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DonnaH: "as always, we'll begin with introductions..."

DonnaH: My name is Donna Hendry, and I'm an educational consultant in Connecticut

LindaT: I'm Linda Townsend. I teach history and government in California.

DonnaH: "what grade?"

LindaT: Soph World History and Senior AP Government/Economics

DonnaH: (I've seen you over at the original TI, haven't I?)

JeffC: My name is Jeff Cooper, Ed Tech Specialist College of Education Pacific University.

LindaT: No, this is really my first time trying this.

DonnaH: huh. Your name sounds very very familiar:)

JeffC: Oooh... I have a cool program for you Linda.

LindaT: Great

DonnaH chuckles

JeffC: <http://www.educationalsimulations.com/>

LindaT: Thanks, I will check it out - we use a lot of simulations.

JeffC: It's called Real Lives... and it's a Sim game that you pretend to grow up *anywhere in the world*. Download it (free), test it, fill out a survey and you get one free complete copy with lessons.

JeffC: Sorry Donna...

JeffC: Back to Memorial Day

DonnaH: "not a problem:) sounds cool:)"

DonnaH: (my english students atm are wild for the Sims)

DonnaH: "anyway...we'll dig right in...the first site i want to share is :

DonnaH: <http://www.usmemorialday.org/>

DonnaH: Its an interesting site; but what i like is that they are trying to return Memorial Day back to the traditional day (31st)

DonnaH: they think it would be better remembered, rather than just another 3 day weekend.

DonnaH: whether you agree or not **shrug** it makes for interesting discussion/controversy.

JeffC: http://rats2u.com/calendar_mn/calendar_memorial_day.htm Memorial Day Greeting Cards

LindaT: It does have quite a few good links to other sites.

JeffC: <http://members.aol.com/vetsofamer/memday.htm> Memorial Day Resource Guide

JeffC is tossing up some links now... because he has to run soon.

DonnaH: fair enough...thanks for sharing, jeff.

DonnaH: "another favorite site...taking a look at Arlington Cemetery

DonnaH: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/>

DonnaH: "did you get that, Linda?

LindaT: Yes it is also interesting. Thanks

LindaT: Unfortunately in my high school we are deep into finals by Memorial Day - but some of the info. looks good for various wars

DonnaH: Would that be more useful, Linda?

LindaT: Yes

DonnaH: Here's one that works for both:)

DonnaH: <http://www.dday.org/home.html>

BeeD joined the room.

BeeD waves hi and quietly sits at the back

DonnaH: "Hi Bee:)

DonnaH: "we're just discussing Memorial day:)

MichaelG joined the room.

BeeD: Hello Donna...sorry if I' m late..cannot get used to all these time changes .-(

DonnaH: **chuckles** neither can i **laugh**

DonnaH: Hello, Michael:)

DonnaH: The next monument:

DonnaH: <http://thewall-usa.com/>

MichaelG: Hi just here for a few moments

DonnaH: "no problem:)

LindaT: Dday site is great - personal narratives, pictures, etc. Thanks

DonnaH: would you like my favorite memorial site?

LindaT: Yes

DonnaH: <http://www.wwiimemorial.com/>

DonnaH: since it isn't built yet, you could weave civics into it, let the students get involved.

DonnaH: (and the pictures are incredible; and they explain why the setting is the way it is due to the type of war it was.)

MichaelG: This is the first I have heard of the WW2 memorial.

DonnaH: and yes, i know i just messed that up totally.

LindaT: Did they decide where it will go yet?

DonnaH: ummm Tom Hanks i know was working on a national campaign to raise money for it.

DonnaH: (right after Saving Private Ryan came out)

LindaT: I think it was controversial - over how much of the mall it would take

DonnaH: I THOUGHT they had...but that is a thought...not a fact.

DonnaH: (I like controversy ***laugh*** gives the kids something to really discuss)

DonnaH: brings the war into a time period they can relate to as well.

MichaelG: Here is the location according to the web site: "The National Park Service, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission approved selection of the Rainbow Pool site at the east end of the Reflecting Pool between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. "

DonnaH: (nice to know I remembered right! **grin**)

LindaT: Good for you

DonnaH: tonight...that is a major accomplishment **laugh**

MichaelG: Thanks for letting me drop in. Goodnight.

DonnaH: Night, michael:)

MichaelG left the room (signed off).

BeeD: I have surfed thru a lot of good material on History Channel...there is a very good section with links where you can find letters from soldiers and from home...a bonus for foreign language teachers .-)

DonnaH: Thanks Bee:)

LindaT: Thanks for my introductory lesson - I really need to learn what the abbreviations mean.

DonnaH: have i been using abbreviations?

LindaT: No JeffC was.

DonnaH: i really try not too...I find they can be confusing; especially to new people

LindaT: Thanks for the tip. Goodnight

DonnaH: (bfn= bye for now:))