Very interesting

KateSmi: No, I'm going to check it now!

BethanyLC: I haven't seen the video...I'm searching throughout the site right now

BarbaraAD: I was busy reading about gossip and the value of it.

JeffC: try and accept popups from this site (best)... that way you won't have to hold the Ctrl key down.

YvonneF: It's down a ways (midwest speak for a "pretty good distance")

ToryD: wow....that is crazy. that video is an eye opener

MattG: Wow. I could tell a story about getting lost on the site and not being able to get back in.

BJB2: Matt, we're looking at http://www.edu-cyberpg.com/Arts/Story_telling.html

BethanyLC: Matt, I think that would be great! =)

BethanyLC: haha

KateSmi smiles

BJB2: a companion site is <http://www.edu-cyberpg.com/ncfr>

BJB2: Karen Ellis also sent that site to me for this storytelling discussion

BJB2: I have one more resource when you all get back

BethanyLC: I am slightly confused about this site

BJB2: how so, Bethany?

BJB2: It's a collection of a variety of resources

BethanyLC: Well, do children phone in and send their songs and poetry?

KateSmi: Woo-hoo, I'm having fun in the jump rope rhymes--maybe our class will add some!

KatherineP: that's what I was wondering

MattG: It all started when I went to the PBS Teacherline site blah, blah, blah...The chat window disappears, can't find my way back. I was lost in the deep dark internet.

BethanyLC: Ok, I understand now. Thank you

MelissaMen: ok I'm back

BJB2: chants and rhymes can also be a kind of storytelling

KateSmi: "We are what we remember"--wonderful

BJB2: the resources I'm sharing are kind of pot luck. This last site is Media That Matters and is from Arts Engine

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

KatherineP: I'm back. What's the next site

BethanyLC: I think it is especially important for younger students to explain a story through song

BarbaraAD: Or maybe ask their moms what rhymes they jumped rope to

BarbaraAD: This Media that Matter seems reminds me of the site last hour for 13-17 year olds on voicing their opinions about issues.

BJB2 agrees with Barbara

BethanyLC: This is great exposure for me because I am so prepared for early childhood education.

ToryD: ditto.

YvonneF: It does, Barb, especially if you go to the politics/government section.

KatherineP: was looking at the one on no child left behind. interesting

BethanyLC: Wow, I can use so many of these!

BJB2: btw, you can read archived transcripts of The Art of Storytelling and most other Tapped In discussions at www.tappedin.org/transcripts

KateSmi: How long are they archived?

MattG: good for illustrating the power of a story

ToryD: did anyone see this one? Pizza Surveillance Feature

BJB2: we only have a few minutes left...any questions? comments? suggestions?

BJB2: forever, Kate

ToryD: great class....thanks, I enjoyed it!

KatherineP: no, thanks for the ideas!

BethanyLC: I like being able to share sites. Thank you for that!

MattG: Bien hecho

YvonneF: This is my first time here. I enjoyed it.

BarbaraAD: Thanks for the sources.

KateSmi: Thanks, BJB!

NicoleA: The ideas and websites were all great. Thanks! I am a college student observing the conference, I enjoyed it.

KateSmi: My first time, too!

BJB2: my pleasure, everyone. Thanks for participating

BethanyLC: Thank you!

MattG: Thanks for the ideas.

SusanR: Thanks Bj..great session

BJB2: thanks, Sue