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KevanN: Well Suemyra, how about some introductions

SuemyraR: ok my first name is Suemyra- I am in my last semester of student teaching

SuemyraR: and I go to the Univ of Houston

KevanN: I am a high school art teacher in Minnesota (formerly from NYC), and am in my 35th year of teaching and going strong (I think)

SuemyraR: my degree will be in early childhood ed

KevanN: Good for you!

SuemyraR: thanks

SuemyraR: wow 35 years

KevanN: BJ and Dave, don't be shy...

BJB2: I'm a communications teacher in Pennsylvania

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler. I'm one of the HelpDesk volunteers and I will be leading a math education and technology discussion in 25 minutes

KevanN: Yeah - it's a bit of an obsession, I think...

KevanN: Well, glad you could be here for awhile at least David

KevanN: Have you used ArtsConnectEd at all, Suemyra?

DavidWe: thanks, Kevan

SuemyraR: no I have not

KevanN: Well, I think that you are in for a treat then.

SuemyraR: great

KevanN: Let me give you a quick intro and then we will visit the site...

SuemyraR: ok

KevanN: ArtsConnectEd is a web site that is an interactive learning environment...

KevanN: It is run by the Mpls. Institute of Art and the Walker Art Center...

KevanN: There are a wide variety of activities and resources on the site for all age groups...

SuemyraR: cool

KevanN: Let's take a peek then . click on the following address...

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

KevanN: There are a series of clickable sections when you first get to the site...

KevanN: We will mostly be in the Art Gallery so go ahead and click on the bust and the frame

SuemyraR: hmm I'm sorry to say it's still not coming up ... and this time I am on a different computer

KevanN: just try copy / pasting the address

KevanN: hmmm...

DavidWe: Just to see if it works

DavidWe: can you open a second window, Suemyra?

SuemyraR: that's coming up ... google my email etc

KevanN: If you are in Explorer 7.0 you might be having some issues...

SuemyraR: lemme try again

DavidWe: so, in that OTHER window, type in www.artsconnected.org

KevanN: Mozilla Firefox often works better

KevanN: Well, if you can't get in tonight (for whatever the reason), you can also try the online tutorial that will give you some information (not a lot but enough to get started)...

KevanN: The address is <http://www.artsconnected.org/tutorial>

KevanN: You might also go to the Mpls. Institute of Art web site and click the link that is there to artsconnected

SuemyraR: ha it came up with the second link

KevanN: Their site is <http://www.mia.org>

KevanN: interesting

SuemyraR: and I took off tutorial and its up

KevanN: Great!

KevanN: OK - click on the art gallery

SuemyraR: done

KevanN: Good - the page is split into a search engine for the 2 museums on the left and a variety of programs on the right

KevanN: Let's check out the programs...

KevanN: Click on Topics in Focus

SuemyraR: done

KevanN: There are a lot of very useful, informative and simply fun sites here...

KevanN: Try clicking on the Art of Asia first

SuemyraR: ok I am in the art of Asia

KevanN: This site has recently been reorganized and now has a combination of history, religion, architecture, ceramics and museum work that you can explore...

KevanN: Click on ceramics

SuemyraR: done

KevanN: If you click on the guide you will get access to a wide variety of resources and historical links

KevanN: OK...

SuemyraR: nice information and pictures

KevanN: There will be plenty of time to explore later...go back to Topics in Focus and click on the Artist Toolkit

KevanN: Here you will find a series of artworks as well as animated films that explore the elements of art and the principles of design

KevanN: Click on the green triangle

SuemyraR: done

KevanN: All of the films are categorized by elements / principles

KevanN: Try clicking on Depth under the Space category

KevanN: Make sure your sound is on!

KevanN: If you are on dial up, this takes a little while to load...

SuemyraR: no I have a cable modem

KevanN: You are fortunate then.

SuemyraR: film is done - pretty cool

KevanN: All of the films are tied to individual works of art that are at the MIA...

KevanN: If you click on See

KevanN: Artists in Action...

KevanN: You will see 2 local artists work with elements and principles using color form - great for elementary school kids to watch

SuemyraR: that's nice..

KevanN: OK...

KevanN: Let's go back to Topics in Focus again

KevanN: If you are interested in Native American art and culture, try clicking on Surrounded by Beauty

SuemyraR: ok am back

SuemyraR: oh that's a great one for fourth grade -

SuemyraR: they just finished learning about Native Americans

KevanN: There are tons of resources here for you to work with as well including recorded interviews with George Morrison, a local Native American artist

SuemyraR: oh neat

KevanN: Click on the Northeast Woodlands

KevanN: Then click on the Morrison Collage icon

SuemyraR: ok

KevanN: On the page that opens up click on Listen at the top

KevanN: There are 4 different segments that play here with Morrison discussing his work

KevanN: There is also a printable audio transcript that you can access as well

SuemyraR: nice

KevanN: Try clicking on the collage on the upper right

KevanN: You will see that there is a zoom tool that opens up with the image that will allow you to get very close to the work - try it

SuemyraR: yes it does get in very close

SuemyraR: makes a difference to see it so much closer

KevanN: You can move around in the zoom as well by navigating with the arrows

KevanN: All of the artwork on the site has similar viewing capability

SuemyraR: that's nice

KevanN: Let's go back to the art gallery page

SuemyraR: ok

KevanN: At the top of the page are additional pages that you can click on...

KevanN: Let's try the playground icon (the mouse)

SuemyraR: ok

SuemyraR: make it find it watch or explore?

KevanN: There are a series of activities here that kids will really enjoy...

KevanN: Yep

KevanN: Click on Make it

SuemyraR: ok then which one

KevanN: If you click on the post card, you will see that you can send a postcard with artwork on it to anyone online

KevanN: Try sending one

SuemyraR: oh that's neat

KevanN: hmmm... this may be down at the moment but it will be back again

KevanN: Let's try a different activity...

KevanN: Color Your Cabin, for instance

KevanN: students get to explore how to use color to create a variety of effects

SuemyraR: ok

KevanN: Back to the Make It page you can also check out the Coloring Book as well which will allow you to print out images for students to color - the images are artworks from the museum

KevanN: There is a ton more to try, but I have to go now. I will be back on in May if you would like some more info.

KevanN: Thanks for coming!