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BJ: If you have not read the 10 steps note above this chat window, please do so now so you can have a successful chat experience

DonnaH: First let me introduce myself and the session...My name is Donna Hendry, and I'm an educational consultant who lives in CT. IF you're here, I'm assuming you wish to participate in "technology in the classroom"

DonnaH: to help me help you, and to create a sense of community, we like all members in a session to introduce themselves as well:)

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

TeacherGst1: my name is Katherine Brown, I teach 8th grade English in Louisiana

MiguelB: I'm Mike from San Antonio, I teach Social Studies 9-12 in a Nova Net lab with three other core teachers.

MarkAH: I'm a teacher educator at the University of Oregon. I teach technology courses to preservice teachers

RobinF: I just got my credential and am looking to teach middle school math

RobinF: in San Diego

GeorginaN: Hi everyone, Hi Donna, I met you the other day in a session....I'm an Eng sec language teacher in Australia developing online provision with indigenous youth

DonnaH: "hi Georgina! Glad you could make it back:)"

GeorginaN: thanks...I've had all sorts of tech issues this morning so hopefully I'll stay with you

DonnaH: Since in my sessions, the demographic tends to be...well...all over the place *grin*, I usually start off asking if anyone has something they'd like to discuss (if not, I'm happy to go with a topic I've planned:))

DonnaH: *hums the Jeopardy tune, and assumes the silence means no one has any particular area they'd like to discuss tonight *chuckle*

GeorginaN: ready for some stimulus

RobinF: I'm ready

DonnaH: All right. I'm going to head behind the teacher's desk tonight...what I want to share are things that help YOU rather than your students.:)

DonnaH: There are many sites that help you create things you need in class...from worksheets, to organizers, to online grading systems and websites.

DonnaH: And because I'm cheap (really REALLY cheap) I never catalogue a site that requires money *laugh*

GeorginaN: excellent!

MiguelB: you're my kinda woman!

DonnaH: first up...this site has a LOAD of free worksheets...math, grammar and phonics...good for all different levels...

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

DonnaH: I've used it personally...I have yet to find any errors in their stuff...and its good solid and fits into many different curriculums.

DonnaH: (I've often used the grammar pages as DOL at the beginning of class)

GeorginaN: sorry...DOL?

DonnaH: Umm Daily Oral Language...

GeorginaN: ok

DonnaH: but many teachers I know use it as a quick review of grammar rules.

DonnaH: usually only a sentence or two, for students to find errors in and edit to make them correct.

DonnaH: ready for the next? or are we still surfing this site?

RobinF: bookmarked and ready for the next

GeorginaN: thanks

DonnaH: okay. This is one of my favorites...printable flashcards...from ALL different disciplines...from k up to highschool and beyond...

DonnaH: You can also create your own with their program (that is online)

DonnaH: <http://flashcardexchange.net/>

DonnaH: (everything is set to print 3X5 index cards automatically....not sure of the European size on those)

DonnaH: (any comments?)

MiguelB: Excellent! We can use them in our classes (Social Studies)

GeorginaN: very comprehensive and great for creating own lists

JulieE joined the room.

DonnaH: The next one...I like it...but I personally have had a bit of trouble with it...perhaps it was the browser, I'm not entirely

certain...<http://www.educationalpress.org/educationalpress/>

DonnaH: I especially like the bingo boards, as I haven't seen another site do these.

DonnaH: (move on?)

RobinF: sounds good

DonnaH: <http://www.venndiagram.com/venn01.html> I'll admit, I'm a Venn diagram freak...I think its one of the better ways to get the kids thinking using higher order functions...

RobinF: that is so cool. That could apply to so many topics

DonnaH: Next stop...this site is unique for a few different "generators" one...you can create timelines...

DonnaH: http://www.teach-nology.com/web_tools/materials/

DonnaH: I have a great site that has graphic organizers in Spanish:)

DonnaH: (put it in for the transcript anyway....<http://www.eduplace.com/kids/hml/ayudas/index.html>)

MarshaR: amazing

DonnaH: for a bit younger audience (mid elem) you can take a look here...<http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/>

DonnaH: Story Map 1 on there? I use extensively. I used it with middle schoolers this year...instead of doing it for the whole book, we did one for each chapter, which gave them an excellent starting place to summarize the book.

RobinF: that is so cool

DonnaH: It really helped them to see the movement in a novel. worked out extraordinarily well.

DonnaH: (it was a godsend with "Lord of the Flies" really helped them keep stuff straight.)

RobinF: I will use this one often

DonnaH: *smiles*

DonnaH: more of a PD site, than a warehouse of goodies, its still worth a look:

<http://www.graphic.org>

DonnaH: (do we still have anyone who would have need of Citations? (works cited, etc)

MarshaR: I have to teach all the boring components of computers (hardware and software) and good resources for that?

MiguelB: I practiced using inspiration this summer and I found it to be cool. There is also a Kidspiration for elementary and I think middle.

MarshaR: We use citation machine

DonnaH: One you pay for? or a free one?

MarshaR: a free one

DonnaH: I know a lot of people like Kidspiration...I don't. I like the regular inspiration better.

MiguelB: We used one that you need the lic for use.

DonnaH: *nods* would you like to see others, Marsha?

DonnaH: (like I said...I'm cheap *laugh*

MarshaR: I agree with liking inspiration better than kidspiration.

MarshaR: sure

MiguelB: I enjoyed learning how to use inquiry to begin and then transform it into an outline form.

DonnaH: <http://medlib.med.utah.edu/navigator/module3/citation-tool.htm>

DonnaH: (free and includes the most type of formats...I usually have to use MLA)

DonnaH: Now...I could share Discovery Channel's Classroom...but usually people know this one...opinions?

MarshaR: yes I know this...especially Kathy Schrock's part

DonnaH: (I quite often use the crossword builder) I use it for vocab tests. I've found the kids really liked doing it this way.

MarshaR: Thanks and gotta go eat dinner. See you!!!

DonnaH: *chuckles*

DonnaH: Thanks for coming, Marsha:)

MarshaR: bye

MarshaR left the room (signed off).

DonnaH: Well, Robin Mike...its down to 2 *grin* anything you can think of you'd like to ask? like to find? wish you knew?

MiguelB: I've been out of the tech class due to my evening schedule and I plan to be here more.

RobinF: I don't know . . . I [think the] sites you have given are very helpful

DonnaH: *smiles*

MiguelB: At least till December!!!

DonnaH: I appreciate hearing that...I've been doing these for 3 years now...and while everyone else is still very enthusiastic...I've been waning...it really helps to hear how it helps everyone:)

MiguelB: I plan to take this to my CIC's and see if they can implement it into our staff development

DonnaH: (CIC?)

BJ: are you familiar with MarcoPolo?

MiguelB: That was another site we used during Summer but it was very limited.

RobinF: Donna, I looked on you profile to get your email - is it okay if I contact you for future questions?

MiguelB: The presenter said it was better than the one we were using.

BJ: MarcoPolo has some great resources...for a variety of topics

BJ: <http://www.marcopolo-education.org/>

MiguelB: We did a lesson using palms called cooties!

BJ: check out the partners

DonnaH: absolutely, Robin

DonnaH: (otherwise it would seem pretty silly to have it there *giggle*...but thank you for asking:))

RobinF: thank you

DonnaH: some heavy hitters, Bj:)

BJ agrees with Donna.

DonnaH: (times almost up...any questions/concerns?)

RobinF: no

BJ: thanks, Donna.

RobinF: well, I am going to go

RobinF: thanks again

DonnaH: Thanks for coming, Robin:)!

BJ waves goodnight

DonnaH: "goodnight, Mike:)