

Title of Session: Arts and Literacy - ESL

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BjB: Welcome to today's Arts and Literacy - ESL/EFL discussion.

BjB: we usually start all the Tapped In discussions with introductions. Please tell me where you are located and what you teach.

BjB: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

HollyKW: I teach high school math in Utah.

FredK: I'm with the Pushmataha County Literacy Council in SE Oklahoma

JeffC lurks here as he runs out the door to pick up his son. I'm on Helpdesk here and in Oregon... 15 years in education.

BjB: The topic is using the arts to teach/learn ESL/EFL

BjB: I'm going to be sharing some urls with you

BjB: when I show a url, please remember to hold down your ctrl key or turn off popup blockers

BjB: also, you may want to go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat window and either make the font larger or detach the chat window

BjB: any questions or comments before we begin?

FredK: nope

BjB: Holly?

BjB: the first site I'm going to share is Songs for Teaching -Using Music to Promote Learning

HollyKW: I would love some suggestions as to ways to help my ESL students with math through art.

BjB: we'll see if we can pull some of those up...or discuss how we can use the sites I've gathered to do that, Holly

BjB: what grade level do you teach?

HollyKW: Thanks! 10-12

BjB nods. Here's the first URL

BjB: <http://www.songsforteaching.com/esleflesol.htm>

BjB: by using music you can integrate pattern, rhythm, anything else?

FredK: Does RAP fit in this category?

BjB: definitely, Fred.

BjB: lots of great beats

BjB: and rhymes

BjB: and...you can get the kids to write their own raps, Holly

BjB: to explain a concept

HollyKW: It's a great way to remember rules!

BjB smiles...absolutely!

BjB: the next site is the Learning Languages Net

BjB: <http://learninglanguages.net/>

BjB: check out the games

FredK: The left hand column has lots more besides ESL

FredK . o O (wow)

BjB: origami is good for math concepts

BjB: as is architecture

HollyKW: True! Lots of geometry.

BjB: ready to move to the next site?

FredK: OK

HollyKW: yes

BjB: I'm going to be showing you several sites from ArtsEdge

BjB: this first is One Story, Many Tales

BjB: <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/content/2390/>

BjB: There are many children's books that use math, Holly. One Grain of Rice is one that comes to mind

HollyKW: I have never heard of that one but I know there are MANY!

BjB: http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/059093998X/sr=8-1/qid=1149549422/ref=pd_bbs_1/002-4988358-0196810?%5Fencoding=UTF8

BjB: the next ArtsEdge site is "All the news that's fit to print"

BjB: <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/content/2337/>

BjB: Fred, I hope these are sites that you will also find useful?

FredK: I still have a white page from the last one

BjB: from the amazon link?

FredK: I will check them out from the transcript

FredK: looks like a good book

BjB: the next ArtsEdge site I have is Unique Me!

FredK: New Readers Press does the news too.

BjB: <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/content/2335/>

BjB: the nice thing about the ArtsEdge site, Fred, is that it uses storybooks....

BjB: pictures help ESL/EFL students construct meaning from the words

FredK: The last one looks almost like pictorial blogging

BjB: and they engage the various multiple intelligences...visual as well as aural

HollyKW: I could have them do the collage in different polygon shapes!

BjB: cool idea, Fred...that is another way that collage lesson could be done

BjB agrees with Holly.

FredK: Outlines provide boundaries

BjB: Quilts are another way to use geometry

BjB: <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/content/2295/>

BjB: one interesting thing about quilts or fabric images...every culture has some form of this

HollyKW: Great geometry ideas in quilts! Even though intended for younger kids, I could still use this idea!

FredK: SE Oklahoma is quilt heaven

BjB: so even though the lesson says it's for younger kids, you can adapt for older children too

FredK: Where is the audio available?

BjB . o O (I think I did a session on quilts for one of the storytelling discussions)

BjB: on the artsedge site, Fred?

FredK: thanks

HollyKW: The quilt idea would help my ESL kids feel important, wanted, and could begin some great discussions!

BjB smiles. You are correct, Holly.

BjB . o O (you might want to find the script of the quilt discussion at www.tappedin.org/transcripts)

FredK: thanks

BjB: The next site is ArtsConnectEd

BjB: oops...back up a sec...

BjB: <http://ti2data.sri.com/transcripts/artshumanities/2006/20060208storytellingquilts.pdf>

BjB . o O (that is the transcript for storytelling/quilts)

BjB: on to ArtsConnectEd

BjB: <http://www.artsconnected.org/>

BjB: I'm going to try and muddle my way through this site...

BjB: but you're better off joining Kevan Nitzberg on June 12 when he leads an artsconnected discussion

FredK: Time?

BjB: 7-8:30 EDT

BjB . o O (6-7:30 CDT)

FredK: good

BjB: You can build your own museum collection of images at ArtsConnectEd...

BjB: or have your students do this....

BjB: and annotate the images

FredK: That's a pretty good flow chart at Arts Commedted

BjB . o O (reflective writing, finding images on a common theme, etc.)

FredK: connected

BjB . o O (btw, we're having a tstorm zip through...if you lose me, that's why)

FredK . o O (looks like a tour is in the offing for Arts Connected)

BjB: there is a place somewhere in this site that explains the elements of art...which would be good for math stuff

BjB: there is a tutorial, Fred

HollyKW: There is a lot of math in art!

BjB smiles and nods

BjB: especially if you get into perspective

BjB: next site is Everything ESL net

BjB: <http://www.everythingsl.net/>

BjB . o O (I'm especially fond of kites)

FredK: Kites are a beautiful dynamic...

HollyKW: Kites can be very mathematical also! Great ideas!

BjB: last site ... RetaNet: Resources for Teaching About the Americas - Using Hand Puppets

BjB: <http://retanet.unm.edu/article.pl?sid=03/05/18/2122111>

FredK: Some of the search results look interesting too

BjB nods to Fred...same with artsedge

BjB: with the hand puppets you're making salt dough...recipe with measuring

HollyKW: MATH!

BjB: you're measuring for costumes

BjB: and you're writing a script

FredK . o O (A personal visit cannot be beat , however. Mi Casa, Su Casa)

BjB: you mean a visit to Mexico?

FredK: yes

BjB: well, heck, yes, that would be lovely, but not realistic for a lot of people

FredK: It brings back memories for me

BjB: don't forget maps and distance too, for math

HollyKW: True! Loaded with math!

FredK: Rate-distance-time

BjB: fuel, costs, lodging, food

HollyKW: Okay! You've sold me! I just need to be a little more creative! (and less linear :))

BjB: if you've detached your chat, please attach

BjB laughs...good for you, Holly!

BjB: then scroll down on the screen above this chat window to FEATURED ITEMS

FredK: I would like to share an English site

BjB: And look for TrackStar

FredK: got it

HollyKW: me too

BjB: I've placed a trackstar track of all these sites there for you

BjB: Fred, please share

FredK: <http://www.webenglishteacher.com/esl.html>

FredK: I learned how from reception today

DavidWe smiles

BjB smiles also...I thought that url looked familiar!

FredK: My right click wasn't working

BjB: so you learned how to use keyboard commands?

FredK: Control V

BjB nods

HollyKW: Thank you for some marvelous ideas!

FredK: You are using frames on trackstar?

BjB: anything else you'd like to share or questions you would like to ask?

BjB: I think you can use either frames or text

BjB: I chose frames

BjB: does that cause a problem?

FredK: I appreciate all the new research I need to do now.

FredK: No

FredK: I have found this an exciting tour tonight. Thanks

BjB smiles. thanks, Fred

FredK: Bye

BjB waves bye and heads to the C3 discussion