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RushtonH: Howdy! I'm at the CUE conference in Palm Springs (good place to be), and the wireless connection is a bit suspect where I am.

RushtonH: How have you been?

BjB: busy, but good. And you? How is the conference?

RushtonH: Great, so far - loads of interesting people and ideas.

RushtonH: Hi Khanh. Where are you? I'm in California.

BjB: wonderful!

KhanhP: I am in Houston Texas

RushtonH: University of Houston?

KhanhP: yes

RushtonH: I think we get one or two folks from your program each month. What's your focus for your credential? (If I have that right.)

KhanhP: I am interested in teacher math

RushtonH: Secondary or elementary?

KhanhP: secondary

RushtonH: High school or junior high?

KhanhP: junior high 6-8

TruongSonN joined the room.

RushtonH: Hi Truong!

TruongSonN: yeah I'm in

BjB : good job, TruongSon

TruongSonN: thank you

RushtonH: Khanh, do you have a specific interest for this session?

KhanhP: as far as Vista goes

RushtonH: Hmm. I think the similarity between the name of my organization (Next Vista for Learning) and the Microsoft OS Vista might be confusing.

RushtonH: My nonprofit is all about technology for enhancing learning and teaching.

RushtonH: I do a lot of work around the country training teachers on multimedia and free tools.

BjB : perhaps TruongSon and Khanh should look at the next vista site, Rushton?

RushtonH: Consequently (this is for you, too, Truong), if there is something specific you are needing to learn, I'll try to work that in.

KhanhP: do you train teacher about the smart board technology

RushtonH: What I do is more about the projects that a Smart Board might be useful to show, but I'm more about the free tools.

KhanhP: like websites?

BjB . o O (screen captures, video tools, animated slides)

RushtonH: I'll show you guys a bit about my site later, but I'd like to suggest a technique to learn as the initial thing for today. If questions arise, just let me know.

TruongSonN: Great

RushtonH: Before I start, I know Khanh focuses on middle school math. Truong, what do you teach?

SusanR joined the room.

RushtonH: Hi Susan!

SusanR: Hello Rushton

KhanhP: thank

RushtonH: Susan, please tell the group where you are and what you do.

TruongSonN: Mine is middle school science

SusanR: I am in Ottawa, Ontario and I am a sub and ski bum (LOL)

RushtonH: Got it! And you're in Houston, too?

TruongSonN: Yes, I am also from Houston Texas

SusanR: . o O (wonders what the weather is like in Houston.)

RushtonH: Alright! What I'm going to focus on to begin with is how to effectively grab and cite copyright-friendly pictures for projects.

RushtonH: Do any of you already do this?

RushtonH: (Toss out a 'yes' or 'no' to let me know.)

KhanhP: yes

TruongSonN: I know about good free site that you can you picture from such as flicker

RushtonH: Flickr is a great site, given the quantity they have (over two billion pictures).

SusanR: yes but not sure about the citing

RushtonH: The trick is learning how to make sure you have something that is copyright-friendly.

RushtonH: I'll start by pointing everyone to: <http://search.creativecommons.org>

RushtonH: Please go there, and then put a search term (any term) in the field in the green area at the top. Then wait for the next step, please.

RushtonH: Oops - almost forgot a key piece! Make sure the Flickr tab is selected.

RushtonH: How is everyone doing so far?

KhanhP: I am at the site

TruongSonN: got it

RushtonH: Susan, how are you doing?

TruongSonN: I type in science and a picture of eyes showed up.

TruongSonN: and others

RushtonH: Go for something more specific - spiders, for example.

KhanhP: should I type in spider or wait a little bit

RushtonH: I used that term, and there were more than 83,000 hits tagged spider under Creative Commons licensing (i.e., copyright-friendly).

TruongSonN: I received the same amount

RushtonH: An important thing about what you now see is that it's in frames.

RushtonH: That means that if you click on one of the pictures that comes up, your browser may or may not allow you to click 'back' to get to the search results.

RushtonH: Consequently, I suggest choosing a picture, and doing a right-click (or, on a Mac, a CTRL-click), and opening the page with the picture in a new tab or window.

RushtonH: Please do that.

TruongSonN: I've done it.

KhanhP: I learned something new today

RushtonH: Now, the page that comes up is not yet quite what you want.

SusanR . o O (typed in teacher .. interesting results)

RushtonH: The next thing I want you to do is to copy the title of the picture (the larger bold text above the picture).

RushtonH: Keep that on the clipboard.

RushtonH: (that is, don't copy or cut anything else for the moment)

RushtonH: The next thing to do is to click "all sizes" which is above the picture.

RushtonH: For any multimedia project, you want the largest picture possible.

KhanhP: I see

RushtonH: If you get a small one, once in the video, it can pixellate and look awful.

RushtonH: Careful with the next step!

TruongSonN: Understood

RushtonH: Make sure you can see the name/handle of the person who took/uploaded the picture. It should be at the top in about the middle or so.

RushtonH: Do you see that?

KhanhP: Yes

JeffC joined the room.

RushtonH: Now what I want you to do (keeping that name within view) is to right-click (CTRL-click on a Mac) on the picture, in order to do a 'save' or 'save as' or 'save link as'. Don't save yet.

TruongSonN: it say by colbalt123

RushtonH: That's the handle of the person - that's what you'll want, in a second.

RushtonH: Typically, when you do the save as, you'll get a bunch of numbers and letters for a filename - that's not what you want.

RushtonH: Instead, paste the name of the picture you copied earlier, then add "by" and then the name of the person who took/uploaded the picture. Follow that with "Flickr" (perhaps in parentheses).

RushtonH: What this is doing is saving the file with all the information you need for your credits for your project - the name of the piece, the person who did it, and where you got it.

RushtonH: Because you found it using search.creativecommons.org, you now have a picture you can legally use, that is large enough to manipulate in a project, with all the info you need for the citation.

RushtonH: Does it make sense that what you've done is useful?

KhanhP: Yes Absolutely

TruongSonN: great

TruongSonN: the name is not valid

RushtonH: Hi Truong - paste what you were going to use as a title into this chat.

TruongSonN: Did the name I paste is too long?

RushtonH: Don't know yet - what did you end up with?

BjB . o O (I'd suspect that you can't use parenthesis)

RushtonH: Typically the problem is punctuation.

RushtonH: For Truong and Khanh - are you on a PC or a Mac?

KhanhP: PC

KhanhP: I use an Underscore instead

RushtonH: Parentheses should work fine on a PC

TruongSonN: PC

RushtonH: Regardless, you can even separate the title, name, and site using dashes - as long as you have the info you want readily at hand when it's time to do the credits.

RushtonH: You can do the same kind of thing with copyright-friendly music, from sites like <http://podsafeaudio.com> and <http://jamendo.com>

RushtonH: I'd like you guys to watch this video:
<http://nextvista.org/rhvideos/PAVolunteer.wmv> (type "I'm back" once you're done watching it)

TruongSonN: my computer is slow so the video is lagging

RushtonH: Were you able to see some of it?

TruongSonN: yes

TruongSonN: I see the photo story

TruongSonN: with I believe it you speaking

RushtonH: That's right

RushtonH: The pictures were all ones I'd taken or other people on the program had taken, which is why there are no credits on the pictures.

TruongSonN: Got it

RushtonH: Major point being, it's possible to put a good video together with just stills, such as with iMovie, Photo Story, or Movie Maker (or a combination of the last two)

RushtonH: If you were to pick a series of pictures covering a particular science concept (spiders, stratified rock, clouds and meteorology), and then record your voice behind them, you could have a good video introducing the topic.

RushtonH: Even more interesting would be to have students make the videos based on the concepts they've studied in your class!

RushtonH: Would that be interesting to you?

KhanhP: Yes I would say so

TruongSonN: hay that sound great

RushtonH: I'd be up for talking to you about having what you and your kids create posted on NextVista.org (my nonprofit's online library of free, educational videos by and for teachers and students everywhere).

RushtonH: Khanh, we could do the same thing with math. There are several dozen videos on the site now that happen to focus on middle school math.

KhanhP: That would be great

RushtonH: If that sounds interesting, get your contact info to me by going to my newsletter page: <http://nextvista.org/newsletter/>

KhanhP: Thank you for your all the tips today

RushtonH: It's not spam, and only a message or two a month.

RushtonH: We'll finish up a few minutes early, as I need to abandon this room that is about to close.

TruongSonN: alright, thank you for your time and help

BjB: Thanks, Rushton, for taking time to lead this discussion!

KhanhP: So all I have to do is to fill out the form

RushtonH: Right - we'll be in touch via e-mail. If at any point you don't want the newsletter, just let me know and I'll take you off.

RushtonH: My e-mail, by the way, is rh@nextvista.org

KhanhP: Thank you Rushton, Hope you will come back save and sound

RushtonH: Will do! Take care, everyone!

SusanR: Thank you Rushton

TruongSonN: Thank you once more

RushtonH: If you have any other questions, feel free to e-mail them to me.

RushtonH: BJ and Jeff - good to see you guys!

RushtonH gives BJ a hug

KhanhP: thank you **BJB**

KhanhP: talk to you some other time

RushtonH: Take care!

KhanhP: one last question

RushtonH: What you got?

BJB watches Khanh's fingers fly

KhanhP: Will I be receive a transcripts for today Discussion

RushtonH: If you don't, let me know and I'll get one to you.

KhanhP: ok Thank You again for Today

BJB: when you log out, Khanh, your transcript will automatically be emailed to the address you have in the directory

KhanhP: Bai-Bai

BJB: watch yahoo, Khanh...

RushtonH: Take care!

BJB: they've been stinky with Tapped In scripts lately...

BJB: make sure you have the tapped in address in your address book

BJB: mail-service@tappedin.org

BJB: and check to see that the script doesn't go in your spam folder

BjB waves goodnight. Thanks for being here, Khanh