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BjB: we'll wait a minute or two in case anyone else is going to join us...

BjB: but, while we wait, we usually start all discussions in Tapped In with introductions

BjB: can you tell us where you are located and what you teach, Deana?

BjB: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

AmyDH joined the room.

JeffC joined the room.

DeanaK: I live in Michigan and teach math

BjB waves hi to Amy and Jeff.

BjB: just in time for introductions

LindaU: Hi Jeff and Amy

BjB: David, Jeff and Amy, can you please introduce yourselves?

LindaU: I'm Linda Ullah. I'm a former teacher who now works in a community college in the SF Bay Area. I teach and organize technology integration staff development for K-14 educators. Global PBL is my real passion.

DeanaK: PBL? not sure what that is. I am new to this,

LindaU: Project based learning

DeanaK: Hats off to you. Teachers are not always the best students.

LindaU: Why are each of you here this evening?

BjB: we love you, Linda

LindaU: cute, bj

JeffC: I'm here for the free pizza.

DeanaK: Here bc of a college class.

LindaU: What is your interest in Global PBL.. your expectations, etc.

LindaU: not the love and pizza

LindaU:

JeffC: Oh yeah... the love too... forgot about that.

LindaU: okay.. I'll go with love and pizza.. and move on????

BjB: Linda, you always have such wonderful ideas that engage students in all topics. I always enjoy participating your discussions

DeanaK: I don't know much about it.

BjB: maybe you can come up with something to do with math for Deana

DeanaK: Is it like Thematic units? Or similar to?

BjB: Deana, you're in for a treat

LindaU: I'd like to share some resources with you for collaborative project.. web sites, etc... Maybe it would be helpful first, though for Dean to get an idea from some of the rest of us about what GPBL is..

DeanaK smile

LindaU: Jeff. I know you've been a faithful participant in this discussion.. Can you define GPBL for her?

AmyDH waves I'm Amy from Washington State and I teach English at our local high school.

DeanaK: Hi Amy

BjB: welcome, Amy. Thanks for introducing yourself

BjB pokes Jeff. Are you awake?

JeffC: Get your students online and involved in projects with other students internationally. I have a Powerpoint presentation (under construction) that has an entire section with GPBL sites: <http://www.freewebs.com/JeffCooper/collaboration1.htm>

JeffC: Dammit Jim, I'm a doctor not a typist... I'm typing as fast as I can!

BjB groans. Jeff has been watching star trek reruns again

JeffC is a Star Trek rerun.

BjB: sorry, Linda. I'll stop interrupting

JeffC: me too

LindaU: Great resources...

JeffC isn't real good with definitions... but knows GPBL when he sees it.

LindaU: Take a look at: <http://www.garlic.com/~lullah/gpbl/topic1/t1read1.html>

LindaU: It will give you some background and rationale.

BjB checks to make sure Deana and Amy got the url

AmyDH: I got it!

LindaU: But Jeff is right.. it is multi-classroom (could be local or international) projects during with students and teachers collaborate to create a meaningful product.

DeanaK: Is there are way to just copy it-and not write it down?

JeffC: You'll get a transcript emailed to you after you logout Deana.

LindaU: You'll get a transcript when you log out.. and all the urls will be active.

DeanaK: sweet!

BjB: Deana, go to the actions menu and click on SEND TO PASTEBOARD. you can copy the url from the pasteboard and paste to another browser window

JeffC: ... or just click the active link in the top chat frame.

LindaU: The idea is to link students for real-world reasons. For example sharing their cultures, solving a problem like water pollution or for emotional support (disasters, wars) etc.

BjB . o O (or tracking migration)

LindaU: There are lots (a growing number) of organizations that are sponsoring global projects that you can join... You can also team up with a friend who teaches some place else and plan your own collaborative projects.

BjB . o O (which you can do in Tapped In in the Student Campus)

AmyDH: Wasn't there something like this about the journey of Lewis and Clark?

LindaU: There are also organizations who have created online tools that teaches/students can use to collaborate (like Tapped In, Blogger, Think.com .. etc.

LindaU: Yes..

LindaU: I noticed that there may be some math teachers here.. The Math Forum has a great resources for collaborative projects at:

<http://mathforum.org/workshops/sum96/data.collections/datalibrary/lesson.ideas.html>

LindaU: Take a look at it.

DeanaK: thanks. I will

LindaU: I love the global grocer list.. What a concept for a multi-country project

LindaU: What do you see that you find interesting?

AmyDH: Many of these seem to have an upper elementary or middle school focus. Do some of you have experience using these with high school?

LindaU: Although it seems to me that high school is a perfect place for collaborative projects.. very often the projects tend to be K-8.. I think because of the short periods and need to get students ready for SATs, college, etc.. H.S's tend to not do PBL type learning.

DavidWe has observed that

LindaU Linda looks for HS oriented projects in her database of projects

DeanaK: I think it is unfortunate. I would be very interested in a HS level project that had more than just basic math or money management skills.

LindaU: Of course any project can be adapted.

BjB: it would be interesting to work with a school in another city and have students pretend they are moving to that city. They need to find an apartment, a job, a car or transportation

LindaU: You might take a look at <http://k12science.ati.stevens-tech.edu/cyberteacher/findingprojects.html>

JeffC: Try the Jason Project Deana: <http://www.jasonproject.org/home.htm>

LindaU: Great idea BJ

LindaU: or another country..

BjB: yes, another country would be even more interesting

DeanaK: What is the Jason Project?

BjB: o O (Deana, Tapped In has an international membership of over 17,000)

DavidWe: Yes, I'm even in New Jersey

LindaU: This site is from Trinity College in Australia.. It has some interesting resources. <http://www.trinity.wa.edu.au/plduffyrc/teaching/collab.htm>

AmyDH: I like that idea, BJ. We are in a remote rural area, so many of our kids will move away. Talking to "city" kids might be interesting.

BjB nods to Amy.

JeffC: There's also software "Real Lives" from Educational Simulations... where students pick a country, and grow up in it from birth to death: <http://educationalsimulations.com/>

DeanaK: Now that might be cool.

LindaU: Several years ago there was a project like that between a school in Humboldt County (rural) in CA and a school in San Francisco.

DeanaK: If not for me, possible SS

LindaU: I attended their presentation at the PBL conference that Autodesk used to sponsor.

BjB: if you want to pursue the idea further in Tapped In, join the K-12 Students group. It's for teachers interested in bringing their students online to the Tapped In Student Campus

DavidWe met Linda at the PBL conference that AutoDesk used to sponsor

JeffC: Take a look at this Deana, to learn more about the Jason Project http://www.jasonproject.org/jason_about/discover.htm

AmyDH: Jeff, how is the software a Global Project? Do they interact with others or just learn about the area?

DavidWe will find some resources from TERC unless anyone has talked about them, yet

LindaU: When I was still teaching I used Tapped In for my students to collaborate with high school students in Brazil... my students were elementary kids.

JeffC: Excellent question Amy. It's individual... but students could *create* a global project, say, if they joined a collaborative like <http://www.takingitglobal.org> ... which would allow them to correspond with other students in countries that they played the software.

DeanaK: When you communicate with other schools or countries do you do it on a daily basis? weekly? Do you have block scheduling?

LindaU: Deana Take a look at <http://www.garlic.com/~lullah/brazilus/water.html>

LindaU: What we had to do was have the Brazilian students come back to school in the evening.

DavidWe: Here's something interesting for grades 2-8: an online science-athon

DavidWe: <http://www.terc.edu/TEMPLATE/projects/item.cfm?ProjectID=66>

LindaU: When you are in different timezones.. there are challenges for real-time collaboration.

LindaU: There are also tools like <http://www.think.com> This allows students to collaborate not in real time.

LindaU: For high school you can use blackboard (<http://www.blackboard.com> too).

LindaU: This allows for threaded discussions.

LindaU: Terc is great, too, David

LindaU: For science oriented projects you might try: <http://www.science-projects.com/>

DavidWe: Thanks, Linda. I've got a couple of buddies at TERC

AmyDH: I use a site called Internet Classroom (<http://www.nicenet.org/ica/login.cfm?>) to have discussion boards with my classes. It would be neat to have two or more classes converge for literature discussions in the ICA.

LindaU: Oz projects is another great site:
<http://www.ozprojects.edna.edu.au/sibling/go/cache/offonce/pid/43>

LindaU: Great idea Amy

LindaU: These are K-8 language arts projects.. but could be adapted for high school:
<http://www.eduplace.com/projects/rdgproj.html>

BjB reminds everyone that there are lit teachers who bring in their students to Tapped In for literature discussions with other classes

LindaU: Perfect.. BJ.. thank you.

LindaU: This is another good site for interesting projects to join:
<http://www.siec.k12.in.us/~west/online/join.htm>

LindaU: Most of these sites will be good to explore when you get your transcripts and have time to "play"

LindaU: Take some time to explore the sites I've given you.. Let me know if you have ideas, questions, thoughts.. Is there a project you might like to join, copy, use, adapt?

LindaU: Education World also has some great collaborative project ideas.

LindaU: <http://www.education-world.com/awards/past/topics/internet.shtml>

LindaU: Of course I highly recommend iEarn: <http://www.iearn.org>

BjB: Blanket the World with Peace is doing a presentation during the Tapped In Festival on July 20

LindaU: There are some fees involved in joining an iEarn project

BjB . o O (and their group room is open to visitors)

LindaU: BJ please post the URL for your project.

JeffC: IECC and Hilites are both free I believe.

BjB: <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>

LindaU: thank you.. BJ's project is awesome.. well worth exploring!

LindaU: You might also take a look at:
<http://www.mathesonline.com/CollaborativeProjects.html> there are lot's of links to online projects on this site.

BjB: thanks, Linda

LindaU: What excites me is the growing number of teachers and organizations that are engaging in online multi-classroom, multi-nation collaborative projects for students.

LindaU: The more we can connect students from various cultures, or even different areas of this country, the better chance we have of creating multi-cultural understanding, empathy and mutual respect.

LindaU: Please, also do not forget that the Tsunami ravaged countries still need help.

BjB: there is an archived PBL discussion that Linda led on help for Tsunami victims

BjB: www.tappedin.org/transcripts

LindaU: I went looking for the URL of my Tsunami relief site.. and lost you all.

LindaU: <http://my-ecoach.com/online/webresourcelist.php?rld=3993>

LindaU: That is the site I was looking for.

LindaU: Any final thoughts?

LindaU: What have you learned? What are your next steps?

BjB: the transcript is at
<http://ti2data.sri.com/transcripts/ss/2005/20050113gpbltsunami.pdf>

BjB wonders what Amy and Deana are thinking

LindaU: so does Linda

DeanaK: I think that I have a lot more searching to do.

LindaU: I hope the resources we've shared will help you.

AmyDH: I think I'll pursue my online book discussion board next school year.

DeanaK: I am definitely interested. I am just wondering about time & access. I will check out the sites though.

LindaU: Deana.. feel free to take a look at;
<http://www.garlic.com/~lullah/gpbl/index.html>

DeanaK: Thank you to everyone. This was my first discussion :smile.

LindaU: It is an online course on global PBL

BjB hopes Amy and Deana join the K-12 Students group in Tapped In

BjB: Thanks, Linda. As I said, we LOVE you

BjB: now Amy and Deana know why I said that

LindaU: I love you all too.. TI is a great resource for teachers,

BjB waves goodnight. See you next month. The next PBL discussion is on July 28

BjB . o O (I'll be in Washington, DC at a digital storytelling institute put on by the NGA)

DeanaK good night all

DavidWe waves bye

AmyDH Amy waves good-bye

LindaU: by all.. great to "see" you all here