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**BJ:** Hi, Fred!

**FredS:** Hi BJ!

**BJ:** Welcome to tonight's Group Learning Methods discussion

**BJ:** Fred, let's start with introductions...

**BJ . o O** ( although we probably already know each other )

**FredS:** I'm Fred Steinbroner and I teach computers for Boise State Univeristy and also run a number of educational Websites including [www.GroupLearning.org](http://www.GroupLearning.org) and [www.NetHelp.org](http://www.NetHelp.org)

**KeikoS:** I am Keiko Schneider. I teach ESL and Technology at a CC

**BJ:** I'm a teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

**SusanR:** I am Sue Roseman, K to 8 Occasional Teacher and K to 3 GREAT Resources presenter here at TI ( a great honour, I must say)

**SarahHi** joined the room.

**FredS:** Let's check out [www.GroupLearning.org](http://www.GroupLearning.org) and then come back here and discuss it...

**BJ:** Gosh, Fred, there's a lot to look at on the Johnson and Johnson page alone!

**FredS:** Yes - Johnson and Johnson have been into Cooperative Learning for many decades...

**BJ:** have you done much with project based learning and cooperative learning?

**SusanR:** ...and at the Primary level. Fred

**FredS:** Yes BJ - My idea of combining the Jigsaw Grouping Method with WebQuests is my attempt to combine Cooperative Learning with Project Based Learning.

**BJ** nods to Fred

**KeikoS:** Students need to learn how to work in groups...

**FredS:** Elliot Aronson's Jigsaw Grouping is a Cooperative Learning Method and Bernie Dodge's WebQuest Lesson Plans are a type of Project Based Learning

**FredS:** I agree Keiko - Especially to prepare students for our present business world which is using Work Groups/Teams more and more everyday.

**KeikoS** nods

**FredS:** Any questions or comments?

**BJ:** at what age/grade level can you do jigsaw activities, Fred?

**BJ . o O** ( Did you answer Sue's question? )

**SusanR:** Start in Kindergarten...

**SusanR:** part of the socialization process

**FredS:** Elliot Aronson, who invented Jigsaw Grouping, says that students of any age can use Jigsaw so long as at least one student in every group can read the instructions.

**FredS:** For younger students, I like to use a modified form of Jigsaw where the Experts Groups present to the whole class (rather than to just their Home Groups). That ways the teacher can help with the Experts presentation to the class.

**BJ:** Sue, how would you use group learning methods in Kindergarten?

BJ wonders if Sarah has any questions or comments?

**SusanR:** In any given kindergarten there are a number of beginning readers..use those in your groupings; minimize teacher instruction and have the teachers facilitate

**FredS:** That's a difficult question for me to answer since I've never taught Kindergarten, but the trick would be to make the material simple and organized enough that reading and viewing it would be clear.

**SusanR** agrees

**FredS:** I would like to see more Expert Kindergarteners presenting to their class with the teachers help

**SarahHi:** There are so many sites to look at that I didn't know about. I am very interested in incorporating jigsaw lessons into my social studies curriculum.

**BJ:** Great, Sarah!

**FredS:** Are you familiar with the Jigsaw Grouping Method Sarah?

**SarahHi:** I thought I was but I have been learning a lot more from [jigsaw.org](http://jigsaw.org)

**FredS:** [www.Jigsaw.org](http://www.Jigsaw.org) is a good reference site for info about Jigsaw Grouping (it's linked from [wwwl.GroupLearning.org](http://wwwl.GroupLearning.org))

**BJ:** Fred leads this discussion every month, Sarah...lots of goodies

**FredS:** I mean [www.GroupLearning.org](http://www.GroupLearning.org)

**SarahHi:** That's where I first connected to it ( [GroupLearning.org](http://GroupLearning.org))

**FredS:** [www.JigsawHelper.net](http://www.JigsawHelper.net) is my site that combines Jigsaw with WebQuests

**SarahHi:** Great! Thank you for all the valuable resources!

**FredS:** An example of a JigsawQuest or a WebQuest that uses Jigsaw Grouping is BJ's [www.ConsumerArt.net](http://www.ConsumerArt.net)

**FredS:** Other examples of JigsawQuests are [www.MythologyQuest.net](http://www.MythologyQuest.net) and [VikingQuest.net](http://VikingQuest.net)

**FredS:** [www.VikingQuest.net](http://www.VikingQuest.net)

**SusanR** . o O ( some of the links need updating. Good project for the Xmas holidays, Fred )

**FredS:** Any questions or comments?

**FredS:** It's a never ending task, but I enjoy it

**BJ:** Sarah, Fred is very helpful if you want to try out a jigsaw activity and send it to him for suggestions...

**BJ** . o O ( or bring it to the monthly discussion )

**FredS:** Feel free to email me your ideas and I'll make them into a JigSawQuest or put them on one of my educational sites...

**SusanR:** I brought the topic of Vikings to Fred and he designed the web site for me. I included the info. links and graphics... all through email..

**BJ:** Thanks, Fred. It's always interesting to see your new Group Learning Methods site growing and developing

**FredS:** Thanks BJ - I'll work on it more over the Holidays

**BJ:** The next Group Learning Methods meeting is January 20

**BJ:** any last questions or comments?

**FredS:** Feel free to email me anytime at [FredSteinbroner@Yahoo.com](mailto:FredSteinbroner@Yahoo.com)

**BJ:** Happy holidays, everyone. Be safe.

**FredS:** Thanks BJ - Any questions before we quit?

**SusanR:** I like the new additions to the site, Fred. I plan further exploration.

**FredS:** Thanks Sue!

**FredS:** Everyone have a Happy Holiday and a Great New Year!

**BJ** waves goodnight

**FredS:** Talk to you in January - Goodnight Everyone!