

Title of Session: Arts and Literacy

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BJB2: Welcome to this month's Arts and Literacy discussion, Christine, Tammy and Sherrie

BJB2: have any of you participated in this discussion before?

SherrieC: thanks. no I haven't

TammyI: NO

ChristineH: I am a newbie

BJB2: cool...then let's start with brief introductions, please. Tell me where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach

BJB2: I'm in Pennsylvania and am a retired communication teacher

SherrieC: I'm from Virginia and I teach high school Spanish

TammyI: I teach fourth grade in Spotsylvania, VA.

ChristineH: I am in Arlington Texas. I am going to teach technology this year.

BJB2: wow...foreign language, 4th grade and tech...

BJB2: what are your expectations for a discussion on arts and literacy?

BJB2: . o O (since each discipline requires different literacies)

TammyI: I want to find interesting ways to "hook" reluctant readers.

ChristineH: I thought this was a course. I didn't know that this was going to be a discussion but I am game. I am looking for training for my teachers.

BJB2: great, Christine. Thanks, Tammy

SherrieC: my school is big on literacy no matter what the discipline is. My students read in Spanish and I'm always trying to bring the arts (artwork and music) into our classroom

ChristineH: I am working through my master's in administration certification. This site was referenced by our professor.

BJB2: I do have one mega site that I think we can adapt for each of your needs...

BJB2: I'm going to show you the url and then each of you can explore and report back on how you might use the resource...sound good?

SherrieC: sounds good

TammyI: Ok

ChristineH: sounds great

BJB2: everyone likes movies...and this is an amazing resource

ChristineH: works for me

BJB2: you may need to hold down the ctrl key on your keyboard to override pop up blockers

BJB2: <http://www.archive.org/details/prelinger>

ChristineH: ok I am way new. I can't copy and paste it and it won't connect as a link. What do I do?

BJB2: did you hold down the ctrl key, Christine?

BJB2: . o O (check on any minimized windows you might have)

ChristineH: I did hold down the control key. My husband has a few minimized windows but none have gone to this site. I will type it in the old fashioned way

BJB2: Christine, you can also go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat...and select Send to Pasteboard

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

BJB2: I'm looking at the Library of Congress Motion Picture and Reading Room

BJB2: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/mopic/>

BJB2 wonders how everyone is doing. Did you find anything useful?

ChristineH: I went to a spider video and got an error report that shut me out. I am going to try again. This site looks awesome.

TammyI: On the first site I briefly saw that there were several MP3 files to download. I like the audio potentials... I do not think that I would use entire films. I wanted to find quick ways to intrigue students and get them interested on a particular topic.

SherrieC: there are videos on Spain's civil war - I love it

BJB2: I found some video on animation that was pretty cool

BJB2: you could use parts of just about any of those topics as discussion starters...or story starters

TammyI: This first site seems a lot like United Streaming to me.

BJB2: yes, it's probably very similar

BJB2: . o O (but free)

BJB2: is anyone familiar with National Gallery of Art for Kids?

BJB2: <http://www.nga.gov/kids/kids.htm>

SherrieC: no

TammyI: I think that students would love to watch movie clip introductions on various topics.

TammyI: I am not familiar with this site.

BJB2: agrees with Tammy

BJB2: take a few minutes to explore NGAKids

BJB2: one suggestion would be to use the interactive sites to have kids create art and then write about their creation

SherrieC: I like the idea on NGAkids for students to create their own artwork. I see this being useful in my Spanish class

SherrieC: by mimicking Spanish artists and then writing about their work

BJB2: ahhh...fun idea, Sherrie

ChristineH: This site does remind me of United Streaming as well. I love it.

BJB2: you can also search the main NGA site

TammyI: I think that kids will produce some great work in creative writing after they have had the opportunity to create their own artwork for inspiration.

SherrieC: exactly

SherrieC: its hard for my students to write based off of Spanish artwork but I think they would do better by creating their own first

BJB2: your students are high school, Sherrie?

SherrieC: yes

BJB2: would Mexican art be a good topic?

SherrieC: yes - we do talk some about Freda and Diego

BJB2 nods...exactly what I was thinking. Rivera can be introduced as a graffiti artist

SherrieC: very true

BJB2: and kids will buy into a discussion about murals...it's a contemporary issue

BJB2: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/iraas/wpa/index.html>

BJB2: that could tie into history and WPA

TammyI: What is WPA?

SherrieC: connections with other disciplines ... always a must!

BJB2: WPA is work project admin, I think...initiated during the great depression

TammyI: Ok, thanks.

BJB2: works progress admin...I was close ;-)

BJB2: check out this site <http://www.wpamurals.com/>

BJB2: some of the projects employed many artists.

BJB2: other projects employed builders...I think dams were built during this period, but I'm out of my field ;-)

ChristineH: Thanks for the info. Great sites.

BJB2: did you have any questions, Tammy?

TammyI: I can not think of any questions for you at the moment.

BJB2: then let me find some stuff for your 4th graders

TammyI: Thank you.

BJB2: what about quilting?

TammyI: I am not quite sure how that would tie in...

BJB2: are you familiar with story quilts?

TammyI: I think that I may need a refresher.

BJB2: http://edsitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?id=242

BJB2: <http://www.teachervision.fen.com/childrens-art-activities/lesson-plan/5613.html>

BJB2: Faith Ringgold's books are great

TammyI: I am familiar with Tar Beach.

BJB2 nods.

TammyI: I think that storytelling through quilts is a good idea.

BJB2: Here's one more site on story quilts <http://www.historyofquilts.com/hpowers.html>

TammyI: Thank you. Do you have any more interesting sites that will introduce students to important time periods in history... Revolutionary War, Civil War, etc.

BJB2 looks

TammyI: I was thinking that artwork from the time might help students connect better with the past.

BJB2 agrees...another resource I used a lot in my teaching was picture books

TammyI: That's very true.

BJB2: the art in some picture books is excellent

TammyI: I agree.

BJB2: posters are another good resource...take a look at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/rbpehtml/>

TammyI: Ok

BJB2: a really good source for picture book ideas is <http://www.carolhurst.com/>

TammyI: This looks like a very interesting site, thank you!

BJB2: before we end the session, Tammy, may I tell you about one more site?

BJB2: The Tapped In Festival is coming up

TammyI: Certainly!

BJB2 . o O (July 23 and 24)

BJB2: the theme of the festival is Beyond Conflict: Building Peaceful Communities

BJB2: one of the keynote speakers will be discussing Blanket the World with Peace

BJB2: <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>

BJB2: we're hoping to build on this virtual quilt

BJB2: each square is one link deep...which means you would submit a quilt square (art)

TammyI: This sounds interesting.

BJB2: and then link to a webpage...the page could be about storyquilts or history or whatever

BJB2: <http://tappedin.org/tappedin/web/festival/>

BJB2: check the festival page when you get a chance

TammyI: Thanks for letting me know about this.

BJB2: you even get a certificate of participation if you log in for three festival events, Tammy!

BJB2 . o O (join one of the pre-festival tips and tricks)

TammyI: I do not think that I will be able to participate this year though because I am going on vacation the last part of July, but thank you anyway.

BJB2 nods. You can still learn more about the peace quilt!

BJB2 . o O (join the Blanket the World with Peace group)

TammyI: I see, thank you for the site.

BJB2: you're welcome, Tammy. Thanks for joining the discussion

BJB2: enjoy your vacation!

TammyI: Enjoy your summer too.

TammyI: Thank you for all of the sites.