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LynneW: Welcome to this month's session. I am the owner/facilitator for this group.

JeffC: A note for all members... you'll automatically receive a transcript of this session after you log out. For those who are guests and want to save the session, before you logout click the Actions link in the upper right of this chat, then "send to pasteboard"... then copy/paste the text into an email to yourself.

LynneW: I am an ed tech teacher educator and come to you from Vancouver WA USA

LynneW: Thank you Jeff

BarbaraKS: Welcome to Texas

LynneW: In no particular order, please introduce yourselves. Tell us where you are from, your affiliation with education, grade level/content area.

SusanSi: I teach 4th grade in beautiful, rural NE Texas-math, science, TX History

LynneW: Welcome

SamRu: I am a 9-12 computer teacher in Cleveland, OH

LynneW: Welcome

MichelleP: Michelle from Kettering OH, High school science teacher-Chemistry/Biology

LynneW: Welcome

KathyRi: Dayton, Ohio: math/special ed teacher at the high school lever

JudyW: I teach 4th language arts in rural East Texas School.

LynneW: Welcome, welcome

LynneW: Welcome

KarenH: Hello, I'm a student teacher from Houston Texas. Early childhood through grade 4.

LoriDD: Grade 6-8 teaching the low academic achievers in jeopardy of retention in West Haven, Connecticut

MtT: I teach ninth grade English (foundation) Delray Beach Florida

KihongB: Hi, I guess I'm the only non-teaching related person here. I am with a Web 2.0 company called Musicshake. Based in LA.

EllenR: I'm a librarian at a private elementary school in Dallas, TX and am working on my master's in learning technology.

BarbaraKS: I teach 5th grade reading in East Texas

LynneW: Welcome

JeffVad: I am a recovering technology worker in the SF Bay Area learning about technology in the classroom

MarleneK: Hi there, I'm an elem and middle school teacher from Edmonton, Alberta

JeffC: I'm on Tapped In Helpdesk, in Forest Grove Oregon.

MtT: I also have a masters in integrating technology in the curriculum

VarisaU: I am doing my master in instructional technology

LynneW: Welcome

VarisaU: this is my second time for Tapped In

LynneW: A very quick check-in. Were there particular types of tools you were interested in? Do you have a challenge you hope to solve? What did you want from this session?

BarbaraKS: my first

LynneW: Just chime in.

LynneW: Hey Rolly - welcome

KathyRi: my first also. I'm just getting my feet wet and seeing what Tapped In offers

RollyM: hello

KihongB: I wanted to get a sense of what tools are becoming popular these days

VarisaU: I have to do CBI project and I hope I can get a lot of useful website for my project

KarenH: I'm just looking for great resources I can use in the classroom.

BarbaraKS: I just learned about Jing in class

KihongB: we are all about web 2.0 music so am curious to find out other technologies out there

LynneW: Rolly, please introduce yourself - where from, role in ed tech

RollyM: I'm preparing materials for a web 2.0 class for my colleagues

RollyM: ok

JudyW: I want to learn how to use technology to make learning meaningful to 4th graders who play video games all the time.

SamRu: I'm interested in putting overlays in video footage

EllenR: I would like to learn about the various Web 2.0 tools. I've only used Jing and Voicethread.

RollyM: Director of Technology and Computer teacher (IBCS and Computer applications)

RollyM: from tiny island of Guam in the Pacific

LynneW: It is an honor to have each of you here today.

RollyM: Been in educational technology for 10 years

LoriDD: I am working on a technology portfolio while working toward a 6th year degree in educational leadership. Would like to discuss some tools that can be utilized in a classroom with low motivated students

LynneW: Jeff C has a resource he would like to share with us before he has to go.

BarbaraKS: yes me too

JeffC: ok... be sure to hold the Ctrl key down when clicking

JeffC: or else your popup blocker will log you out

VarisaU: I'm glad I have entered this room. It is an honor for me to be here

JeffC: or turn off your popup blocker or accept popups from this site (best)

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

JeffC: Shmoop is an excellent site for teachers and students.

LynneW: Why?

JeffC: it's currently in beta... it covers many of the books/poems and history lessons that middle and high school students cover.

JeffC: and... in a way that's open ended, thought provoking, higher end thinking skills.

VarisaU: I checked this website yesterday; it is really interesting

RollyM: looks interesting -- nice main page design

LynneW: Please take a couple of minutes to check out the site - bookmark it if you wish and then come back and let me know you have returned.

JeffC: it's not a site where you're going to plagiarize a paper... but it is a site where if you've missed something, you can get plot summaries, character analysis, themes, settings, etc.

LoriDD: Jeff - does it provide lesson plans?? or text??

JeffC: it's all text...

JeffC: it doesn't present itself in a lesson plan format per se...

JeffC: but... you could easily use the site for your lessons.

RollyM: looks like a good educational foundation from the leaders: "Shmoop content is written primarily by Ph.D. and Masters students from top universities, like Stanford, Berkeley, Harvard, and Yale. Many of our writers have taught at the high school and college levels. We hold ourselves to the highest academic standards. We source our work (see the "Citations" tab in each history section, or in-line citation links throughout our literature and poetry content). Teachers and students should feel confident to cite Shmoop as a source in essays and papers."

RollyM: from their "About" page

JeffC: register there... you may add to discussions, create your own folders, etc.

JeffC: yup

LoriDD: This could be an interesting site to pass along to my colleagues thanks

JeffC: that's "shmoop" in a nutshell! and since it covers many books (and growing all the time) that are standards in middle and high school... i think it's very useful for language arts teachers. since it also covers U.S. History... it is also useful for social science teachers.

VarisaU: My project is about conjunctions used in writing. I might be able to pull some paragraph from there to use as examples

JeffC: next month we'll look at it in depth in WriteTalk.

LynneW: WriteTalk is another special interest group here in Tapped In.

VarisaU: Really..I might come back then

JeffC: March 12th at 6p.m. Pacific.

MtT: I also have one I give my students

<http://www.mywebspiration.com/?gclid=COPvn8T16ZgCFRadnAodkChD1g> - this lets students map, visually diagram and outline (like inspiration) but free

JeffC: There is also a Shmoop room here (under construction... there's a Passageway there from this room, but don't use it now).

LynneW: Yes, this is the beta of Inspiration on the Web. I spoke with the folks at Inspiration about the site and they claim it is intended for business customers and will be a pay to use site when the Beta is completed.

VarisaU: I can't click on the links; have to type all in

LynneW: Hold down the control key and click

LynneW: Thank you Jeff for sharing Shmoop with us.

JeffVad: the control-click does not work for me...I am using a second computer to see the links now

KarenH: Shmoop looks like it could be very useful for general knowledge.

JeffC: yup

LoriDD: Mt- can you explain more about how your students use that website?

LynneW: Mt thank you for highlighting Webspiration. This is a wonderful tool also.

LynneW hopes Mt will respond to Lori

KihongB: does anybody have a need for an easy music creation tool for in class projects?
www.musicshake.com lets you create you own music

MarleneK: I checked out the poem called The Raven... the "in a Nutshell" is a very easy read.. and makes me want to read the poem.

MtT: my students use it for literature when they create character relationships - as a venn type of diagram and they are also using it to organize their research papers -so many of them are visual and when they can 'see' it they can organize it better

VarisaU: The Webspiration is good too. It's like Inspiration8 program

LoriDD: Thank you. Seems very useful

LynneW: Is Musicshake a free tool or pay for service tool?

KarenH: Is it too difficult for third or fourth graders to use?

MichelleP: I use Webspiration often with my science students.

KihongB: so the application is actually free to use

KihongB: you can make music and share them for free

VarisaU: I didn't know there are a lot of website provide all these

KihongB: but if you want to download as mp3, there's a \$0.99 fee

VarisaU: I think it can be useful for almost every subject

KihongB: it's very very easy and intuitive. 4th graders will definitely enjoy, especially if they are into gaming

EllenR: I teach music also, and I will definitely look into musicshake.com

LynneW: Having students create music - particularly for presentations, etc. is a great way to avoid copyright issues.

KarenH: Great!

MtT: since I teach 9th grade, one of my goals is to make my students computer and multimedia literate as their world is a 'multimedia message' and not the old style of just papers... always working with some of the standard tools in different ways - such as

powerpoint as a 'flipbook' cartoon

JeffC: There is also a Musicshake group room here, and there will soon be a Calendared event. [Ed. Note: Musicshake is on the calendar for Wednesday, March 11, 5pm PDT]

VarisaU: It's like having a secretary arrange your thoughts

KihongB: thanks Jeff for mentioning the group room :)

JeffC heads out the door... soccer dad is needed... back in a few.

LynneW waves bye

KihongB: yes, the copyright issue can be a hassle with music these days

JeffC: yw

KihongB: but musicshake makes all the samples so there's not copyright infringement issues

RollyM: any tips for materials, sites to go to for preparing to teach a Web 2.0 Intro class to fellow-teachers?

LynneW: Yes

LoriDD: Musicshake is interesting and I think I can pass it on to our computers teacher as they are incorporating their mp3's and ipods into the curriculum.

MarleneK: Kids could create their own musc clips for use in podcasts that they create.

KihongB: yes. we've seen a lot of kids create music for their videos, slideshows, ppt presentations

LynneW: Any other comments about Musicshake before we move on?

MarleneK: Or as background music for a script... cool site.

KihongB: even burn a CD and give as gifts for Christmas

LynneW: You are each making great connections to how these resources can be used in the classroom.

VarisaU: is it ok to burn the CD from there?

LynneW: Now, I want to have you focus on the resources that reside in this group room.

KihongB: yes, as long as you purchase the mp3s

Lynne W: The group room is open 24/7

VarisaU: I see.

LynneW: Where we are now.

VarisaU: I'm sorry to interrupt

LynneW: Under LINKS are folders of many, many Web 2.0 resources.

LynneW: They are organized by type/function

RollyM: ok thanks

KihongB: thanks Lynne

KihongB: I've checked out some of them. Very useful

LynneW: You are welcome to come here any time and to add new resources that you become aware of.

LynneW: For today, I have chosen some specific resources.

KihongB: can we add them ourselves?

Lynne W: Since your grade level focus runs the spectrum, so will these sites.

LynneW: Kihong, I think you can add them.

KihongB: Thank u~

LynneW: Let me clarify where these resources are located.

VarisaU: Thank you

MtT: I am happy to have found this room as it fits perfectly into my goals for my curriculum next year and have already bookmarked a couple I want to play with

LynneW: On the main page of this group room you will notice a small classroom graphic - upper left

LynneW: Just below the graphic are links to various tools within the group room.

VarisaU: Ok I found it

LynneW: The resources are located under LINKS

LynneW: Great

VarisaU: Will all these be available after this?

LoriDD: thanks

LynneW: As I share some new tools today - please take a quick look and then come back here to discuss how the tool may be used in the classroom.

LynneW: Yes 24/7 all the time

VarisaU: thanks

LynneW: <http://brainify.com/>

LynneW: Go check out Brainify

SamRu: Brainify is a great way to store resources in a place students can access from outside school. They don't need access to files that are saved on the school's network

KihongB: this is cool

KihongB: can you publish your library on other social networks?

LynneW: Sometimes using these tools inside school helps get around the severe restrictions on access.

LynneW: I don't know, that is a great question.

LynneW: I'm sure you can always link to it

EllenR: I am supposed to use Zamzar for one of my classes. Has anyone else used this before?

MichelleP: can students use this to organize for a group project so that all have access?

SusanSi: This is only for university students or professors?

LynneW: No, it is open to anyone.

LynneW: Very nice online utility.

KarenH: Lynne is this site for upper grades? Middle and High School?

VarisaU: Yes it is

LynneW: Helps you convert various document types.

VarisaU: I think it's for every grade

LynneW: This is especially helpful if you receive student work on software that you don't personally own.

KarenH: Any resources for elementary teachers?

VarisaU: I just had problem changing from Pdf to Word

LynneW: Tools like Zamzar are Web 2.0 tools that can be used by teachers and/or students.

KihongB: zamzar is really cool!

KihongB: just blows my mind what you can do with technology these days..

LoriDD: Was unable to continue with original chat when I went to classroom icon. but interesting things to check out later

JudyW: what is zamzar?

KihongB: although I am also in the field...things just move too fast!

LynneW: Typically, these tools require you to do a simple registration.

LynneW: I suggest you create an email account (gmail is a good one) just for these types of registrations.

LynneW: There are no costs associated with the tools we explore in this group.

KarenH: Good suggestion.

VarisaU: Did anyone check out the clips from the website?

LynneW: I try very hard to test out my recommended sites and watch for virus problems or spamming, etc. before I share them.

LynneW: Let's move to another site. Are you ready?

SamRu: Sure

MichelleP: yes

JudyW: Ready.

BarbaraKS: please

KihongB: sure

VarisaU: yes

KathyRi: yes

KarenH: Ready.

MarleneK nods.

LynneW: There are many sites that are a compendium of useful Web 2.0 tools. This is one of them. <http://wigflip.com/>

LynneW: Go check it out and let me know when you have returned.

LoriDD: sorry to make you repeat, but how to I go to that link and still be able to enter this room.

VarisaU: I'm make my own animated text icon

LynneW: Lori, try using the shift key when you click on the link.

SamRu: The street sign creator is very cool

VarisaU: you can either right click or type in another tab

LynneW: If you have a pop up blocker active, you need to hold down the control key

MarleneK: I love the AutoMotivator

LynneW: I do too.

VarisaU: Ctrl+T to open new tab

MichelleP: I like the sticky note maker.

LynneW: Michelle, how would you use that tool?

KathyRi: the graphics you can create are pretty neat

KathyRi: We could use them in my yearbook class.

LoriDD: Thanks - figured it out. Looks like a great site for my kids and students

LynneW: Good idea Kathy

JudyW: Cool. I'll have to figure out how to use some of these.

VarisaU: Good idea

MichelleP: I love to leave notes for hubby-he checks computer first. I would use it with my students but personalizing it for each with activity.

LynneW: You would be truly astonished if you knew how many great applications are now freely available and FUN

LynneW: Good Michelle

VarisaU: yes we can use it for daily life not just for classroom

LynneW: Yes!

LoriDD: Looks like a great site for my students to have some fun with when they have long term projects to do and can't seem to get motivated

KarenH: I like the street sign generator; could use it in an elementary classroom.

VarisaU: I probably use this for my project for class first

MichelleP: didn't take long to create either

KathyRi: very easy to use

LynneW: Who is back and ready for more?

EllenR: The street sign generator would be great for the library, also! Could be used to notate Dewey Decimal system

KathyRi: ready

MichelleP: ready

VarisaU: I can be on this kind of website hours and hours

MarleneK: "More please :)

KarenH: Ready.

VarisaU: I am

LynneW: Ellen that is a great idea!

JudyW: I'm ready.

VarisaU: ready

EllenR: ready!

LoriDD: ready

KihongB: gimme some more!

LynneW: Please consider joining this group, if you are not a member.

LynneW: By joining, you will receive a monthly email reminder of these sessions so you won't miss out.

VarisaU: Ok.

SamRu: ready

VarisaU: I think I haven't done yet

KarenH: Thanks.

LoriDD: thank you. these are some great tools to use everyday

LynneW: OK here's another one.

VarisaU: Just click on add to my favorites right?

LynneW: This is for the younger students (elementary) <http://speakaboos.com/teachers>

KarenH: Yey!

KihongB: how do you join the group?

MichelleP: maybe not great for my high schoolers but my own kids will love this.

KathyRi: That is just what I was thinking - my kid will love this

LynneW: Good

JeffC: back... to join the group... from the Welcome page click the little "i" in the green circle in the Welcome box.

JeffC: then click the link to "join this group."

SamRu: The "Record Your Own" function will be great for any grade level. It's a free recording application, no software required!

LynneW: Thank you Jeff

JeffC: if you've detached your chat, navigate back to the main window.

VarisaU: I like games

JeffC: joining a group automatically adds the room to your Favorite Places menu next to the Go! button... plus allows you to post to Discussion (a threaded message board that acts as a mini-listserv... forwarding to all group members via email).

LoriDD: Seems like it would be great for the younger kids. Not for middle schoolers either, but my 7 year old would love it

KarenH: Love this site Lynne, I could definitely use it with younger students.

EllenR: I'm doing a unit on nursery rhymes this week that I can use speakaboos.com with my preschool library students!

LynneW: Good. I didn't want to leave out the younger set.

LynneW: Just in time!

LoriDD: Like the idea of "record your own" for any grader. good thought

VarisaU: I think children today are so lucky

LynneW: OK - another resource for you.

VarisaU: Ok

KathyRi: yep

LoriDD: go ahead

VarisaU: I will bookmark all these

EllenR: ready

BarbaraKS: yes

MichelleP: ready

SamRu: ok

MarleneK nods.

LynneW: I offer an Ed Tech News and Resources blog called CU-Online
<http://cuonline.blog-city.com>

LynneW: The left column has resources organized alpha by type.

LynneW: These are the "best of the best" I could find at the time.

LynneW: It is a portal for busy teachers without time for searching.

SamRu: I'm at school, and the filter blocked it, I'll try it at home

LynneW: Student teachers will find it useful too.

LynneW: The center column has items that are timely and topical.

VarisaU: We can create our own profile here?

MichelleP: I will pass that on to our many at school.

LynneW: Grants for teachers is a big one.

LynneW: Thank you.

LynneW: Because it is a blog, you can post comments and can subscribe to it with your RSS reader of choice.

LoriDD: Need time to sort through that website. Seems like lots of great stuff for Black History month, etc. Interesting

VarisaU: But we have to register first

LynneW: Cyberbullying, Internet safety, primary sources in the classroom

LynneW: All the content areas

LynneW: Free applications

LynneW: Many are Web 2.0

LynneW: Where to go for clip art

LynneW: music

LynneW: virtual tours

LoriDD: Will go back and visit especially the cyberbullying. We have had a recent problem with that.

LynneW: interactive learning environments

VarisaU: let me check it out

KathyRi: It is amazing how many different topics that are covered

LynneW: Any questions or special requests?

VarisaU: I know there are too many

KarenH: I see a lot of useful sites!

KihongB: just blown at all these cutting edge technologies...

LynneW: This group meets monthly - I hope you will come back again and again.

MichelleP: thanks

SamRu: Thank you, I'm very glad I discovered this room

LynneW: You have been a delightful group of folks to spend time with.

VarisaU: I will

EllenR: This was great!

JudyW: Thanks. Don't want to miss anything.

KathyRi: thanks for the info!

BarbaraKS: Thank you!

LynneW: Good. I want to honor your time with good stuff!

VarisaU: This will be useful for my project

VarisaU: thank you

JeffVad: Thanks for the information

LynneW: Explore, explore, explore

VarisaU: thanks for all the web

BarbaraKS: Come back to Texas anytime!

LynneW: You are welcome

LoriDD: thank you for this information I can pass it on to many people

VarisaU: how could you find all these?

KarenH: I bookmarked some great sites that I will look at on my own, thanks!

LynneW: I would love to.

VarisaU: I did too

LynneW: I scan a tremendous amount of information on a daily basis.

LynneW: I also have developed some good strategies for finding resources.

KihongB: Thanks again for all this useful info everyone.

VarisaU: thank you very much

VarisaU: this is very useful

LynneWsmiles

KihongB: it was my first time here and am happy I joined the group

VarisaU: what strategy?

LynneW: I am happy you joined us.

BJB2: The next WebTools 2.0 discussion will be on March 19

LynneW: Varisa, it is the way I use delicious

SusanSi: Lynne, since last month I have started a wiki for our 4th grade class-they love

it!

LynneW: Oh good for you!

KihongB: hope to see many of you on 3/11 discussion that I'm going to be hosting too :)
Music making for everyone a la Web 2.0

MarleneK marks her calendar for March 19th :)

KarenH: Love delicious!

LynneW: What is the purpose of your wiki?

VarisaU: sounds good

LynneW: Good night all.

SusanSi: classroom discussions, assignments, announcements, resource links

BJB2 is excited about Kihong's new music group in Tapped In

VarisaU: good night

KarenH: Good night!

VarisaU: pleasure to be here

LynneW: I am so happy to hear you are having a good wiki experience.

BJB2 hugs Lynne. Thanks! Nice to see all the participants!

MarleneK: Thanks again Lynne.. looking forward to next month already :)

LynneW: I'm amazed at the number and very encouraged.

SusanSi: they discovered the mail feature and want to write each other, even when they are in the same room

LynneW: Thanks Marlene.

EllenR: Thank you very much!

VarisaU: bye for now Lynne

SusanSi: thanks for all of your help!

LynneW: Susan Si - of course they do.

SusanSi: blessings to all

VarisaU: best!

JudyW: Good evening.

LynneW: Rolly did you get some of what you need?

VarisaU: I got what I wanted

LynneW: Good I'm glad.

VarisaU: At first I thought I was going to be here just for my assignment

VarisaU: but I think I will be here more

LynneW: But now you have a community to belong to!

JeffC: Rolly's been idle for 40 minutes... but will have a lot to read!

VarisaU: yes

LynneW: Rolly is probably looking at resources

BJB2: I'm glad Rolly was able to participate. He was excited about finding Tapped In!

VarisaU: that's what I was yesterday

LynneW: He found me in FaceBook and we've been connecting a bit there.

BJB2 smiles. We all felt that way, Varisa...and still do!

BJB2: good, Lynne.

LynneW: Tapped In is the best online community ever

LynneW: Bye

BJB2 agrees and hugs goodnight

VarisaU: it is