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MaryTD joined the room.

KevanN: Hi Mary

KevanN: looking for the ArtsConnectEd session?

MaryTD: hi, sorry, I got stuck in traffic

MaryTD: I am

KevanN: well, you have found it!

KevanN: Have you used this resource before?

MaryTD: yes

KevanN: Great! How about sharing your background as far as teaching / level / location

MaryTD: I teach art in a k-8 school. I'm also the tech integration specialist.

MaryTD: I have been teaching art to children for over 20 years.

KevanN: OK! well there are lots of resources available to you here - which ones have you used before?

MaryTD: I like tech integration because it is about making learning accessible to all learners.

KevanN: Well, there are several tools under Topics in Focus in the Art Gallery that may be of interest to you...let's go there - click on the following link <http://artsconnected.org>

MaryTD: I use museum resources in both arenas because they are a great primary source, always current and beautiful!

KevanN: Click on the Art Gallery icon when you arrive at the site

KevanN: Then click on Topics in Focus (on the right)

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: alright - have you used the Artists Toolkit before?

MaryTD: yes

KevanN: How about World Myths and Legends?

MaryTD: no

KevanN: Well, that is a great site for cross-curricular types of learning - click on the sarcophagus icon

MaryTD: very cool

KevanN: This site allows you to explore art in terms of culture, theme and also do a compare and contrast.

MaryTD: this is great for 6th grade

KevanN: Great! Click on Compare and Contrast

KevanN: Compare and contrast will allow you to select two works and describe what it is that you see in them that make them similar and / or different from each other...

KevanN: They can also click on the more info button to be able to make their own writing more informative...

MaryTD: can they pick other items from the museum?

KevanN: In addition, the written comparisons can be printed

KevanN: At the moment they can only select from the ones posted here - that is going to change next year, however.

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: There will be a new and improved artsconnected coming out next fall

KevanN: OK... let's go back a screen and click on Themes

MaryTD: where?

KevanN: There are a series of themes here that can be investigated further to get additional background on the artwork and the people who created the work - see the Themes icon on the top right?

MaryTD: I think I am there

ChristiGst5 joined the room.

KevanN: OK...Try clicking on the Hero Myths

KevanN: Hi Christi

MaryTD: ok

ChristiGst5: Hi Kevan

ChristiGst5: Sorry I am late!

KevanN: We are exploring some of the features in ArtsConnectEd - go to <http://artsconnected.org> Christi

ChristiGst5: OK

KevanN: Then click on the Art Gallery Icon > then the Topics in Focus Icon > then the Myths and Legends icon

KevanN: Okay Mary, each of the artworks are linked to different points on the map and by clicking on the titles you get more info and links to explore

KevanN: Ok, let's take a look at the Art by Culture icon in Myths and Legends

KevanN: Here the artwork is broken into the various cultures that were responsible for their creation - more links are available by clicking on the culture icons

KevanN: At the bottom of each of the sections that you just looked at are additional links to more info that provides additional depth to the material

KevanN: How are you doing, Mary?

MaryTD: good. I like the way it is laid out.

MaryTD: I am beginning a unit on ancient Greece tomorrow. I'll have the students use this

KevanN: It is pretty user friendly and you can get as simplistic or complicated as you wish...have you ever used the Art Collector feature?

MaryTD: no, is there a way to get this info connected back to the artists tool box?

KevanN: The programs are self contained. However, Art Collector allows you to bring in images, text and links together into publishable and sharable collections. Would you like to try that?

MaryTD: sure

KevanN: OK! go back to the Art Gallery page (use the back button on your browser) and click on the box of marbles

KevanN: It is under the 'tools' menu bar

KevanN: Click on the marbles to go to a log in screen - you will need to create a user name and a password for creating your collection(s)

KevanN: Click on New Users Click Here to do this

MaryTD: I don't see the marbles

KevanN: Your New Users Name should be one that you wish to see your collections authored by ---are you in the Art Gallery?

MaryTD: yes, I think.

KevanN: Under where the Topics in Focus and the red dice is the Art Collector marble box

KevanN: OK?

MaryTD: got it

KevanN: ok! click on the marbles

MaryTD: ok, I have created a new log in

KevanN: At the next screen, click on where it says New Users Click Here

KevanN: ok - write that information down as there is no reminder function

MaryTD: I'm good

KevanN: OK....on the next page you will see a yellow ochre box with lots of pre-made collections that the museum has made by theme...

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: You are going to want to create your own I am guessing

MaryTD : right

KevanN: In the white box, then, type what you want your collection to be titled

MaryTD : ok

KevanN: then click on Start a New Collection underneath the box

MaryTD : ok

KevanN: Now, you have a couple of choices as to how you wish to start the collection...

KevanN: You may either start a word search for your images (the search looks at the Walker and the Mpls Institute of Art's works), or you can click the box that says add a text page

MaryTD : can I search ancient Greece?

KevanN: By adding a text page...

KevanN: sure - try it

MaryTD : I got a bust of George Washington.....

KevanN: I just did the same thing and I see that you only get 3 items

MaryTD : yeah

MaryTD : maybe pottery would work

KevanN: none of them appear to be ancient or Greek - that is because the word search only looked for those words as opposed to the actual work...

KevanN: I have another suggestion....

MaryTD : ok

KevanN: You can bring in images and text (and create links) using the internet...interested?

MaryTD : ok

KevanN: alright, click on add a text box back in your collection screen

KevanN: actually it says text page

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: That will bring up a blank page with a space for a title and an empty box...

KevanN: Now, we are going to want to do an online search...

KevanN: Open a new browser window to search in...

MaryTD: ok, I have a few

KevanN: that will give you one window with your collection still up

KevanN: OK...do a search for Ancient Greece or whatever you think is appropriate

MaryTD: got one

KevanN: Once you get to the site right click on an image that you wish to bring into the collection

KevanN: Scroll down to the properties menu and highlight the address of the image (it usually ends in a jpg or gif suffix)

MaryTD: can I do it from the google image search page, or do I have to click thru to the web site?

KevanN: google images don't usually make good links

KevanN: I would go to the site 9 times out of 10

MaryTD: ok. I am at the site

KevanN: ok - right click on an image you wish to use

KevanN: then go to the properties icon and copy the address

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: Once you have the image address copied, paste it into the text box

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: you will now need to use one of the 2 html commands you are going to be utilizing...

KevanN: in front of the address type <img src=

KevanN: note that there is a space between the 'g' and the 's'

MaryTD: that was my question

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: at the end of the address simply type >

KevanN: then, under the box click on where it says to use this text

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: your address will now appear as an image in the present page mode

MaryTD: perfect!

KevanN: ok...now we are going to do one more html exercise...

MaryTD: can I add text and more images?

KevanN: yes!

KevanN: go back to the website that you got the image from...

MaryTD: great

KevanN: copy the web site address from the browser bar...

MaryTD: is this chat stored somewhere?

KevanN: go back to the text page in your collection - click on the add text button that appears next to the dog eared page icon...

KevanN: If you are a member, the transcript will be emailed to you

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: click the add text function next to the dog eared page icon

KevanN: you will see that your original script for the image is still there...

MaryTD: I went back too far

KevanN: skip a couple of lines and paste the web address in that you just copied

KevanN: ok...go back to your collection - it will be on the editor page

KevanN: there is a blue bar at the top and bottom and you should have 1 page indicated in your collection so far

KevanN: Are you there?

MaryTD: no

KevanN: what are you looking at?

MaryTD: the first art collector page. editor doesn't open anything

KevanN: Do you see a 'back to list' link?

MaryTD: no

KevanN: ok...do this...go back to the art gallery page...

MaryTD: I think I am there. I clicked on retitle

KevanN: that's it!

MaryTD: I see the image

MaryTD: now I see back to list should I click?

KevanN: ok - click on back to list

MaryTD: ok

MaryTD: add text?

KevanN: click on the add text box at the bottom of the command column

KevanN: (under move)

KevanN: you should see the address of the image

MaryTD: got it

KevanN: Great! now paste your web site address in a couple of lines below the image address

KevanN: OK?

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: Good - now this is a bit more complicated of an html command, so bear with me...

MaryTD: you are very patient

KevanN: in front of the address type `<a href="`

KevanN: I do this a lot (chuckle!)

KevanN: `<a href="`

KevanN: note the space again between the 'a' and the 'h'

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: after the address, type `">`

KevanN: Then, type what you wish the link to say

KevanN: Click here, roses are red, the sky is falling - the computer doesn't care but your users might (grin)

KevanN: after the verbiage that you have selected, type ``

MaryTD: ok

KevanN: Once that is done, click on use this text

MaryTD: I see the code

KevanN: You should now see the image and the hyperlink (the underlined message)

KevanN: OK?

MaryTD: `<a href="`

MaryTD: I think the `http://` is missing

KevanN: that should come after the `"`

MaryTD: still see code

KevanN: go back and recopy the web site address and try again

KevanN: It might have not copied correctly

KevanN: it should look something like 'click here

KevanN: never mind the last line - I cannot type the code without the computer trying to read it

KevanN: OK - it might be easier for you to download the directions in my files in the office you are logged into

MaryTD: ok, I'll work on it tomorrow. Thanks for the private lesson. I like the feature. I have marked your office as a favorite and joined your blog. thanks, I'll be back>>>>>>>>>another session soon.

KevanN: Here is a collection that one of my students created in Art History:
<http://www.artsconnected.org/pub/MeganLewis38296.cfm>

MaryTD: thanks again, gotta be at work by 6 am. bye now

KevanN: Talk to you next time - look at October's calendar for the next session

KevanN: me too!

KevanN: Good night