

Title of Session: The Art of Storytelling - Alternative Story Formats

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Room: The Art of Storytelling Group

JenniferNK joined the room.

BJB2 waves hi to Jennifer

JenniferNK: hiii

BJB2: you're becoming a regular TI groupie!

BJB2: are you enjoying the discussions?

JenniferNK: lol

JenniferNK: yay I'm a groupie

JenniferNK: yea

BJB2: I'm happy to share the sites I have prepared for this discussion, Jennifer.

JenniferNK: cool

JenniferNK: yea I hardly ever know anything about what going on in these things but its cool because then I can learn stuff

BJB2 smiles. Have you ever heard of www.ted.org ?

JenniferNK: nope

BJB2: I recently learned about it...amazing stuff

BJB2: the first site from there is music...I knew you were coming :-)

BJB2: South African singer-songwriter Vusi Mahlasela dedicates his song, "Thula Mama," to all women -- with a special mention for his grandmother, who showed spine-tingling bravery in the face of apartheid-era police oppression.

BJB2: Music is another way to tell stories.

BJB2: <http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/158>

SherylM joined the room.

SherylM waves to all

BJB2: Hi, Sheryl. I'm sharing stuff from www.ted.org

BJB2: you can then copy the url and paste it into a new browser window

BJB2: <http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/158>

SherylM: I use TED lectures. The Lawrence Lessig on Copyright and Sousa (the composer/band leader) was very interesting

SherylM: it seems Sousa didn't think copyright should be very long

BJB2: at one time copyright wasn't very long

BJB2: I was fascinated by this one...Jonathan Harris wants to make sense of the infinite world on the Web -- so he builds dazzling graphic interfaces that help us visualize the data floating around out there. Here he presents "We Feel Fine," a project that scours blogs to collect the planet's emoti(c)ons, and the "Yahoo! Time Capsule," which preserves images, quotes and thoughts snapped up in 2006. And he premieres "Universe," which presents current events as constellations of words -- a tag cloud of our collective consciousness

BJB2: <http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/144>

BJB2 . o O (the 'theme' of this storytelling discussion is 'alternative story formats')

BJB2: btw, here's a fun one on copyright...it fits right into this theme http://tappedin.org/tappedin/do/DiscussionAction?ROOM_ID=16121&MSG_ID=282874&state=displayMessage

BJB2 . o O (I had posted the youtube site to the K-12 Language Arts discussion board)

BJB2 waits for everyone to catch up and be ready to continue

BJB2: one more site to share

BJB2: David, I'm sharing sites from www.ted.org

SherylM . o O ("It's Mine!" HeHe! cool copyright video;D)

DavidW notices and appreciates them

BJB2: thought you might enjoy that, Sheryl ;-)

BJB2: how are you doing, Jennifer?

JenniferNK: watching this video

SherylM . o O (I love tag clouds)

JenniferNK: lol

SherylM . o O (I want to be part of the UNIVERSE!)

JenniferNK: this is totally awesome

SusanR joined the room.

DavidW waves to Susan

BJB2: Here's my last site to share...With stunning photos and stories, National Geographic Explorer Wade Davis celebrates the diversity of the world's indigenous cultures, now disappearing from the planet at an alarming rate. He argues passionately that we should be concerned not only for preserving the biosphere, but also the "ethnosphere" -- "the sum total of all thoughts and dreams, myths, ideas, inspirations, intuitions brought into being by the human imagination."

BJB2 waves hi to Sue

SherylM waves to Susan

BJB2: <http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/69>

SusanR : Hi David and company

DavidW waves to Susan

BJB2: any questions? Comments? Ideas on different formats for storytelling?

JeffC . o O (the high roller is here... have her tell you stories about Celine Dion.)

JenniferNK: hehehehehe

SusanR giggles

DavidW smiles

BJB2 listens to Sue's stories

DavidW thinks Las Vegas is a story-telling gold mine

SusanR: pure escapism

SusanR: mass media hysteria

SherylM: Here is Jonathan's Universe: <http://universe.daylife.com/>

SherylM . o O (oh so true)

BJB2: very similar in concept to the moods one I showed earlier

BJB2: <http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/144>

SherylM: National Novel Writing Month, for next year: <http://www.nanowrimo.org/>

BJB2: looks like a good topic for the K-12 Language Arts group

SherylM: A young author who lives here, Ally Carter was talking about this on her blog. She was a USDA Ag Economist and part-time author...now a fulltime author; Cheating at Solitaire, and YA spy school book called I'd Tell You but Then I'd have to Kill You! Agatha Christie meets Erma Bombeck I think

SherylM: <http://www.allycarter.com/>

SusanR: I noticed the young writers club

BJB2 smiles...interesting combo of Agatha and Erma.

BJB2 . o O (I miss Erma...she was great!)

DavidW likes that combo

SherylM: Yes, I haven't had a chance to investigate it. Ally Carter was writing about here participation. I joined, and you get pep talk letters from authors like Neil Gaiman, Garth Nix, etc

SherylM . o O (I miss Erma too:()

BJB2: might also be a good topic for the writetalk group...they meet tomorrow

SherylM: OK

SherylM: I suppose writing is much more interesting than Ag economics; but I don't know ;D

DavidW . o O (eating v. writing?)

SherylM: No, just writing about the stats of eating;)

BJB2 . o O (writing about eating?)

DavidW: NOW you're talking!

SusanR: I am quite taken with the nanowrimo site

SherylM smiles

BJB2: any last comments?

SherylM: OK! I need help! I think I have a topic for PD here. Is this too specific? How about a prof development group that just works with literature update and integration in the classroom, focus on science, writing; but also on other topics! K-8

BJB2 wonders where the specificity is?

DavidW . o O (works with literature update?)

SherylM: Those young teachers who don't know about 6 Traits, no one focus on Caldecott, principal here in town has trouble getting new teachers in conjunction with 6 traits

DavidW: So, you want to focus on the 6 traits?

SherylM: My experiences with 6 Traits are usually focused on integrating science into the literature and writing

SherylM: Yes, BUT not w/o the books!

SherylM: I can do YA books, but I know the need is great to sort through the picture books.

BJB2 is in favor of using picture books K-12

BJB2: Happy holidays, everyone. Thanks for joining me for the discussion :-)

SherylM: So, Susan I know you focus on all resources. I just want to take a topic....say Migration and work through each of the traits, describe how it can be used in the classroom and the books needed. One trait per month. or so

DavidW: Good discussion, BJ

SherylM: Yes, I am too, but we are the choir!

SherylM: OK, I will come in tomorrow and talk about it some more, but at least I have narrowed the field to the point where I can focus on a plan.

SusanR: sounds innovative, Sheryl...an interesting approach

BJB2 cheers for Sheryl

SherylM: If anyone has any comments. good bad or ugly please let me know

SusanR: you have stimulated my thought buds

DavidW: Might want to ask Sandy Shattuck if she has any ideas about that, Sheryl

SherylM: Email me: neochonetes@gmail.com

SherylM: OK!

BJB2: you might want to browse the arts and literacy transcripts too, Sheryl...think there are some on science

SherylM: OK

SherylM: I will do that

BJB2 waves goodnight

DavidW hugs BJ

BJB2 hugs David. Looks like some miserable weather tomorrow

DavidW is getting shovels out

SherylM waves goodbye...glad to see you all tonite!

SusanR: ditto