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BernieD gazes into the almost empty hall.

KeithGst5 joined the room.

BernieD: Hi Keith.

BjB: are you here for the WebQuest discussion, Keith?

KeithGst5: yes

BernieD: I'm thinking that we could just chat a bit rather than do the session I prepared.

BjB: great! are you familiar with webquests, Keith?

KeithGst5: sounds good

BjB: sounds good to me too, Bernie

KeithGst5: no not really

BernieD: Ah. Well, why don't we look at one and then we can talk about it.

BernieD: <http://www.gc.peachnet.edu/library/amegaw/webquest/GW.htm>

KeithGst5: ok

BernieD: Click on the link and see what you can see.

BernieD: So, Keith. What do you think?

KeithGst5: I have heard so much about global warming and yet it seems as if nothing is ever being done besides recycling

BernieD: Yes, it will take more than that. What grade do you teach?

KeithGst5: 4-9 when I graduate

BernieD: So... you can see from this example that a WebQuest is a structured way to get kids to process complex information.

BernieD: It's not open-ended inquiry, but it gives them guidance in that direction.

BjB: are you taking a class with Jan Naher, Keith?

KeithGst5: right

KeithGst5: yes

BjB: cool

BjB . o O (Jan is terrific)

BernieD: Say hi to Jan from me. She took my online class years ago.

KeithGst5: I will do that, she was supposed to come to the discussion tonight

BernieD: Christmas shopping, no doubt.

KeithGst5: probably

BernieD: Let me give you another link, Keith.

BernieD: Go to <http://webquest.org>

KeithGst5: alright thanks

BernieD: Click on search

KeithGst5: ok

BernieD: type in some single word that is about a topic that interests you (or that you have to teach even if you're not interested in it)

BernieD: What word did you pick?

KeithGst5: I picked global warming

BernieD: Cool. So there are 3 more that you can look at.

BjB . o O (I tried visual literacy, but got no results)

KeithGst5: yeah, I was reading one now

BernieD: You'll have to write one, BJ.

BjB nods solemnly. I'll work on it

BjB . o O (it's added to my list of things to do)

BernieD: If you search for "kyoto" you'll find 3 more, 2 of which are related to global warming. It's useful to think of alternate search terms.

BernieD: Do you have any questions, Keith?

KeithGst5: no very neat stuff

KeithGst5: this will be very helpful in the future

BjB wonders if this is Keith's first chat

BernieD: Good. You'll have fun exploring.

KeithGst5: yes it is

BernieD: OK, this is the part where we ask you to provide your credit card numbers.

KeithGst5: you can have it but you can't put anything else on it, it won't fit

BernieD: Ah well. I'm still waiting for a flush newbie.

KeithGst5: it was worth a shot

BjB laughs

BernieD: With that crippled attempt at repartee, I think it's time to call it a day.

KeithGst5: sounds good thanks for the info

BjB: Thanks for being here, Bernie. Sorry there wasn't a better turnout

BernieD: Best of luck to you and happy holidays.

KeithGst5: Happy holidays to both of you as well

BjB: be safe

BernieD: Nite. Take care, BJ.