

**Title of Session:** Web 2.0 Tools for Schools  
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Room: Web 2.0 Tools Group

**DebbieB** joined the room.

**BJB2** waves hi to Debbie

**BJB2:** here for Web 2.0?

**DebbieB:** hi. I am new to this type of learning

**DebbieB:** yes, please

**BJB2:** welcome to the Tapped In community, Debbie!

**DebbieB:** Thank you

**BJB2:** I'm going to give you two suggestions before we begin...

**BJB2:** go to the Actions menu in the top right of your chat and select larger text

**BJB2:** and then take a look at the resources that are posted on the welcome screen above the chat

**DebbieB:** Am I able to stay in this chat at the same time I look at the resources?

**BJB2:** yep

**BJB2:** just don't click on any doors

**DebbieB:** Thank you

**SusanR** joined the room.

**BJB2** waves hi to Sue.

**BJB2:** Debbie is new to Tapped In, Sue.

**SusanR:** Welcome Debbie

**BJB2:** Debbie, the regular discussion leader is not able to log in today. Sue and I will be

covering

**BJB2:** We usually start all Tapped In discussions with introductions. Can you please tell us where you are located and what you teach?

**BJB2:** I'm in Pennsylvania and am a retired communication and art teacher

**DebbieB:** No problem. I am in Wisconsin and I teach 6th grade LA

**SusanR:** I am in Ottawa, Ontario Canada and I sub

**BJB2:** did you join Tapped In as part of a course requirement, Debbie?

**SusanR:** I moderate the K to 3+ Great Resources sessions here

**DebbieB:** Yes, we were required to visit. I liked it and joined

**BJB2** smiles happily...how lovely, Debbie!

**BJB2:** did you get a chance to look at the stuff on the welcome screen?

**SusanR:** We are a friendly and supportive community.

**BJB2** . o O ( quick look )

**BJB2** agrees with Sue

**DebbieB:** I did a quick look as well. Thank you for being so kind.

**BJB2:** I'd like to show you how to join this group, Debbie...

**BJB2:** because as a member of the group you will be subscribed to the discussion board where the group leader posts reminders of upcoming events

**DebbieB:** How does joining help me?

**DebbieB:** I should have waited.

**BJB2** smiles...or I need to learn to type faster!

**DebbieB:** lol

**SusanR:** notification of upcoming topics and sessions

**BJB2:** above this chat is a welcome note.

**BJB2:** scroll down to the next to the last sentence, This is the group room for Web 2.0 Tools for Schools and click on the green i in that sentence

**BJB2:** you should then see the group ID page above this chat

**BJB2:** select join this group

**BJB2 . o O** ( joining a group doesn't require anything from you )

**DebbieB:** I have successfully joined this group

**BJB2:** and there are not a great deal of posts to the discussion board

**BJB2:** great!

**BJB2:** now click on Room View at the top of your screen

**BJB2:** that brings you back to the welcome screen

**DebbieB:** Yeah!

**BJB2:** in the top right of your screen is a drop down menu next to the Go! button

**BJB2:** drop that menu down and you'll see this group is now listed

**BJB2 . o O** ( so joining a group automatically adds the group to your favorite places list )

**SusanR** claps for Debbie

**BJB2:** you can use that menu to move to any location listed from any location in Tapped In

**DebbieB:** I wrote this group down two weeks ago and I logged in earlier just to make sure I could find it. Now I do not have to search for it. Thanks

**BJB2:** now that we've got the basics finished....go to the Actions menu and select DETACH

**EmilyW** joined the room.

**SusanR:** hi Emily

**BJB2** waves hi to Emily

**EmilyW** waves hi

**BJB2:** detach makes the chat much larger and easier to follow

**BJB2:** ok, Debbie?

**DebbieB:** I am all set!

**BJB2:** Sue, ready to dazzle Debbie? ;-)

**SusanR:** perfect!!!

**BJB2:** Lynne did post one site she wanted to share tonight

**BJB2:** I'm going to show you a url. When you see it hold down the ctrl key on your keyboard when you click on the url

**BJB2:** [http://astore.amazon.com/woltersconsul-20?\\_encoding=UTF8&node=5](http://astore.amazon.com/woltersconsul-20?_encoding=UTF8&node=5)

**BJB2:** the ctrl key overrides pop up blockers

**SusanR:** I have The Networked Student to share ..a Common Craft style video

**BJB2:** and a new window should open for you

**BJB2:** . o O ( this is a fun site...not very web 2.0, but good for the time of year )

**BJB2:** I want the Indiana Jones hat

**SusanR:** now what catches my eye here

**BJB2:** a personal planetarium might be fun!

**DebbieB:** I like the programmable scrolling LED name tag

**BJB2:** laughs...I was just looking at that!

**BJB2:** very cool!

**DebbieB:** The portable backup system will come in handy if and when we get the 12 inches of snow they are calling for tonight.

**BJB2:** oh, gracious!

**BJB2:** a white Christmas?

**BJB2:** a snow day?

**SusanR:** we are expecting 50 cm in some areas

**DebbieB:** We already have over 24 inches on the ground. We already had one snow day we do not expect another. We have a long winter ahead of us.

**EmilyW:** haven't seen much snow yet

**DebbieB:** Emily where are you?

**BJB2:** we're a little too far south. We'll get some snow, but will turn to rain/freezing rain

**EmilyW:** DC

**BJB2:** Sue has some sites to share that are a little more serious.

**SusanR:** Have you heard of the Common Craft videos

**BJB2:** . o O ( but I'll have to look more closely at that name tag )

**BJB2:** please tell us more, Sue

**SusanR:** If you aren't familiar with it, it takes complex ideas and breaks them down into something that is simple and manageable in video format.

**SusanR:** The videos are short and sweet but you always finish with a more clear understanding of whatever it is that is being presented.

**SusanR:** Videos on the Common Craft Show range from "Electing a President in Plain English" to "Wikis in Plain English".

**SusanR:** Most of the videos are related to technology

**DebbieB:** I want to see the Wikis in Plain English.

**BJB2:** is there a fee?

**SusanR:** no fee they are free

**SusanR:** Here is an example that could be used with grade 5/6 students

**SusanR:** Web Search Strategies in Plain English

**SusanR:** they all follow the same format

**SusanR:** <http://commoncraft.com/web-search-strategies>

**BJB2:** who does the videos?

**SusanR:** good question

**BJB2:** members of their 'explainers network' :-)

**SusanR:** Emily, can you answer that

**BJB2:** <http://www.commoncraft.com/network>

**EmilyW:** I have no clue

**SusanR:** btw there is a fee for site licensing

**DebbieB:** Am I able to stream this site at my school do you think without purchasing it?

**DebbieB:** View like I did just now?

**SusanR:** It is best to embed the code in your blog

**DebbieB:** Great idea. This way my students can view it at home as well.

**BJB2:** look at <http://commoncraft.com/> There is an explanation in that video

**EmilyW** left the room (signed off).

**SusanR:** and here is the explainer network

**SusanR:** <http://www.commoncraft.com/network>

**DebbieB:** I started the Wikis in Plain English. I have seen this before in another class I took at my school. I will use this when we start our shared story writing in a wiki

**BJB2:** good idea, Debbie

**MarleneK** joined the room.

**BJB2:** Hi, Marlene!

**MarleneK:** Hi, sorry to be late.

**SusanR:** Here is an actual project completed by Wendy Drexler's high school

**SusanR:** using the Common Craft style

**BJB2** . o O ( Lynne isn't able to join us tonight. Sue and I are filling in )

**MarleneK** nods.

**SusanR**: It is embedded on Kathy Shrock's site

**SusanR**: It fits with tonight's topic

**SusanR**: It is called The Networked Student..see what you think

**SusanR**: <http://kathyschrock.net/blog/2008/12/networked-student.html>

**SusanR** . o O ( note the comments too )

**MarleneK** shall have to peek at that later, everything seems to be running slow tonight.

**DebbieB**: At this time my school is not able to do most of what is displayed in the video. I wonder if my high school has this capability?

**BJB2**: why is your school not able to do most of what is displayed, Debbie?

**BJB2** . o O ( Debbie is in a middle school )

**DebbieB**: We are working on improving the data connections. My students at this time are not allowed to have email or access anything or anyone externally. I work on this each month.

**BJB2**: Sue showed us a way for students to use an online site to send work home from school

**BJB2** . o O ( but don't think the site worked in reverse yet )

**BJB2**: Debbie, you also might want to look into creating a student classroom in the K-12 Student Campus of Tapped In

**DebbieB**: I am hoping to use Google Docs some day so we can have access both ways.

**DebbieB**: I am looking into Tapped In as well. It is on my list for over the holiday break

**BJB2**: this would allow your students to learn to be accountable and use online social networking in a safe and secure way

**BJB2** . o O ( kind of hard to learn to drive a car if you don't have a car in which to practice )

**SusanR**: I am feeling a sense of web 2.0 fatigue amongst teachers

**DebbieB:** My goal is for my students to see the importance of using the internet and their writing skills at the same time. Not only text messaging language but actually writing something in regular English

**BJB2** nods. the students can upload text docs or use the threaded discussion board for reflective writing

**BJB2** . o O ( you can also collaborate with another class in your district or in another district to have book reviews, lit circles, etc )

**DebbieB:** All great ideas. I am writing down everything.

**BJB2** smiles. You do know about the transcripts?

**DebbieB:** Obviously NO

**BJB2:** when you log out you will automatically be emailed a transcript of this text chat

**MarleneK:** Deb, what about using something like Voice Thread in your Literacy Circles, you can use text comments instead of voice.

**DebbieB:** Yeah! lol

**BJB2:** the script is sent to the email you have in the member directory

**BJB2:** ahhh...and, if you create a student classroom and your students log in and have a real time text chat, their transcripts are emailed to you.

**SusanR** . o O ( and now they have video )

**SusanR:** in VoiceThread

**BJB2:** when you create a voice thread, is it located at a url?

**SusanR:** yes

**DebbieB:** I love all the possibilities

**BJB2:** so we could post voice threads in Tapped In?

**SusanR:** I believe so ..and now they have an ed version

**SusanR:** <http://www.edutopia.org/voicethread-interactive-multimedia-albums>

**MarleneK:** Deb, Mapwing is another easy to use site that allows for the opportunity for creative writing.



**DebbieB:** I subscribe on my reader for edutopia and love their articles. I will look into mapwing

**SusanR:** Talk to us about mapwing, Marlene.

**BJB2** thinks our time is about up. I hope you enjoyed the discussion, Debbie.

**DebbieB:** Marlene before you go did you do the ribbon snake entry?

**BJB2:** Thanks, Sue and Marlene, for contributing to the resources.

**BJB2** waits for Marlene to answer Sue's request and Debbie's question

**DebbieB:** Thank you all for my first session on Tapped In. I loved it and will be back.

**SusanR:** Thanks for your participation.

**BJB2:** I also suggest you come back to this room when you have time, Debbie, and look more closely at the resources Lynne has provided

**DebbieB:** Good idea! I hope Marlene is the one who did Zucchini the Ribbon Snake. It is cute

**MarleneK:** Deb, Yes that one is mine

**MarleneK:** Sorry my connection is really slow tonight.

**MarleneK:** Did Grade 1 Tree as well.

**DebbieB:** Thank you all. I must sign off now. Thank you again

**BJB2** waves goodnight to Debbie

**SusanR:** I am looking at mapwing..thanks

**BJB2:** happy holidays

**DebbieB** left the room (signed off).

**BJB2:** and everyone be safe in the coming storms

**MarleneK:** Goodnight and have a safe and happy holiday season.

**SusanR:** Thanks

**BJB2** . o O ( didn't we do a session with mapwing? )

**MarleneK**: Yes, it should be archived

**SusanR** : not that I am aware of

**BJB2**: <http://tappedin.org/archive/transcripts/mst/2007/20070212mapwing.pdf>

**SusanR** : I would love to see the transcript

**BJB2**: voila!

**MarleneK**: The easiest way to learn how to do a tour, is to make one!

**MarleneK**: Kids can grab pictures from the internet to use in their tours.

**SusanR** : That will be on my xmas holiday agenda

**BJB2** nods to Marlene. Great, Susan.

**MarleneK**: Or you can scan their own drawings if you have a scanner or use drawings from Google SketchUP

**SusanR** : can you upload pics too

**MarleneK**: nods

**BJB2**: ok, gals...bedtime for BJ

**MarleneK**: Because each point on the tour can have 4 or 5 directional points on it.. kids could make a choose your own adventure story.

**SusanR** takes a second look

**MarleneK**: story... where they could all start out writing one story but take it on different paths

**MarleneK**: Or a problem solution type of story for conflict resolution

**BJB2**: great small group project

**MarleneK**: Alright... goodnight folks :) and take care.

**BJB2** waves goodnight