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FredS joined the room.

BJ waves hi to Fred

FredS: Hi BJ

BJ: shall we start with introductions?

FredS: Welcome to the Jigsaw Grouping Method Chat Session

LauraAH: I'm Laura, a 3rd grade teacher

RebeccaF: My name is Becky. I live in Orlando FL and am a full-time student. I taught for 20 years before that, though.

FerdiS: I'm Ferdi, and I teach music at an elementary school in Santa Fe

LauraAH: I live in San Diego and teach bilingual 3rd

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

LauraAH: It took my awhile to find this room, this is my 1st chat

FredS: I'm Fred Steinbroner and I run JigsawHelper.net which helps teachers use the Jigsaw Grouping Method and I also run NetHelp.org and teach Internet and Web page making classes at Boise State University

LauraAH: I am currently teaching a Native American Unit and am doing centers, but next time I want to do a jigsaw activity

FredS: Let's check out <http://www.JigsawHelper.net> and then come back with any questions

LauraAH: ok

BJ: click on the hyperlink, Laura

BJ: you will have a new webpage open for you...you'll still be here

FredS: Next let's check out the Jigsaw Grouping Helper with its Video Helpers for learning the steps of the Jigsaw Method - You may want to bookmark or favorite it - <http://www.jigsawhelper.net/jigsawgroupinghelper/>

BJ checks to see if everyone got that link?

RebeccaF Fred - I found a bad link on the page - the one to the link you just gave us - yours ended with .org, not .net

FredS: Yes, I know - My Web Server recently overflowed and I had to switch Servers and I'm still rebuilding my Sites

RebeccaF nods

LauraAH: ok, I am just checking back, but going back to the site to read some more, ok?

FredS: An example of a WebQuest that includes Jigsaw Grouping is BJ's Consumer Art WebQuest at <http://www.jigsawhelper.net/consumerart/>

FredS: I'll have to get the normal address of ConsumerArt.net back working again in a few days

LauraAH: The site seems to be designed for older students. Does anyone have experience trying this with 3rd graders?

LauraAH: I have so many varying reading levels in my classroom, that I am hesitating to try this.

BJ: you're right that that jigsaw activity was designed for older students

FredS: Another example of a WebQuest that includes Jigsaw Grouping is Sue Roseman's Viking Quest at <http://www.jigsawhelper.net/vikingquest/> and once again I'll have to get VikingQuest.net working again in a few days

BJ: but my students' reading levels vary from K - 12

LauraAH: ok, I'll check it out and come back

FredS: Any students that can read and understand the material should be able to use Jigsaw Grouping

FredS: Any questions?

RebeccaF: My question might be a little off-task, but....

RebeccaF: Just last night I was looking for a nice web resource to describe the different types of groupings, i.e. Jigsaw, Think - Pair Share, Think - Pair-Square, etc. Any suggestions?

FredS: Maybe I'll build a Website that teaches about the different types of cooperative learning methods

RebeccaF cheers

RebeccaF oO I can't believe there isn't one, already

FredS: or I could just add some more info about types of cooperative learning methods to my <http://www.cooplearn.com/> site

LauraAH: I liked the simplicity of the Viking quest

FredS: If anyone wants to email me info on any topic I'll be happy to build a WebQuest that includes Jigsaw Grouping for you - fred@jigsawhelper.net LauraAH: Wow! I'd love one on the regional Native Americans

FredS: Great Laura - Try to break the topic into about 4 or 5 equal stand alone parts and email me text and attached pictures

LauraAH: ok, I'll try to get that organized. I already have a power point presentation

FredS: Maybe you pick out different tribes or different aspects of native American life or ?

FredS: Great Laura - Just email me the PowerPoint file as an attachment

LauraAH: Yes, I am focusing on dwellings, clothes, food and differences among the regions

LauraAH: ok, it's a deal!

FredS: Great idea for breaking up the topic - sort of like the Viking Quest

FredS: but for native Americans

LauraAH: you are very kind, thanks

FredS: No problem Laura

LauraAH: ok, I'll be in touch

FredS: Great Laura - Just email me at fred@jigsawhelper.net

FredS: with your PowerPoint and ideas

BJ: we're almost at the end of our time...any other questions for Fred?

RebeccaF shakes her head "no"

LauraAH: I appreciate his input and offer to help me. This was great!

FredS: Happy to be of help - any more questions?

LauraAH: Goodnight to all...and to all a good night

LauraAH: I have to go a feed the family!

BJ waves bye to Laura

BJ: thanks, Fred

FredS: Goodnight