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BJ: You here for the SSForum, Scott?

BJ waves hi to Michael

ScottJ: Yes. I guess this is the place.

MichaelH guesses so too...

ScottJ: This is my first ASO session.

BJ: you picked an excellent session to join, Scott

ScottJ: Great!

BJ: Michael has hosted the SSForum for what...5 years?

ScottJ: I teach 8th grade history in CA.

MichaelH: since 2000, BJ

MichaelH: really, I've got an interesting resource you might like...

ScottJ: ...and LA.

ScottJ: Great,! I can never have too many.

MichaelH: Well, this is actually a project you might want to try with your eighth graders...

MichaelH: are you teaching US History?

ScottJ: Yes.

MichaelH: In Indiana, 8th grade goes up to Civil War, then they pick up the rest in 11th grade. Similar in CA?

ScottJ: Colonization to WWI.

MichaelH: OK, I have some good stuff to show you, then

ScottJ: Cool!

MichaelH: most of this is self-created... not so much resources that were professionally done..

MichaelH: but you can still use them; and you're welcome to adapt anything you want for your own students

ScottJ: That's OK. I am fortunate enough to have a class where every student has a laptop.

ScottJ: Thanks!

MichaelH: Mac or Windows?

ScottJ: Windows.

BJ . o O (looks like Scott is going to get a personal version of the Social Studies Forum!
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MichaelH: that's what I think, BJ

ScottJ smiles

MichaelH: Scott, do the machines you use have MS Office?

ScottJ: Yes. Pro version.

MichaelH: ok... Office 2000?

ScottJ: Windows XP Pro too,.

MichaelH: we're mainly Office 2000; but some of us have Office XP...

ScottJ: Office XP Pro.

MichaelH: so, you've got Power Point,... do you have Front Page?

ScottJ: Power Point, yes..Front Page, I do but I'm not sure if the students do.

ScottJ smiling

MichaelH: we just went to Dreamweaver... get it if you can buy it... it's a great web design program..

ScottJ: I just started using it in one of my classes.

ScottJ: I love it!

MichaelH: it's a neat program, but there's a lot there!

ScottJ: Students don't have it though...yet!

ScottJ: True. I am just scratching the surface.

MichaelH: you can get educational licenses for about \$120 a pop...

MichaelH: that's for the whole suite, Fireworks, Flash, etc.

ScottJ: times 30! YIKES!

MichaelH: our district just bought 35...

ScottJ: I will start writing grants this summer.

MichaelH: hey, let me show you what one group of 8th graders just finished...

ScottJ: OK

MichaelH: this is a social studies project on the American Revolution...

MichaelH: I bet you're probably past that in your classes, right?

ScottJ: Yes. We did it in October.

SusanR joined the room.

MichaelH: well, this will be on the web in perpetuity, so you can bookmark it and come back to it.

ScottJ waves at Susan

MichaelH waves to Sue

ScottJ: OK

MichaelH: BJ, I've been dying to try a projection... think Scott's up to it?

ScottJ . o O (hmmm?)

MichaelH: Scott, what happens in a projection is I can project a site, and it automatically opens in a new browser window...

MichaelH: wanna give it a try?

SusanR: Hi Michael

MichaelH: just remember not to close this window...

ScottJ: Sure. Do I need to do anything on my side?

MichaelH: it might be hidden..

MichaelH: nope, I'll project, and a new window will open.

MichaelH: everyone ready???

ScottJ: Let 'er rip!

MichaelH projects <http://www.vcsc.k12.in.us/tcr/liberty>

MichaelH: did it go?

MichaelH has it on his machine

ScottJ: Let me check.

ScottJ: Nope.

MichaelH: the name of the page is "American Revolution resources"

BJ: Scott, click on the url

MichaelH: yeah, click on the URL

BJ: . o O (and make sure you don't have any webpages minimized)

ScottJ: Duh! OK Sorry.

BJ: if you have a pop up blocker, you don't get projections

MichaelH: that's true too... I had to disable my blocker just to get into TAPPED IN

ScottJ: Ah. I have the Google Blocker.

MichaelH: me too

BJ: . o O (and if you have a webpage minimized, you won't notice that the url has changed)

ScottJ: Maybe that is why.

MichaelH: I just finished this page up today

BJ: press your control key and click on the hyperlink

ScottJ: I will do it manually. BRB.

BJ: Scott...a hint. Click on the actions drop down menu and go to pasteboard

BJ: then you can copy the url from the pasteboard

MichaelH: he can just click on the "pages blocked" in the toolbar, and that will make it so the site will load...

MichaelH: that's how I do TAPPED IN

ScottJ: Got it.

SusanR: Thanks, Michael

MichaelH: these aren't my students, but I worked with a teacher to help develop these projects.

MichaelH: BTW: PBS will be re-airing the Liberty! series on the American Revolution later this spring...it's very well done

ScottJ: Did you make these in Dreamweaver?

MichaelH: well, the main page was in FP, but it was edited in DW...

ScottJ: That's why I like DW. I can edit my FP stuff there.

LaurenGst27 joined the room.

MichaelH: yes, it's seamless

DeborahEB joined the room.

ScottJ wave to Lauren

MichaelH: the teacher decided she had particular topics she wanted her students to research, and they went from there.

LaurenGst27: hi

DeborahEB: Hi

MichaelH: most of these are just "regular" eighth grade kids, although some are "challenge" (GT) kids

ScottJ waves to Deborah

SusanR makes a mental note to watch the Liberty Series

DeborahEB /waves to Scott

ScottJ: I will have to peruse through these tonight.

DeborahEB waves to Scott

MichaelH: Sue, there will also be a web page for it, with lessons... it's at

<http://www.pbs.org/liberty>

MichaelH: (I think :))

MichaelH: Just like everything else with PBS; it depends on your local listings when the series does air...

ScottJ: PBS has some great shows. I support them 100%.

MichaelH: interested in Civil War?

ScottJ: My passion!

DeborahEB: Is PBS the topic tonight?

SusanR: Thanks! We are fans of PBS

ScottJ: I have the DVD series from PBS.

MichaelH: not just PBS, but I'm showing some projects that were done on the middle school level as well as freshman level

MichaelH: me too

DeborahEB: Good for me, middle school

MichaelH: BJ, should I tell him who we had here about a year and a half ago?

DeborahEB: Could it have been KB?

MichaelH: yep

ScottJ: No way! Ken Burns!

DeborahEB: I was here!

MichaelH: the one and only

DeborahEB: He was great!

ScottJ: Get him back!

MichaelH: Scott, let me dig out the transcript for you... just a sec.

ScottJ: How did you swing that?

MichaelH: he was excellent..

ScottJ: I would love that!

MichaelH: well, I worked on some of the lessons for the Civil War web site, and I just ummm... bugged him...

ScottJ: I went back to Gettysburg on July 3-4 in 1998 for the 140th re-enactment!

MichaelH: here's the transcript for the session... you'd really enjoy it...

MichaelH: <http://ti2data.sri.com/pipermail/ssf/2002q3/000803.html>

ScottJ: THANKS!

MichaelH: I thought we were going to get him last fall, but he had another commitment.

ScottJ grins from ear to ear

MichaelH: there's another KB film coming this summer so I am lobbying for him again next fall... so stay tuned...

ScottJ: Oops! 145th

MichaelH: this film is on Jack Johnson... the "Great White Hope"

MichaelH: Scott, have you seen the PBS Civil War Page?

MichaelH . o O (actually a site...)

ScottJ: Yes.

MichaelH: have you seen the lessons?

DeborahEB: Me, too

ScottJ: Very comprehensive!

MichaelH: it's very well done... has a cool screen saver, too

MichaelH: I wrote six of the lessons on the site

ScottJ . o O (impressed)

DeborahEB: Really!

MichaelH: it was sort of like being the Energizer Bunny... I kept going, and going, and going...

DeborahEB: I saw it in progress, but not for a long time

ScottJ: What a task!

DeborahEB: Don't teach American right now

MichaelH: what are you teaching, Deb?

DeborahEB: 7th grade, medieval

MichaelH: oh... can't help you there

MichaelH: although did you see the stuff PBS did on Shakespeare?

DeborahEB: Africa, China, Japan, Precolumbians, Renaissance, etc

MichaelH: I know its not middle ages, but it's still good

DeborahEB: No, I did not

MichaelH: let me see if I can find the web site... just a sec

DeborahEB: It is in our curriculum, barely, at the end

MichaelH: here it is...

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/shakespeare/>

MichaelH: it's not quite my realm of expertise, so I don't know much about the site

MichaelH: what do you do as far as the Renaissance?

MichaelH: do you focus more on art and culture, or do you do anything on politics and economics?

DeborahEB: Usually reports on people, and include Reformation and Enlightenment people

DeborahEB: Sometimes take a trip to the Renaissance Faire

DeborahEB: Always wanted to have a Ren Faire at school, but it hasn't happened yet

MichaelH: if you don't mind sending me your e-mail address; I can send you some primary source lessons on Renaissance politics and economics...

SusanR: One of our grade 6 teachers is putting on a production of the Tempest by Shakespeare...I will pass this along..

MichaelH: just send me an e-mail at mhutch@charter.net

DeborahEB: Sure. Actually, I get all your notices, I am usually in here as DebbieB

MichaelH: that's right... I just don't think I have your e-mail in my address book...

changed computers

DeborahEB: When I started this program at APU they gave me a new Tapped In account

MichaelH: this will be a big .pdf file (probably about 40-50 pages)... is that too big to send?

DeborahEB: No problem

MichaelH: ok, if you want it, you're welcome to use it. If not, just trash it, or pass it along.

MichaelH: Scott, what are you covering right now in US?

DeborahEB: Thanks!

ScottJ: We are just starting the Reconstruction Era after the Civil war.

MichaelH: no problem, Deb... let me know what you think of them...

DeborahEB: Did you write them?

MichaelH: Yes... 2 years ago

MichaelH: Social Studies School Service has several sets of Document Based Activity books for both US and world History

JenniferH2 joined the room.

MichaelH: Scott, I think SSSS's office is pretty close to you... they're in Culver City

ScottJ waves to Jenn

JenniferH2 waves back

ScottJ: Yes. That's about 100 miles.

MichaelH: They have a lot of great activities... and it's been fun to work with them for about three years

ScottJ: Have you ever used the National Archives primary source lessons?

MichaelH: Scott, did you see the American Experience film on Reconstruction?

ScottJ: No.

MichaelH: I've used NARA stuff from time to time, but mainly as supplements for the lessons I do for SSSS

MichaelH: It was just on back in January

MichaelH: I THINK this is the right URL:

ScottJ: Where did you see the AE film?

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/amex/reconstruction>

DeborahEB: I was at a conference last weekend, and NARA had a lot of lessons and documents for California

MichaelH: it's a PBS film

ScottJ: Thanks, Michael.

DeborahEB: Especially on Asians

ScottJ: Yes Deborah. Someday I would like to work there.

MichaelH: the bad thing about American Experience... they are pretty light on their web based lessons

MichaelH: Hmm... do they have a lot on Japanese American relocation during WWII?

DeborahEB: Yes, they do

ScottJ: <http://www.archives.gov>

MichaelH: I think I used them for a lesson on the Niesi I did for a set of activities on WWII Home Front

DeborahEB: They had a CD-Rom to give away, mostly on that

MichaelH: y'know, you guys all should sign up for PBS Teacher Previews...

DeborahEB: Probably so!

MichaelH: it's a weekly e-mail newsletter which highlights upcoming PBS programming that would interest teachers...

MichaelH: and...

ScottJ: Will do now that I know about it.

MichaelH: you all need to go to the PBS TeacherSource web site

MichaelH: are you familiar with it?

ScottJ: No.

DeborahEB: Don't think so

MichaelH: . o O (you can sign up for Teacher Previews there)

MichaelH: here's the address:

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource>

MichaelH: whoops...

MichaelH: don't use that

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource>

MichaelH: (try that one!)

JenniferH2: pbs is great

MichaelH: you can personalize it for your local PBS station, and for your subject area and grade level

MichaelH thinks so...

DeborahEB: That would be a great help

MichaelH: anyone do anything with WWII?

ScottJ: Very much appreciated!

DeborahEB: No, not me

ScottJ: I don't get to go that far.

DeborahEB: Except talk about the samurai spirit is still alive

MichaelH: oh, I have a great resource on war reporting... but not just WWII, but Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, WWI

MichaelH: how about WWI, Scott?

DeborahEB: I am very interested in Japan, Korea, China, personally, but don't teach that far

ScottJ: Sometimes I get to it but it's not in our standards.

JenniferH2: I have a lot of stuff about the Holocaust and the literature of WWII

DeborahEB: A pox on the standards

MichaelH: Deb, I bet if you did some searching on the PBS site, you'd find a ton of lessons.

DeborahEB: I will do that

MichaelH: Jen, there's a lot of great stuff on the Holocaust on the PBS TeacherSource site too... t

MichaelH: here's the war correspondents site:

DeborahEB: I could easily spend the whole year on Asia

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/weta/reportingamericaatwar/>

JenniferH2: I know, I got some of the stuff from there --

MichaelH: can I show you guys a couple of lessons from this?

JenniferH2: would love it!

ScottJ: Sure!

DeborahEB: Of course

DeborahEB cheers

MichaelH: here's one on Ernie Pyle (he lived about 75 miles north of my home town)

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/weta/reportingamericaatwar/teachers/captwaskow.html>

MichaelH: It's called "The Death of Captain Waskow", and Pyle's column is very moving and poignant

JenniferH2: I will have to check it out -- I am guessing your students really "dig" the assignment

MichaelH: I bet as soon as you read the column, you'll remember it... it's a very famous one.

MichaelH: believe it or not, Jen, I've never been able to use it in the classroom.

MichaelH: here's another one:

MichaelH: what Ernie Pyle did for print journalism, Edward R. Murrow did for electronic journalism

MichaelH:

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/reportingamericaatwar/teachers/orchestratedhell.html>

MichaelH: this series aired back in Fall, 2003

JenniferH2: so true -- and we are talking about author's affects on Literature

ScottJ: One of my favorites was the PBS Frontier House series!

MichaelH: the word pictures Murrow gives are almost breathtaking

ScottJ: There was a ton of great lessons at PBS to go with it.

MichaelH: Have they already done Colonial House? I think that was the next one

ScottJ: I've heard about it but not seen anything yet.

MichaelH: that might come out in the spring

MichaelH: I liked the 1940s house, but mainly because that was more an interest as far as the time period

JenniferH2: and to supplement lessons that we are already doing -- the ideas are definitely worth working in

MichaelH: BTW: Jen, you can use the lessons without having the films.

ScottJ: I missed that but want to see it badly.

MichaelH: you might check... they re-air things from time to time... Teacher Previews will tell you in advance

JenniferH2: I know, and have -- it is nice to accompany the lessons with the films however -- takes it to yet another level

MichaelH: I know they recite the "Captain Waskow" column in the film...

MichaelH: and there was a movie from a long time ago, with Burgess Meredith playing Ernie Pyle,... just saw it on Turner Classic Movies recently

DeborahEB: Yes, I think I remember that

MichaelH: hey, Scott, before I forget...

MichaelH: a Civil War project site you might want to book mark for next year

MichaelH: it's on the 9th grade level, but you can still use it

JenniferH2: the think I like about the films are they are done well enough to capture the student's attention -- sometimes when you say PBS, and the students groan

MichaelH: <http://www.vcsc.k12.in.us/staff/mhutchison/civilwar>

ScottJ: OK

ScottJ: So true, Jenn.

ScottJ: Thanks, Michael!

MichaelH: The groan happens, but I think if the films are used in the right way, you don't see that so much

DeborahEB: This is your class webpage?

ScottJ: You are a fountain of resources!

JenniferH2: no kidding

MichaelH: it's a project web page, Deb. I did this with my ninth graders last year

ScottJ: I like to use DVDs and show it in chunks.

DeborahEB: Do you teach 8th grade, Scott? or 11th?

ScottJ: 8th

MichaelH: Scott you might check for the PBS Video Index for the series... pinpoints exactly on what disk and where a topic is located

ScottJ: Will do.

MichaelH: if you don't have that, I bet you can get it

MichaelH: let me know if you don't have it, and I'll see if I can dig one up for you
MichaelH: do you have the re-mastered version of the series or the original version?
MichaelH: . o O (do you have the 2002 version?)
ScottJ: 2002
MichaelH: There's an index that came with the gold edition... if you don't have the index, send me an e-mail, and I'll see what I can do
MichaelH: it's a booklet about 15-20 pages long...
MichaelH: indexed by subject (and I think by person)
ScottJ: I got a lot of stuff from their booth at CUE last year. I will have to go back through it.
MichaelH: so, if you were looking for "Gettysburg", it would tell you exactly what disk and at what time on the disk to find any reference to G'burg
MichaelH: BTW: Scott, we also had Ron Maxwell here last spring
ScottJ: That sounds very cool.
ScottJ: You're killing me! ;o)
MichaelH: he was here in March
MichaelH: right around the time "Gods and Generals" was released
MichaelH liked Gettysburg better
ScottJ: I have a group of re-enactors that come to my school each year and they were in the movie.
MichaelH: I thought for awhile we might have gotten Stephen Lang for the session, but we weren't able to do that
ScottJ: They were in the Zuoaves uniforms.
ScottJ: THAT WOULD BE GREAT!
MichaelH: If you see the Liberty! series, he's in that, too
ScottJ: Gen. Jackson and Gen. Pickett!
MichaelH: . o O (he's the voice of George Washington)
MichaelH: do you know who else has a role in "Gettysburg", Scott?
ScottJ: ??
MichaelH: Ken Burns
ScottJ: What seen?
DeborahEB: Really!
MichaelH: check during the Pickett's Charge sequence... when Hancock is on his horse, and an aide comes up and says, "General, get down, we cannot spare you..."
ScottJ: I hate to run because this is so much fun but my EDU517 class is meeting at 6. I will be back on the 24th.
MichaelH: that's KB
MichaelH waves
ScottJ: I will look for it tomorrow! Thanks for all the information! THIS WAS GREAT!
MichaelH waves bye
DeborahEB: We have another meeting. Thanks so much!
MichaelH looks at the clock
SusanR waves goodnight and thanks
MichaelH smiles
DeborahEB: Bye
MichaelH waves goodnight to all

