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BjB : Welcome to this month's Storytelling discussion!

AmberN joined the room.

BjB : yay! Good job, Amber

AmberN : YAH!

AmberN : I made it!

AmberN : Thank you!

SusanR waves to everyone

DanaMB . o O (I know that feeling of making it!)

AmberN : Thanks!

BjB : as always, let's start with brief introductions, please. Tell me where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach

DavidW joined the room.

BjB waves hi to David

DavidW waves

BjB : we're just starting introductions, David

DanaMB: Hi! I'm Dana. I'm a middle school librarian that also hosts an after school writing club in MO

MaureenD: Hi...I am from Staten Island, NY and I teach 3rd and 4th grade

AmberN : Hello Everyone, I'm Amber from Indiana. I am an elementary education major at Franklin College.

DavidW: I'm David Weksler. I'm one of the HelpDesk volunteers for Tapped In and I'm

in New Jersey, near NYC

BjB : Does anyone do storytelling in their classroom?

SusanR : I'm Sue from Ottawa, Ontario. I teach on an occasional basis and facilitate the K to 3 Resource monthly sessions here at TI

DanaMB: Only when telling about my own mistakes in life...or research

BjB smiles and nods to Dana

MaureenD: Occasionally I do

AmberN : I do tell stories while student teaching, quite frequently!

BjB : I have a couple resources to share with you today.

DanaMB . o O (I'm ready)

BjB : I seem to be on a photography-as-story-starters kick, so bear with me, please

DanaMB dusts of the camera

BjB : is anyone familiar with earthshots.org?

DanaMB: no....

AmberN : nope!

BjB : I saw this photo and thought it would make such an interesting story

BjB . o O (a reminder to hold down the ctrl key when you click on the url)

BjB : <http://www.earthshots.org/2007/05/halfway-to-heaven-by-hario-seto-supranggono/>

BjB : earthshots has a photo of the day that you can subscribe to.

DanaMB: beautiful

BjB : National Geographic Magazine also has a photo site called Your Shot.

BjB : <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/your-shot/your-shot>

BjB : it's a digital dozen of photos

DavidW . o O (dozen digital photos?)

BjB . o O (is that a polecat in the bottom right?)

BjB nods to David...PA Dutch showing

BjB . o O (but I was also thinking of the digital dozen sites that ENC used to have)

DavidW: me, too

BjB : this is called the daily dozen

MaureenD: so do the pictures change everyday?

DanaMB giggles...pole cat

BjB : I think so...I haven't remembered to look every day

BjB winks at Dana. Thanks

BjB : any other questions or comments?

DanaMB: Do you use these as story starters?

BjB : I think they would be wonderful storystarters

BjB : any other ideas for them?

DanaMB: Can these photos be copied and used in the voicethread we used earlier this evening?

SusanR : class discussions

BjB : I think as long as you credit the photos

BjB nods to Sue

BjB : ready for the next resource?

MaureenD: yup

DanaMB: go for it!!

BjB . o O (now that I've got the photos out of my system)

BjB : this next site was posted to the Media Literacy site...

BjB : <http://snurl.com/visualmessages> [www_redorbit_com]

BjB : Seventh Grade Students and the Visual Messages They Love

BjB : there is one slight error in the text: "Unfortunately, to my disappointment, a copy editing mistake occurred in the publication of the article. It should have read the photo of Oprah's head was cropped on top of the body of actress Ann Margaret. The next sentence had information on the digital manipulation of Texas Governor Ann Richards' head on top of the body of another woman sitting on a motorcycle from the July 1992 cover of Texas Monthly. Somehow the two sentences became one and they lost their meaning, and I didn't catch it before it went to print."

BjB . o O (the author posted that info with apologies)

DanaMB: Lot's of ideas

BjB : here's another one on media literacy http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1571/is_38_16/ai_66241129

BjB . o O (what does the photo REALLY tell)

DavidW: really important concept to understand these days

BjB agrees with David

BjB : we could do a whole series of discussions on visual literacy!

BjB : But I'd like to talk about the recent Pangea Day. Did anyone view that presentation?

DanaMB: no...

BjB : <http://www.pangeaday.org/>

MaureenD didn't

BjB : very remarkable event!

BjB : most of the presentations are archived

BjB : I was in TI reception with several webheads from all around the world and we discussed the presentations as they occurred

BjB . o O (truly global collaboration on a global event)

DavidW smiles

DanaMB: wow...

BjB: the event was 4 hours long and I didn't think I'd be able to watch so much emotional/empathetic/inspirational/motivational stuff...

BjB: but I did...every second and it flew by

DanaMB: Anything that stuck out the most?

BjB: after the emotional impact settled, I sort of thought, oh, yeah...a bunch of peaceniks full of sound and fury that will last for one day and then nothing will be done

BjB: but I hope that enough people will carry the message forward and sustain the goals

SusanR: I just watched two films ... very emotional

BjB nods to Sue

BjB: <http://www.pangeaday.org/takeAction.php>

SusanR: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pangea_Day

BjB: I think our TI Festival qualifies as a contribution to the ideals of Pangea Day

DavidW agrees

BjB: the theme for this year's festival is Beyond Conflict: Building Peaceful Communities

DanaMB nods her head.

DanaMB: I liked the video of the ball.

SusanR: watch "Dancing Queen"

BjB: you miss a lot when there was no reflection or absorption time between presentations

BjB: it's really nice that there are archived videos

DavidW agrees

DanaMB: wonderful stories--I almost missed the last part of the Dancing Queen

DanaMB: Very good for Character Education

DanaMB: I need to go...

DanaMB waves good-bye

BjB : there are a lot of stories on the site that are good for char. ed

BjB waves bye to Dana. Thanks for coming

BjB : Does anyone have any final comments or questions?

DanaMB: This has been wonderful...I'm putting the picture sites in a folder for next years writing group!!

MaureenD: Thanks so much for the great resources

BjB smiles. Great, Dana

DanaMB: I'll share the character ed video's with the principal tomorrow.

BjB : you're welcome, Maureen

SusanR : Thank you BJ

DanaMB: Thanks, again!!!

BjB : you're welcome, Sue

SusanR : I have added them to my delicious account