

Teacher Resource Websites

webquest: <http://members.cox.net/kpeterson35/index2.htm>

www.webquest.org : WebQuests are one of the internet lesson structures that Judi Harris and others mention. Here is a reliable site for finding ones that have been created by teachers.

www.4teachers.org : RUBISTAR A tool for teachers to develop rubrics for students. Many of you talked about how much you rely of student observation as your main assessment method. You could add additional rigor and consistency through using a rubric that fit the behaviors or skills you were evaluating.

www.nlvm.org : Online math lessons and access to online math manipulatives.

www.filmamentality.com: Filamentality is a collection of "internet structures" (treasure hunts, subject samplers and webquests)that allow teachers to create content online or use content created from other teachers.

www.nicenet.org: Online learning space that's FREE! It's a little like Blackboard light. If you are looking for a place to organize online learning for your students this may be your tool! Sign up and join the EDSP 583 class to see how it works. No, you won't have to do the work for that class too...it's just there to serve as an example. The class "key" is 7203690E9Z. Feel free to experiment with creating your own classes as well.

thinkquest.com: ThinkQuest is an educational website creation contest for students aged 9 - 19. Every year students post amazing content by participating in this contest and can learn how to contribute to the online learning community. Additionally, this serves as a great resource for students looking for content while reseaching online.

free technology for teachers

wikispaces.com: These sites are education friendly and offer free places for you to build your own site. When you set up a site, you are the "administrator". That means you get a message every time someone makes a change to a page (which I emphasize heavily to my students - I know what you've been up to!!) Students need an external email address in order to be able to set up an account on either of these sites.

<http://pbworks.com/>

<http://learninginhand.com/podcasting/>

<http://teachdigital.pbworks.com/podcasting> : Podcasts are audio or video presentations that can be easily created and posted on Blackboard or a number of online sites for students to share. Posting on Blackboard give you the added bonus of sharing in a secure environment. Consider how students might respond to an assignment differently if a podcast were a part of the process or product.

<http://www.jingproject.com/> : Jing is the tool I used to introduce the class and Nicenet. You can capture still snapshots, capture video of your screen or from a webcam, narrate the whole thing and pop it up on the web for your students, parents or fellow teachers! Flexible and easy to use! Here are some additional examples:

www.quizlet.com : is an online application created by a 15 year old (!) as an easy way to share review questions for content among users. An application for this is about to be released for the iPhone.

Pixton : is just one of several online comic creators. Seem a little too simple/silly for school? Consider using this as a product for summarizing main ideas. Another way to use this tool is to have students practice a foreign language. What other ways might this be a way to demonstrate student learning?

<http://www.polleverywhere.com/sms-classroom-response-system> : Poll Everywhere is a tool that allows students to participate in answering questions via texting by cell phone. A way to "legally" use cellphones for learning? That will get some kids' attention!

<http://www.xtranormal.com/> : Xtranormal is an online application that turns text to an animated speaking movie. Students can choose characters, backgrounds and camera angles. Text is typed into a box and then by clicking a button, Xtranormal renders the script for the chosen character(s).

<http://voicethread.com/#home>

<http://www.glogster.com/> : Think online multimedia posters...Glogster is an easy way to students to incorporate a variety of media in one screen to maybe piece together their learning, give a reaction to a topic or well, let your students loose - you'll see ;).