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MichaelH: Hello, everyone,

GaryNB: Michael Hutchison is in Technology Education in Vincennes, Indiana.

DebiL hello

BJ: before we begin, a couple of notes:

BrianGuest13: Hi Michael

MichaelH defers to BJ

BJ: Click on the Actions drop down menu in the upper right of your chat window and scroll all the way down to DETACH to make the chat window larger and easier to read.

BJ: URLs in the chat text are hyperlinked. Click on the hyperlink in the chat text to open a new window for the URL.

BJ: thanks, Michael

MichaelH: ok, is everyone ready?

DebiL ok

MichaelH: Welcome to tonight's social studies forum

MichaelH: tonight's topic will deal with social studies resources on the PBS web site...

what you can use personally, and what you can use in your classrooms

MichaelH: however, let's start with some quick introductions.... remember, MY students need to identify themselves first and last names

MelaniGuest20: Melanie Miller from hist140

MarianneH: Technology in Education program faculty member

MichaelH: I'm Michael Hutchison, and I'm a technology curriculum consultant in southwestern Indiana

MariaGuest12: Maria Lankford here hist 140

DonnaH: Donna Hendry, Educational Consultant in Connecticut

ErikosGuest16: Eriko Sato HIST 140

SharonMB: Sharon Brennan, Coffs Harbour, NSW Australia, librarian and year 6 teacher

CarrieGuest17: Carrie D'Souza Hist 140 VU, Vincennes Indiana

DebiL: Debi Lampert - Ohio High school online teacher / US History/World History/

KaylaGuest22: Kayla Bennett HIST140

AndrewP: Andrew Pincon, Tech Support City Colleges of Chicago and statewide Small Business Network

PhilliGuest4: Phillip Mattox from Concordia Univ. (Portland, OR)

CaroleE: Carol Eisenberg, Social Studies teacher Elizabeth, NJ

BretBi: Bret Biornstad 4th Grade Vancouver, WA

GaryNB teaches elementary school in Oregon. He is backup helpdesk if you have a question tonight.

BrianGuest13: Brian Dazey, Concordia MAT Portland OR

MichaelH looks to see if anyone else would like to say "hey"

MichaelH: Well, we were supposed to have some guests with us tonight, but they were unable to join us as yet...

MichaelH: so you get the grand tour of PBS resources from your friendly, neighborhood PBS TeacherSource Advisory Group member

MichaelH: what we'll do is look at some specific social studies resources, and start the discussion from there.

MichaelH: If you have questions, remember, we have a large group this evening, so I'll do the best I can... but may need to hold off on answers till later in the session

KarenGuest15: I guess I'm one of the guests. Used to work at WETA, Washington DC, I'm now a freelancer doing educational materials for various clients, including PBS.

MichaelH: whoops.... Karen's here...

DebiL hi Karen

DonnaH: "welcome Karen:)

KarenGuest15: Hi, everybody.

MichaelH: hi, Karen, I'm getting everyone started...

MichaelH: Karen, we'll do fine... any specific program you want to start with?

MichaelH: Washington Week?

KarenGuest15: No, I'm interested to hear what questions people have and what experiences they've had with using PBS resources.

MichaelH: ok, let me show them a couple of PBS resources, and we can go from there.

KarenGuest15: Has anyone used any of the lessons on the Washington Week site?

DebiL: no

MarianneH: Like to see that.

DebiL: what is the URL?

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/weta/washingtonweek/>, Debi

BretBi: have not heard of them

KarenGuest15: www.pbs.org/washingtonweek

DebiL: thanks

MichaelH: everyone, you can click on the blue link, and go there... but come back in a couple minutes to discuss

MichaelH: you all will note that there are many, many resources on this site

DebiL: What does WETA stand for?

KarenGuest15: Those are the call letters for the public station in DC.

DebiL thanks

MichaelH: Karen, if I recall, the Student Voices and Guide to government resources are excellent

MichaelH: any suggestions on how to use them?

BretBi: the links in student voices are not working

MichaelH: you're getting the whoops page, right Bret?

BretBi: yes

KarenGuest15: I have to confess I haven't looked at them specifically recently, but as I recall they offer opportunities to get students engaged in government issues and help them better understand who does what in government.

MichaelH: they might be updating that page.

DebiL me too? sigh : - (

BretBi: ok

MichaelH: try the guide to government, though Bret. It's really cool

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/weta/washingtonweek/government/>

GaryNB: Bret, I'm getting through... try it this way

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/washingtonweek/voices/>

MichaelH: Gary, the problem is the individual links on the page don't work currently

MelaniGuest20: the student voices work for June and previous months though

MichaelH: The Guide to Government is like the Congressional Record online

GaryNB nods to Michael

BretBi: Verry interewsting

DebiL: nice resource!

MichaelH: Look at the resources dealing with current legislation pending in congress

BretBi: I like the take action option

CarolE: I like this source!

MichaelH: see, this would be a great resource for a government or current events course, don't you all think?

KarenGuest15: It's nice to hear these positive comments.

MichaelH: And, I'll bet you guys didn't know it was here :)

MelaniGuest20: I just showed it to my son, he can use it for research paper he's doing for college English course :)

MichaelH: Let's look at another site...

MichaelH: this is a newer one, but still a really interesting one...

BretBi: seems like with all these resources: Washington Week, C-Span, Thomas, etc, that we would be a more engaged democratic society rather than apathetic disengaged or perhaps my perspective is jaded

KarenGuest15: I want to point out the lessons, not just 'cause I worked on a couple of them, but because one of them is about the media. Is this a topic that gets addressed in the social studies classroom these days?

BretBi: Media - it should but I'm not sure it is in the Standards

MichaelH: I cover media when we do first amendment in government...

MichaelH: so we do prior restraint, libel, pentagon papers, shield laws, etc.

KarenGuest15: When you have time, you can look at the standards that are listed in one of the lessons (there should be two on the media).

MichaelH: That sounds like a good one, Karen

BretBi: Thanks Karen

JenniferP: Where are they?

MichaelH: Karen, let's show them Flashpoints, next

MichaelH: Here's a newer PBS program some of you might have heard of:

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/flashpointsusa/>

KarenGuest15: I think I need help here, having never been in a chat like this before.

How can I open the site and still see what you all are saying?

MichaelH: click on the link if you want to see the web page

MichaelH: oh, Karen, you'll have to switch windows... I have been telling everyone just a couple of minutes on a site, and then come back here for the discussion

BretBi: how can I find out if my local affiliate is airing this?

MichaelH: good question, Bret, and I have the answer!

BretBi I knew you would

MichaelH: try this link:

DebiL I have it open in a half screen and can look and see chat at the same time.

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource>

MichaelH: you'll note you can personalize the site, and it will tell you the schedule, and upcoming schedules... so you can see when FlashPoints airs

MichaelH: or you can check your local PBS listings.

KarenGuest15: You can even call your local station and ask them.

MichaelH: I would imagine a lot of local stations are carrying this series

MichaelH: if you all would like, sometime, try answering the three questions on the site

MichaelH: one's on profiling, one's on the Patriot Act, the other on airport security

JenniferP: what are the questions Michael exactly

JenniferP: the focus questions

DebiL: Where do you find the questions?

MichaelH: look right under where it says "In Focus"

BretBi awesome Michael I found out it airs 3:00 a.m. this Thursday

MichaelH: Karen, do you know offhand what the taping rights are for this show?

KarenGuest15: I don't. Sorry.

MichaelH: Anne would probably know...

MichaelH: the problem of course now is with school out for the summer, teachers might want to tape it now, and wait and use it later

MariaGuest12: what site are u guys at right now ? r u still at www.pbs.org/teachersource?

MichaelH: try this one <http://www.pbs.org/flashpointsusa/>

JenniferP: do you want us to add our comments on the transcripts?

KarenGuest15: Yes, she would. Also, there's a lesson there about civil liberties and the Patriot Act. If not, it will be there soon.

MariaGuest12: ok thanks

MichaelH: Karen, ready to take them to another current events/affairs site?

MarianneH: I look forward to that one.

MarianneH . o O (I applaud it.)

MichaelH: Here's one that is an excellent one... especially if you are familiar with PBS NewsHour...

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/>

JenniferP: I'm ready

MichaelH: the coverage this site did for high school and middle school students on 9/11 was outstanding...

KarenGuest15: Leah from the Newshour was supposed to be with us, but I don't think she is.

MichaelH: No, she didn't make it, either

MichaelH: for example, the violent video game lesson and story would hold student interest, I'm sure

JenniferP: that would be a good piece for debating or getting them to write a research paper on

KarenGuest15: One of my favorite things on the site is a map that you can click on and find out who owns the media where you live. (Media= on of my favorite topics.)

MarianneH joined the room.

MariaGuest12: where is that map at

KarenGuest15: Look in the lessons section, I think.

MariaGuest12: under www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/ ?

MarianneH: Seeds of Peace is a great site.

BJ agrees with Marianne

MichaelH: Now, Karen, another question is how can all these folks find out about these great resources on a regular basis?

KarenGuest15: I just tried to find it quickly, but couldn't. It should be in the resources for educators.

GaryNB: Try this link, scroll most of the way down, and click on the graphic with a-h

GaryNB: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/teachers/>

CarolE: I liked the seeds of peace.

KarenGuest15: I think when you have time, it's worth it to explore all of the sites we've been talking about so far.

MichaelH: hey, everyone, BJ is going to share a message with you

GaryNB: Michael, I've noticed that several of these PBS sites will update you via e-mail. Were you referring to that?

MichaelH: that's one thing, Gary, but the other is a weekly newsletter from PBS TeacherSource called Teacher Previews

KarenGuest15: One thing you can do is sign up for a weekly e-mail/newsletter with the topics that will be discussed on Washington Week.

MichaelH checks to see if anyone has questions for Karen or I before we close up shop for this session

DebiL: where can we find historical events

MichaelH: Do you mean PBS sites that deal with historical events, Debi?

KarenGuest15: I have one more thing I'd like to say-- if any of you will be at the NCSS conference in Chicago try to make it to my session. it's about--what else-- the news media and citizenship.

DebiL: Yes

MichaelH: ok, go to the teachersource site, and you can find lessons and resources... I have a great one to start you out on...

MariaGuest12: what was that site from earlier that u can find out what went on the year u were born ?

MichaelH: try <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns>

DebiL: Thanks!

DebiL: Yes - Maria - I would like that also

MelcheGuest6 left the room (signed off).

CarolE: Thank you!

MichaelH: there are probably 100s of those sites on google, or other search engines.

MariaGuest12: do u know what the site is anyone /

MariaGuest12: oh ok

BJ: thanks, Michael and Karen

DebiL: Thank you for the info and resources!!!

MichaelH waves to BJ

MichaelH: Thank you Karen!

BretBi: Media Ownership: <http://www.mediachannel.org/ownership/>

GaryNB: Thanks Michael for bringing Karen on to share with us. And thank you Karen, for coming tonight.