

Title of Session: The Art of Storytelling
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Room: The Art of Storytelling Group

BJB2: welcome to today's The Art of Storytelling discussion!

SusanR: welcome to the delightful world of storytelling

BJB2: before I have you detach your chat text, look on the screen above the chat for the Tapped In Wiki

BJB2: under Featured Items

BJB2: once you have the wiki opened then go to Actions in the top right of the chat and click on DETACH

JeffC . o O (url please, thanks)

BJB2: <http://tappedin.wikispaces.com/>

BJB2: let's start with introductions, please...and tell me if you participated in Adam Frey's discussion

BJB2: I'm a communications teacher in Pennsylvania

FredK: I am a literacy tutor in SE Oklahoma trying to get some tutoring help

BJB2 . o O (I was at the wiki discussion but was kind of multitasking)

DavidWe: I'm one of the HelpDesk volunteers and I lead a math education and technology discussion in Tapped In. I'm in New Jersey, near New York City

KatieGst38: I am a middle school math teacher and a grad student discovering websites.

KiraA: I am a high school English teacher in the Los Angeles area.

KatieFr: I am a first grade teacher in Ohio

KelliGst34: I'm a Walden grad student hoping to find a teaching job for next year:)

DavidWe nods to Maureen

DavidWe: Good luck with that, Kelli

MaureenLan: I am a history teacher (high school) in St. Louis

JeffC: I'm on Helpdesk here and also teach tech & ed integration for Concordia U. in Portland, OR.

SusanR: I am in Ottawa Ontario. I lead the K to 3+ Great Resources discussions

SherylM: Great. I am a teacher, K-14, with emphasis in Professional development

BJB2: a wide range of disciplines and classroom grades...cool!

DavidWe . o O (ooh - K-14!)

BJB2: so... looking for web pages as resources...any other expectations?

SusanR: k to 12 here

MarkT joined the room.

DavidWe waves to Mark

BJB2: Hi, Mark. Welcome. We're just doing intros

SherylM: I just never could figure out what I wanted to do when I grew up. HAHAHA

DavidWe . o O (grade 15, next?)

SherylM: I am working on it?

DavidWe smiles

MaureenLan: I am trying this site out for an assignment in a course I am taking at Mizzou towards my Ed Specialist degree, emphasis in Technology.

KatieFr: I am also taking courses to obtain a masters degree in Tech. That is how I found this site

CaroleMc: hello storytellers

BJB2: nice to see you again, Carole! Please introduce yourself to the group

DavidWe: Hi, Carole

CaroleMc: I am Coach Carole - leader of the Digital Storytellers Network in Australia

DavidWe: Wow!

DavidWe waves to Danielle

KatieFr: Wow that is wonderful

BJB2: welcome, Danielle.

SusanR: Hi Carole

DanielleMZ: Hi y'all

BJB2: we're just finishing up intros, Danielle

BJB2: since many of us just came from a wiki discussion...

CaroleMc: we are having a final showcase of digital stories this afternoon from one of our projects in NE Victoria - that means I have to leave in 30 mins - its 1.10 here

BJB2: I thought we would play around with the wiki that was created for this group.

BJB2: When I went to check on our story on our wiki, I had a surprise...

BJB2: it seems that Adam Frey was using our wiki for his demo!

BJB2: and our story is gone...in spite of looking for the history

KatieFr: I clicked on the site and all I got was a movie clip- is that right, I have never used wiki

BJB2: let's start with the url....

KatieFr: well that explains it

MaureenLan: Katie, same with me; I was wondering the same thing

BJB2: <http://tappedin.wikispaces.com/>

BJB2: if you're not a member of this wikispaces group, please join

CaroleMc: got it I see the You Tube movie - playing it now

KatieL: I am sorry, but I missed something when I was becoming a member. What do I need to do?

BJB2: this is our playground and how we can learn to use this web 2.0 tool for our stories

BJB2: Katie, open <http://tappedin.wikispaces.com/>

SusanR . o O (I did discover wikispaces is not quite compatible with the browser, Safari)

CaroleMc: Videos that tell a real story are just so powerful - we're fond of You Tube in Australia - except in NSW where they've banned it for VET staff.

BJB2: <http://tappedin.wikispaces.com/>

BJB2: Fred, have you found our story yet?

KatieFr: I keep going to the Rocky movie

KelliGst34: am I supposed to be watching a preview for Rocky Balboa?

CaroleMc: wikis are also very popular right now among our VET staff - and I like the wikispaces environment

FredK: I'm looking

BJB2 smiles. We really don't want to think about Rocky...and the anniversary that the movie is soon celebrating!

FredK: Go to history and click on the date you want

KatieFr: Should we all do this

MarkT: Hello, I've been reading but not sure what to do. I was told that you would let me know. By the way, I'm Mark a history teacher from the Los Angeles area. This is an on-line assignment to clear my teaching credential.

BJB2: well, poop! That history list wasn't there before, was it Sue?!

FredK: Let Bj pick the date

SherylM: I think it is Nov 12th

KatieFr: What grade to you teach?

CaroleMc: Bj can you please accept my request for membership of the wiki please

MarkT: 10 and 11

SusanR: I am trying desperately to find the history, BJB

SusanR: I thought I saw it earlier today, Bj

CaroleMc: okay now I see the story you mean when I click on TappedIn heading at top of wiki

BJB2: Kira and Carole, you're now members

FredK: Try Nov 18

MaureenLan: I see the history--it's a lot of dates. I am confused. What do we do there?

BJB2: did that, Fred

BJB2: and reverted to that page

FredK: That was the last entry on that story

SherylM: It was a dark and stormy night on Nov 9th?

BJB2: yes

SusanR: <http://tappedin.wikispaces.com/>

SusanR: I found it

CaroleMc: yes it can be confusing Maureen in a wiki, the dates show when someone made a change to the content, to see that change you click on that date

DanielleMZ: November 18th?

BJB2 nods to Danielle

MaureenLan: Do we go to the 9th (dark and stormy night) or to the 18th?

BJB2: here's the power of collaboration...

BJB2: go to the 18th, Maureen

DanielleMZ: I am not seeing it!

BJB2: I went to the 18th and reverted to that version

SherylM: Nov 18...sroseman

BJB2: but the page list hasn't changed

KatieFr: So would you like us to add to the story?

CaroleMc: I would love to contribute to the growth of this collaborative story using this wiki - what a great innovation - love it

KatieFr: if so... how do we do that?

SusanR: what happens if we all start editing at once

BJB2: yes, Katie...that would be wonderful! If you are a member of the wiki, you go to the page and click on edit

BJB2 chuckles..can't hurt to try, Sue!

SusanR . o O (the adventurer in me)

BJB2: It's fun to see your enthusiasm, Carole! The group that started the wiki also feels this way...a new toy and a new way to engage the kids in collaborative writing

MaureenLan: Did your high school students write this?

BJB2: I had also tried to start a page for holiday celebrations...that is very wiki compatible

MaureenLan: pardon my horrible typing tonight!

BJB2: Maureen, the members of this group wrote this story

MaureenLan: does that include students?

BJB2 . o O (it might need a little work)

CaroleMc: it has given me a great idea for engaging reluctant learners into the use of wikis

BJB2: no, no students, other than teachers as lifelong learners!

CaroleMc: I had better go now. Thanks for the quick look at the wiki, will have a go at editing it some other time.

CaroleMc: cheers everyone

CaroleMc left the room (signed off).

MaureenLan: I am just getting a feel for this, I am very new to this. Let me know if should just sit back and observe instead of asking questions that come to mind.

BJB2: please ask away, Maureen! We're brainstorming

MaureenLan: What is our brainstorming topic?

DanielleMZ: What exactly is the whole point of wiki? I am taking an Educational Technology class for college credit. I am signed up for wiki, however, I am having a hard time finding the place that you are all at.

SusanR: wikis can be used with student writing and tandem learning...here is just one example

BJB2: Danielle, go to <http://tappedin.wikispaces.com/>

BJB2: and request to join

SusanR: you may wish to pursue this one later
<http://k12wiki.wikispaces.com/Tandem+Learning+in+Language+Arts> ..it will give you some perspectives

SuzanneLe: I'm not sure how many are teachers, but several of us have used "storytelling" in a short way recently to create a "scenario" for problem solving in a mixtures unit. Some of us made up personal stories of our kids making messes, and one woman wrote something like "Amelia Bedelia." The students were motivated to solve the problems.

BJB2: we're also having trouble finding the page we're talking about, so don't worry about it!

DanielleMZ: okay!

BJB2: that's a great idea, Suzanne

MaureenLan: "mixtures unit" -- is that science?

SusanR: a sequel to Amelia Bedelia..a wonderful idea

BJB2 had the same question as Maureen

MaureenLan: what grade level? My daughter is in 2nd grade and loves good ol' Amelia!

DanielleMZ: okay, I feel a little silly! Shannon found it for me! I didn't have the tappedin part

SuzanneLe: Yes, a science unit. 4th grades.

ShannonT: I requested to join

BJB2: you're approved, Shannon

ShannonT: thank you

DanielleMZ: I requested to join as well

MarkT: I joined. Now what?

BJB2: you're approved also

BJB2 . o O (Danielle)

BJB2: Mark, you joined the tapped in wiki?

MarkT: I think so.

MaureenLan: I submitted a request, too.

BJB2: now you have

BJB2 . o O (whoever mll962 is)

ShannonT: so, with this is this a way to check grammar?

MaureenLan: mll962 would be me...

BJB2: Samccoy is approved

SherylM: samccoy is SherylM

BJB2: Mark, I'm approving as fast as I can...what is your wiki name?

MarkT: I have a wiki name?

BJB2: when you requested to join didn't you have to use a name?

MarkT: Mark J Thompson was my user name.

FredK . o O (everyone have the story?)

MaureenLan: I can see the story/

BJB2: no request from you, Mark...can you try again?

MarkT: OK

BJB2: great, Maureen.

ShannonT: what should we do on this page?

BJB2: Sue, you want to use the starter gun and we'll all start editing at once?

BJB2: Shannon, add to the story

SusanR: on your mark get set go

FredK: I found that after retrieving the story from history, click on "page"

FredK: Then edit

SusanR: click edit to start adding to the story

SusanR: don't forget to refresh your browser as well...this is exciting

SusanR: to see the changes

MaureenLan: My changes were showing up... until I hit refresh. Now they are gone... how does one save what is written?

BJB2: there is a save button at the bottom

MaureenLan: Yep, I used that. Once I hit refresh it all went away and now there is the green slime version. Is that what you have?

SherylM: You have been edited, but you can find it in history.

FredK: Click on the little flower pot in the upper left corner to show the latest revision

SuzanneLe: Is it too late to be "approved." to see the wiki?

MaureenLan: Ok, now I get it, thanks.

BJB2: you can join whenever you want, Suzanne

BJB2: Mark, you're in

SherylM: You can bump the green slime by going to history and clicking on your version...then save it.

MaureenLan: that's OK, I just wanted to understand the concept... now I get it.

SusanR: . o O (it is best not to edit at the same time I gather)

SusanR: I am still trying to get around the concept

MaureenLan: I think that did add to my confusion.

SherylM: But it was a good experience because our students will probably do it, don't you think?

SusanR: of Wikis and where they fit

BJB2: absolutely, Sheryl

MaureenLan: If we were all the lab together, yes, I can see that happening.

ShannonT: I did it!

MaureenLan: do you use wikis in class or as independent work?

BJB2: you could do both, Maureen

MaureenLan: I have a hard time with computer access for my students where I work, but most students have a computer at home with internet.

MaureenLan: I was wondering what other teachers actually did; but I am sure it's a mix.

BJB2: nods

BJB2: is anyone familiar with kidlink?

MaureenLan: no

SuzanneLe: So, I'm typically a lurker--don't want to risk editing for fear what I want to write will seem silly. How do you motivate students to put their work "out there."

SherylM: I saw it on your table in the history.

BJB2: Suzanne, kids will get pretty excited when they know they are writing for an authentic audience

SusanR: Posting their writing on a blog or wiki is quite motivating...since they know there is a built in audience

ShannonT: that's cool

MaureenLan: OK, thanks everyone. I have to get going. This has been cool.

MaureenLan: Good night!

ShannonT: night

SherylM: see ya

BJB2: feel free to come back to the wiki any time and add a page or try something

MarkT: Thanks

BJB2: I enjoyed the discussion too...always learn from you all!

ShannonT: Thank you all very much have a lovely evening

BJB2 waves goodnight

SuzanneLe: Thank you!

BJB2: thanks for making the discussion so exciting!

DanielleMZ: Thank you for the wonderful experience. I wish you all a goodnight!

FredK: You had a good session tonight, Bj.

SherylM: Wow, it is already 9:00 PM CST? Time flies when your have fun! Thanks everybody

FredK: thanks

SusanR: Here is a GREAT tutorial from the recent K12 online conference on WIKIS

SusanR: <http://k12onlineconference.org/?p=53>

BJB2: thanks, Sue.

SusanR: Mark starts slowly and you can proceed at your own rate

FredK: G'night

SusanR: you can also revisit the tutorial