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LynneW: Welcome everyone!

BJB2: a quick reminder to go to Actions and detach

MaureenB: I remembered to do that

LynneW beams at Maureen

MarleneK: And the larger font ;)

BJB2 . o O (just checking...looks like you're on a roll!)

MaureenB . o O (my eyes thank you)

LynneW: How about a quick round of self-introductions?

LynneW: I am a former ed tech prof from Vancouver, WA

MarleneK: I'm an educator from Alberta, Canada.

JeffC: Hi, I'm on Tapped In Helpdesk... been involved with ed for almost 20 years. I live in Forest Grove Oregon. I'm also the class clown and resident skeleton.

MaureenB: hi I teach 4th grade in Putnam County, NY

AnitaGst1 joined the room.

LynneW: Hi Anita - welcome

BJB2: good job, Anita

AnitaGst1: Thanks, hello

LynneW: Please introduce yourself.

AnitaGst1: My name is Anita and I live in North Carolina and teach high school science.

LynneW: BJ, do we have anyone else working to get in?

BJB2: no, Lynne

LynneW: I plan to follow our usual format tonight.

BJB2 . o O (you have everyone who is logged in!)

LynneW: I have already posted links (smile)

LynneW: You will find them on the desktop in the Welcome section.

MarleneK was already peeking at them.

LynneW: We take a few minutes to visit a site and then come back and brainstorm how the site might be used in our classrooms.

LynneW: The first web site is Wallwisher. You may need to disable your pop-up blocker if it is turned on.

LynneW: http://www.wallwisher.com

LynneW: Go take a look and then let me know when you have returned.

MarleneK is back.

LynneW waves and nods

ChristinaF joined the room.

BJB2: welcome, Christina. We're looking at http://www.wallwisher.com/

LynneW: Hi Christina

AnitaGst1: Anita is back

ChristinaF: Sorry I am late, I'll check it out

LynneW nods to Anita

LynneW: So, what do you think? How might you use this tool with students?

MarleneK: I think it would be a great way for students to organize thoughts on a group project, or to do review.

MaureenB: could leave the morning message there

LynneW nods agreement

MarleneK: But I also have several concerns about using this site.

MaureenB: brainstorming

LynneW: Sure

LynneW: Homework assignments

LynneW: Storyboarding

MarleneK: Events and activities, yes story boarding.

Lynne W: quick check on learning a safety issue or process.

LynneW: Example: Using a lab equipment safely.

MarleneK: Math problem of the week

AnitaGst1: I am lost, I had to install internet explorer 8?

LynneW: For younger grades, it could be used as a simple eportfolio

LynneW: Anita, I'm sorry you are experiencing difficulties.

LynneW: We just visited our first Web 2.0 Tool web site Wallwisher.

AnitaGst1: It is O.K. I am listening and waiting!

LynneW: Now we are discussing ways this tool can be used in the classroom.

LynneW: Any other ideas before we move to concerns?

LynneW: Hearing none - Marlene, what are your concerns?

MarleneK: I had extra time to play with this site before our session started.

LynneW: ok

LynneW: Did you have any concerns?

MarleneK: One thing individuals have to be aware of on this site is that, the question can be changed by the wall creator, therefore the comments from the posters can take on a different meaning.

MarleneK: The wall creator can edit all comments

AnitaGst1: I am using my son's computer, now I can keep up.

LynneW smiles

MaureenB . o O (the kids always get the better computer)

LynneW: I see where there are instances where the fluidity of the tool could work against learning objectives.

MarleneK: Just a heads up on that.

LynneW: It is a good pointer Marlene.

LynneW: Also a good example of knowing your tool before you settle on how you will use it with your students.

LynneW: And, of course, these tools are great for collaborating with colleagues.

AnitaGst1: Would this be used as a whole class or as individuals?

LarryBa joined the room.

LynneW: Could be whole class, small group, and/or individuals.

MarleneK: I think it could be used for both.. I like it as a reminder page for posting my own notes.

LynneW: Depends on the activity you plan and the learning objectives you are trying to accomplish.

LynneW: Hi Larry.

LynneW: Welcome.

LarryBa: hi all

LynneW: Please introduce yourself.

AnitaGst1: Whole class would work fine in my class room but I only have one computer in my class.

LarryBa: I am Larry Barton, secondary English, Crookston HS, Crookston MN

MarleneK: Some schools are using those clicker devices for testing and confirmation of

understanding.. they cost a lot... this could be used for the same purpose if you have individual student laptops.

LynneW: Larry, we are just finishing up our first site visit to Wallwisher.com

LynneW likes Marlene's suggestion!

LarryBa: sorry I'm late. just checked into motel in Redlands CA

LynneW: No problem. Glad to have you join us.

MaureenB: I just set up a wall for my student to leave a message on the books they are reading this summer

LynneW: Great idea!

MarleneK: Excellent idea!

LynneW: Are we ready to move on to the next site?

MarleneK nods.

LynneW: Don't let me rush you.

AnitaGst1: Anita nods

LarryBa: I may need help

MaureenB nods

LynneW: Larry, no problem.

LarryBa: what site?

BJB2: http://www.wallwisher.com/

LynneW: We are just about to start our second site. Hang on.

LynneW: Anyone here use Twitter?

BJB2 raises her hand

ChristinaF: I haven't tried it yet

LynneW looks for other hands

BJB2 . o O (I tweet the daily events in TI)

LarryBa: no

BJB2: username tappedinorg

MarleneK knows about it, but doesn't use it.

LarryBa: I just started facebook this week

LynneW: Is there anyone who does not know what Twitter is?

LarryBa: I have a vague idea

AnitaGst1: I have about it but never tried it

BJB2: micro blog

MaureenB: have an account but don't use it

LynneW: BJ, would you offer an explanation of Twitter?

BJB2: you are limited to 140 characters per post...teaches you to be very concise

LarryBa: like a chat?

BJB2: you follow people of similar interests

SusanR joined the room.

LynneW: Communication tool. People opt in to see your Tweets

LynneW: Welcome Sue

BJB2: and often those people follow you

SusanR nods and says hello

LynneW: News anchors are using it - becoming more mainstream.

BJB2: I follow a lot of education sites and then post tweets that I think TI members will be interested in

LynneW: I've been following George Stephanopolis

SusanR: Why George?

AnitaGst1: Is it easy to use?

LynneW: I thought he was young enough to "get" the tool and wanted to see how he adapted it to a mainstream news audience.

LynneW: Nearly all of our local news commentators Tweet as well.

LynneW: Twitter Sheep is our next site.

AnitaGst1: nods

MaureenB nods

LynneW: It creates a word map mash-up of a any Twitter account.

LynneW: Let's use tappedinorg as the one we experiment with.

LarryBa: like wordle?

LynneW: Yes

LynneW: http://twittersheep.com/

MaureenB: I can tell my son is following my site

MaureenB: by the words

LynneW smiles

LynneW likes that the first word is LOVE

LarryBa: how to log in? no twitter account

AnitaGst1: now what

BJB2: I love the one that tappedinorg gets...we got LOVE

LynneW: Larry, you don't need to login or have an account

ChristinaF: That is really neat

LynneW: In the big text box type the following

BJB2: Larry, go to twitter sheep and enter tappedinorg

BJB2: or whatever Lynne suggests

LynneW: This is just a little fun ditty.

LarryBa: ok

LarryBa: I'm here

LynneW: Yes, I was just going to give him that - you are reading my mind as usual BJ

ChristinaF left the room.

SusanR . o O (If your flock is big, this will take a while... herding.)

AnitaGst1: I am in

LynneW: Larry type in the text box

LynneW: tappedinorg

LarryBa: did it already

LynneW: Hit enter

LynneW: You will get a Wordle type response

MaureenB . o O (why is June so small)

LynneW: Larry are you asking anyone in particular?

ChristinaF: No, it just happens when it feels like it

MaureenB laughs

SusanR: no response for me lol

LarryBa: i'm on the twitter page

AnitaGst1: This looks neat, easy way to communicate with other teachers

LarryBa: what would you like us to do here?

ChristinaF: So, is twitter sheep a way to get a summary of organizations or people who tweet

SusanR: Looks like there was some sort of error... try again?

SusanR: no luck for me

MaureenB: I have skipped ahead to BeFunky.com wish I knew about this site when we were doing our graphic stories

MarleneK: I think twitter sheep is just a fun way to get a snapshot of the people who are following you.

LynneW: Let's leave Twitter Sheep.

LarryBa: ok

LynneW: The next two sites are free online photo editors.

LynneW: I chose them because they have different focus and expanded features

MaureenB: I did a graphic novel unit. The BeFunky site would have been a great help

LarryBa: links, please

AnitaGst1: How could you use this in science?

ChristinaF: Lunapic has animated transitions, you could animate life cycles maybe?

MaureenB: http://www.raincitystory.com/flash/screenclean.swf

MaureenB: a good monitor cleaner

AnitaGst1: good idea Christina

ChristinaF: Very cute!

LarryBa: this is hysterical!

AnitaGst1: Could create a great science club t-shirt

LarryBa: Lynne, you were at Classroom 2.0 on photo editing websites a few days ago, right?

BJB2 waits for Lynne to return

LarryBa: you were, BJB, right?

BJB2: no, I don't think I was, Larry

MarleneK: These both give some really cool effects to photos.

BJB2 . o O (might have been one of my clones though)

LarryBa: I thought I saw your name on the list

MarleneK: I did read that on LunaPic your photos get branded with their name.

LarryBa: come on, there's only one BJB

MarleneK: And I couldn't find anything on LunaPic's privacy policy on the site..

LarryBa: I picked up a list of about twenty online photo editors from the discussion

MarleneK: But BeFunky has a privacy policy

LarryBa: the whole program is archived

BJB2: do you have the url, Larry?

LarryBa: hold on

MarleneK: Larry that sounds great.

LarryBa: http://www.classroom20.com/

LarryBa: that's the main page

LarryBa: I'm afraid the links you'll want are on a different laptop. I can forward them later

BJB2: post to the discussion board in this group room, please, Larry

BJB2 . o O (and if you're not a member of this group, please join!)

BJB2: Anita, as a guest you will not be able to join the group...but membership is free

BJB2: anyone want to summarize what was discussed today?

LarryBa: ok

AnitaGst1: Thanks, I enjoyed listening to all. I will join and use my sons computer from the start

BJB2 . o O (this was an exceptionally good group, Anita!)

SusanR: Thanks Lynne

LarryBa: ok--I'll post to Web 20.

BJB2: we started with wallwisher and brainstormed ideas on how to use it in the classroom

SusanR: And I will give twittersheep another twirl

MaureenB: I always come away with at least one good site

BJB2: and I do suggest following tappedinorg if you'd like to keep up with what's going on in TI

ChristinaF: I look forward to reading your tweets!

BJB2: what were the two photo editing sites Lynne shared?

MarleneK: LunaPics and BeFunky

BJB2: ahhh...thanks, Marlene

BJB2: any last questions or comments?

MarleneK: And all the links to these sites are posted in the Web 2.0 room here on Tapped In :)

LarryBa: once again, sorry to be late

BJB2: Lynne will be off during July and August, so if you want to communicate with the group you'll need to join

MarleneK: Thanks to Lynne again :) Enjoy your summer.

SusanR: please follow me if you wish twitter.com/sroseman

LarryBa: i hate disrupting the flow of a session already in progress

BJB2: schedules can't always be controlled, Larry...not to worry

BJB2: Thanks, everyone for your participation and good ideas!

LarryBa: i'll get thoswe links up in a few

LarryBa: bye all

BJB2 waves goodnight

AnitaGst1: Good night all

ChristinaF: Goodnight

MarleneK: Goodnight :)

MaureenB: good night