Title of Session: ArtsSites - Arts Across the Curriculum

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OmarM: this seems like a great learning tool for use in classes with shy students

IleneR: is there anything...

IleneR: in particular you'd like to know from...

IleneR: the students

OmarM: so as to ensure a more egalitarian discussion forum

AdamGst9: as long as students have access to a place like this, it could be very useful

BJB2: I think that once the discussion gets started, you'll have a good idea ...

AdamGst9: computers in general that is

BJB2: you also might want to scroll down on the screen above this chat window to the 10 steps

10 Steps for Having a Successful Chat in Tapped In

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4. Give a brief introduction.

If the moderator calls for introductions, give your discipline, grade, and location.

5. LISTEN to what the moderator has to say

The Moderator offers tips on participation, introduces the Discussion Leader and sets the ground rules for the discussion.

6. LISTEN to what the Discussion Leader has to say

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BJB2: We have about 10 minutes until we start. Does anyone have any questions?

BJB2: We will be starting with introductions. I'll be asking you each to tell us where you are located and what you teach

BJB2: once you've read the 10 steps, then detach your chat window so it's easier to follow the dialogue, please

IleneR: under "about"?

IleneR: everyone had different things above the window.

BJB2 nods to Ilene. The 10 steps is a note on the welcome screen that you see when you first enter the room

BJB2 . o O (it's below featured passageways)

BJB2: so, if you see ROOM VIEW at the top of your screen click on that to get back to the welcome screen

JeremiahS: how do I detach the chat window?

BJB2: go to ACTIONS in the top right of the chat window

BJB2: and click on DETACH

LindseyGst5: I'm testing the private message

LindseyGst5: it didn't work

JeremiahS: thanks BJB2

JeremiahS: are you in our class as well?

IleneR: no, she's leading the discussion.

BJB2: Lindsey, the message won't get sent until you press the enter key on your keyboard

BJB2: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania. I'll be leading the discussion today

MarcilynH: soo we start exactly at 6

JeremiahS: nice. there's a lot of historical art in penn. I imagine

CarinaGst12: How's the weather in Pennsylvania?

LindseyGst5: BJ, will you be at Pittsburg for NCTE in November?

BJB2: more or less...there are usually a few latecomers. It's hard to start anything on the 'dot' when you deal with time zones and technology

OmarM: railroads first invented time zones....

BJB2: the weather in PA is HOT and humid. I don't think I'll be at the Pittsburg conference

BJB2: interesting, Omar

CatheriGst11: Hi, I am originally from West Chester, PA

OmarM: yes

BJB2: cool, Catherine.

BJB2: yay!

BJB2: thanks for your help

EmilyW: hi everyone

BJB2: Welcome to today's ArtsSites discussion

BJB2: we usually start all events in Tapped In with introductions

BJB2: since it's such a large group, please keep intros to where and what you teach

BJB2. o O (and don't click on any door icons or you'll move to another room)

IleneR: do you want us to go in the order that we're listed

BJB2: when you move to another room you get a new chat window and lose your chat

BJB2: doesn't matter, Ilene

MarcilynH: my name is Marcilyn "Marcy" and I'm a substitute teacher for K-9 and currently in Graduate school for my Masters in Education and Single-Sub. teaching credential

AmbraS: not a teacher yet

AgustinAy: Augie Ayala, I teach Language Arts for the Los Angeles Unified School District in Reseda, CA at Reseda High School

CatheriGst11: I teach dance in the public school system, mainly elementary and middle school. I have gone back to school to get a degree in English

BJB2 . o O (if you're not teaching, what would you like to teach)

KristeneH: my name is Kristie Humphries. I am a literacy tutor/instructional assistant at l.a. valley college

LindseyGst5: I'm a high school English teacher at Birmingham High in Van Nuys, CA

BJB2: ahhh...dance! Wonderful

JeremiahS: not teaching yet

AmbraS: I would like to teach Kindergarten

GlennW: community college GED faculty in California, back in school for an MA in English

OmarM: Omar, Senior Undergrad Business Major (apparently it's a faux paux), contemplating a teaching credential in the future

EmilyW: I am Emily, not going to be in this session for very long right now, I am a web designer, I am on helpdesk at Tapped In

CarinaGst1: I'm exploring ya all.

LuisaP: 9th grade English teacher at Poly High School

HannaGst7: I plan to teach ESL in the future. Now I am a senior in CSUN and major in linguistics.

KaramGst8: Not a teacher yet

AdamGst9: I will begin my student teaching this month at Castaic Middle School in HOT Castaic, California.

MarcilynH: plan on teaching 8th grade English

OmarM: (my mother teachers at Cleveland High in Reseda)

BJB2 chuckles. Please introduce yourself, Carina, if you haven't already

AsmikM: I want to teach in elementary school

BJB2: excellent...so we have a very diverse group!

CarinaGst1: Yes, I'll be doing my career counseling graduate intern this fall.

BJB2: the one thing we all have in common is that we are all at some stage in our education careers

HannaGst7: That's right.

JeremiahS: lol I think we have more in common than that

CarinaGst1: Are we still chasing the ball, and not have time to rest?

OmarM: I don't think anyone here like no child left behind..there's another commonalty

BJB2: The topic of this specific event is supposed to be artsstites - integrating the arts across the curriculum

JeremiahS: nice topic

BJB2. o O (which is why I perked up at the mention of dance)

OmarM: Is this forum in response to art programs being cut, or just an advance due to technology?

CatheriGst11: Thanks, I really believe in the integration of arts in the classroom

HannaGst7: What sorts of art?

BJB2: I was at the National Gallery of Art Teacher's institute last week. The topic was Digital Storytelling

MarcilynH: sounds interesting

JeremiahS: I was at the apple store the other day and they have a station of comps dedicated to that

AsmikM: How does Digital Storytelling work?

BJB2: this forum is a way to bridge the isolation that educators experience

IleneR: I'm curious too about how it works.

IleneR: the digital storytelling that is

BJB2: we used macs to do our digital storytelling, Jeremiah

BJB2: digital storytelling is a combination of visual/graphic images and a story

JeremiahS: cool prolly why I saw it at the apple store (they sell macs there too I think?)

IleneR: w/words too?

IleneR: or just pictures?

HannaGst7: Did you create the images yourself?

BJB2: the story can be a fable or a local history project, or any topic that works with images

JeremiahS: I recently read Molly Bang's "picture this" and it really offered a lot of insight in the visual design theory of storytelling

BJB2: digital storytelling includes images, words and music

IleneR: so it uses many senses.

AdamGst9: Music...something that I think can bridge students and education.

GlennW: how?

HannaGst7: Images taken from someone else's work?

MarcilynH: that's wonderful. Especially for little ones. They are sooo fascinated with technology

BJB2: we used voice recording for the words

JeremiahS: right on Adam

IleneR: so no writing. only oral?

BJB2: the images we were encouraged to use were paintings in the national gallery, but not all of the participants used those images

GlennW: is it too early to ask what software pkg?

IleneR: did you need to get "permissions" to use these images?

BJB2: we wrote our stories and then recorded them, Ilene

IleneR: and did the students "publish" them on the web afterwards?

EmilyW: is there an example we could see of how storytelling was used with these images?

BJB2: we used iMovie, Glenn

HannaGst7: there must be a large variety of choices to pick from.

BJB2 hopes everyone will give me a moment to catch up on the questions

BJB2: I love the enthusiasm of the group!

CatheriGst11: Does the multimedia dimension make the art work seem more personal to the students?

JeremiahS: are they interactive stories? can the readers choose from a variety of endings or plot directions?

KristeneH: please clarify: no written words? what if you can't hear them?

IleneR: okay. let's give bj some space. let her answer one question before anyone asks another, okay?

BJB2: first of all, there are many sites that provide guidelines for digital storytelling.

BJB2: there is also a group in Tapped In that you can join The Art of Storytelling

BJB2: the people who led the institute were Joe Lambert and Emily Paulos

BJB2: www.storycenter.org

KarenDG: cool

BJB2: if you click on that url and hold down your ctrl key a new window will open for you

BJB2: Joe has a book Digital Storytelling that served as our guide

BJB2: before the institute we were required to read that book and a couple others and compose a one page double spaced story

LuisaP: what grade did you use this program for?

BJB2: the participants were K-12 and included a couple museum people too

BJB2 . o O (k-12 teachers)

AmbraS: perfect for all grades

BJB2: it was very amazing that we all have a story to tell.

KaramGst8: How long did it take to put the project together

BJB2: the passion and the emotion and the energy were mind boggling

JeremiahS: wow I'm sure that sentence cannot capture the feeling you are referring to

BJB2: Karam, believe it or not, we had speakers for two days and then had three days to share our stories, brainstorm, and make them into digital stories using iMovie!

KarenDG: what were the student's reactions like?

AgustinAy: Art is an excellent medium to introduce literature, especially American literature. Art, literature, and music reflect our society at any given point in history.

IleneR: can you enumerate the steps in the process.

BJB2: none of the participants had used iMovie before

AdamGst9: What exactly is iMovie?

IleneR: exactly what kind of work is involved.

BJB2: Karen, the students haven't seen the movies yet

IleneR: and, yes, how does imovie work.

BJB2: I agree, Agustin

BJB2: iMovie is a mac program

AmbraS: When do the students get to see them?

EmilyW: did you come up with the story first and then find the images?

BJB2: there is a similar program for PCs called PhotoStory

BJB2: both stories allow you to create transition effects between the images, insert video, pan images and insert voice and music

BJB2: let me see if I can find a good example for you

LuisaP: you can use powerpoint to do great presentations

KristeneH: can you only see the movies on the internet, or can you put them on a disc?

LuisaP: I've done it...it's not as fancy

LuisaP: but having to paste photos and learning the graphics was fun

IleneR: did you have to scan the materials?

IleneR: or were they loaded from the web and a camera???

BJB2: yes, scanning of images was used in addition to camera and web images

JeremiahS: are there stories with multiple plotlines? interactive stories where kids can pick the direction it takes?

BJB2: I already showed you <u>www.storycenter.org</u>

IleneR: yes. did you have to get any permissions.

BJB2: if we used copyrighted materials we had to get permission

BJB2: we could only use images from the gallery if the gallery owned the art

HannaGst7: Jeremiah asked a great question.

BJB2 . o O (but anyone can use the gallery images)

BJB2: Jeremiah, these stories were a bit more linear

BJB2: keep in mind the time constraints.

IleneR: even borrowing stuff from the web today seems to have legal implications. that's why I asked.

KarenDG: can these stories come from personal experiences?

BJB2: our stories had to be one page double spaced

HannaGst7: how much time does the students have?

BJB2: absolutely, Karen. That is one of the things that makes them so powerful

BJB2: you can give your students as much time as you want. We were adults struggling with the technology

KarenDG: I have written stories on my own webpage on myspace.com

HannaGst7: stories regarding your own life experience?

IleneR: those can be accessed by anyone, can't they Karen?

BJB2: one very powerful site that uses digital stories is www.silencespeaks.org

KarenDG: I have seen adults like my relatives, struggle with writing

KarenDG: yes they are from my experiences

IleneR: bj do your students' stories become public? or do they just publish them on the local computers?

KarenDG: yes they can be accessed by everyone on <u>www.myspace.com</u>

BJB2: Amy Hill from silence speaks was a guest during one of my artssites discussions.

EmilyW: here is a website where you can find images to use - http://www.flickr.com/creativecommons

IleneR: are there any privacy issues publishing student stories????

BJB2: that is up to the school, the teacher and the students, Ilene

BJB2: yes, lots of privacy issues would be involved

IleneR: so, bottom line is -- check with your principal!

LuisaP: myspace.com is HUGE among my students

IleneR: I would assume you'd have to get some kind of release.

LuisaP: they just put everything out there

LuisaP: pictures, confessions, shout outs

MarcilynH: it's huge with adults too

KarenDG: yep

LuisaP: it's a reality culture, with blogging and all

IleneR: scary, somewhat, Louisa

LuisaP: it is, and somewhat annoying

OmarM: there's another campus centric portal called thefacebook.com

BJB2: thanks for the resource, Em

KarenDG: here is my address: www.myspace.com/pualani829

MarcilynH: I think it's a little inappropriate sometime

IleneR: maybe the computer group will address these issues raised.

LuisaP: but I think that writing on this website gives them a certain kind of celebrity on the campus

BJB2 nods to Ilene. It's a topic that is very important

LuisaP: if you want to determine their status, it's by how their space is designed

KarenDG: Luisa, my friends and their friends know me through myspace

IleneR: do you hear that computer group!

KarenDG: I can keep in touch with my old high school friends

LuisaP: yep

LuisaP: I think that there's pros and cons

IleneR: Omar, maybe you can look into the issue????

MarcilynH: ok I saw Karen on myspace.com and it's cute

LuisaP: I have a friend from high school who's semi famous because of xanga.com

BJB2: most schools have an AUP (acceptable use policy)

MarcilynH: However, it's nothing I would want my students to see me on

KarenDG: what is AUP?

BJB2: which limits what can be put on the web, permissions needed, and behavior expected when students and teachers are online

KarenDG: unless, you don't give out your home address on those pages

IleneR: hmmmmm. semi famous. is that a good thing or a bad thing. is that our purpose for students? what about the kooks out there who troll for young kids. yikes.

BJB2: yikes is right!

KarenDG: yes you are right

MarcilynH: exactly professor

IleneR: so we should proceed with caution.

HannaGst7: I can't play the story on silencespeaks.org...

LuisaP: oh, myspace is blocked with LAUSD

IleneR: anything that encourages reading, writing, thinking is great, but....

LuisaP: students can't access it through the firewall

LuisaP: but at home...

MarcilynH: that's good

IleneR: we need to keep an eye on what the students do.

KarenDG: oh great

KarenDG: =)

BJB2: we also need to TEACH the students to use the net responsibly

GlennW: BJ, do you know of anyone using digital storytelling with adult developmental writers?

KarenDG: students are getting into more mischief nowadays

IleneR: I agree 100% bj

EmilyW waves bye

CatheriGst11: You need to press on the link for a second for silence speaks

HannaGst7: the high bandwidth doesn't seem to work

JeremiahS: hm interesting

BJB2: Glenn, do a google search on digital storytelling

HannaGst7: it's so silent that nothing shows up...

MarcilynH: lol

IleneR: lol

CatheriGst11: I liked the silence speaks story, it screams out to have movement with it.

HannaGst7: quoted from professor Ilene

IleneR: silence screams -- great image, Catherine

CatheriGst11: thanks

IleneR: is Glenn doing a search???

BJB2: silence speaks works with abused and neglected children

IleneR: yes he is!

IleneR: can you explain that statement a little, bj

BJB2: try this url http://www.storycenter.org/understanding.html

KaramGst8: how does it help abused or neglected children?

BJB2: silence speaks contains stories written by abused and neglected children

HannaGst7: that's sad.

BJB2: it's a therapeutic use of digital storytelling

IleneR: how are they encouraged to get involved?

CatheriGst11: Anything which gets the students to emote, to feel their passion helps them to overcome obstacles

LindseyGst5: it is so empowering for students to be able to write and share their stories, often of hardship

IleneR: I would think it does help.

IleneR: I'm in the middle of a summer bridge program....

IleneR: and the students see movies every week...

HannaGst7: but wouldn't it remind the students of their sad feelings and miserable past?

IleneR: and share their thoughts after...

IleneR: I can't believe how open they are....

IleneR: I can't believe the sensitive issues they reveal.

BJB2: the sharing of the stories is cathartic...and necessary to begin the healing process

CatheriGst11: No, it is a catharsis. Sometimes you need to touch a pain to heal it.

HannaGst7: I see.

GlennW: Even adults will reveal . . . often to their surprise (and mine)

BJB2. o O (don't think that you won't have any of these kids in your classes)

KaramGst8: Hanna, it can be therapeutic as well

KarenDG: does this bring out unresolved issues?

CatheriGst11: Actually, you may be surprised to find you have kids who are abused in some way

IleneR: sadly they're too frequently in all classes.

KarenDG: emotionally? and physically?

IleneR: I think so Karen.

AsmikM: Yes, sometimes letting your emotions out and telling your personal stories to people who understand really helps.

BJB2: Karen, it can. That is when you want to work closely with the guidance counselor

IleneR: but that's a first step toward resolution

IleneR: yes, bi

HannaGst7: that's a brave thing to do.

BJB2: it can present a very explosive situation if you are not trained in working with children this way

IleneR: in California when students share abuse stories we have to report them to the police. is that true in Pennsylvania too?

LindseyGst5: I think it has the potential to create a very blurry line for the teacher to remain teacher and not shift into counselor mode

MarcilynH: I would agree...I worked with ED children in undergrad and it is really disturbing what happens to our students

KaramGst8: BJB2 I agree if you are not trained it can be more hurtful then helpful

JeremiahS: hm interesting

BJB2: yes, I believe it is. I work in a male juvenile correctional facility and many of my students are abused in many ways

IleneR: every school should have a plan in place.

MarcilynH: exactly...but we never had any real training to deal with the kids...they were usually sent to the counseling office

IleneR: in the regular classroom, do you have to report abuse to the police?

MarcilynH: yes

LindseyGst5: BJ what sort of work do you do with the juveniles in correction? Do you instruct art?

BJB2: I think that is also the law in PA

KarenDG: what age group do you work with Marcilyn?

BJB2: yes, Lindsey, I'm an art teacher

IleneR: and sometimes "sending" kids to counseling suggests something is wrong with them -- at least in the students' eyes.

MarcilynH: 6-8

JeremiahS: that's an interesting point Marcy. When I worked with kids in a continuation school and sometimes the were victims of the school policy

IleneR: how so jeremiah???

AsmikM: I think in regular school you have to report any abuse to a principal first.

AdamGst9: Sounds like a great way to get kids wanting to learn again

MarcilynH: It made me more nervous to hear about these things and then have to report them

IleneR: in California it's a law Asmik.

JeremiahS: well some kids I talked to were there as a result of the zero tolerance policy, for example

KarenDG: it could benefit the child

HannaGst7: what's zero tolerance policy?

LindseyGst5: Last year, a mother struck her son in the chest right in front of me, I had to report it immediately. Quite shocking

IleneR: so the range of problems was great, then, Jeremiah?

MarcilynH: scary

JeremiahS: the kids disclosed a lot to me as I built a rapport with them and, yes prof it was

MarcilynH: I don't like seeing kids get spankings..it hurts me

OmarM: i just don't like how many kids are being thrown on Ritalin, I know one that was. He was completely normal only he liked to draw in a hyperactive fashion....

IleneR: zero tolerance == any behavior deemed threatening and the student is kicked out of school.

MarcilynH: drugs are such a major issue now it's crazy

KarenDG: many kids who are hyperactive have problems at home or are high on sugar

MarcilynH: like prescription filled

IleneR: we seem to be wandering a little off topic. do you want us to refocus bj?

IleneR: I think we only have about 10 minutes left.

BJB2 nods

BJB2: so...we wanted to look at how we can use art across the curriculum

OmarM: Any examples of art used to teach math?

CatheriGst11: Would you guide the student works to help them find resolution

BJB2: we took a pretty good look at digital storytelling

KristeneH: I asked my students to bring in music in their language and to tell me the stories the songs told

BJB2: Omar, good question.

KarenDG: can we use utilize digital cameras for students?

BJB2: great, Kristene

BJB2: digital cameras in the classroom are a great tool

IleneR: if the school can afford them.

BJB2: take a look at www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist

KarenDG: that's true prof

KarenDG: sketching and painting is economical

IleneR: yes!

JeremiahS: I went to a film festival sponsored by VC and its amazing how creative ppl were. They used the limited video on the digicam and mixed it with stills and voice overs to create some very interesting pieces

BJB2: there are folders on the site I just showed you for integrating art and just about every other subject

IleneR: wish I could see it.

IleneR: hmmmm. I couldn't click on the link. I'll have to copy and paste.

BJB2: to copy you'll have to go to the Actions menu and SEND TO PASTEBOARD

IleneR: okay.

OmarM: Al Gore has a new tv channel called Current that is supposed to have young people submit 15 minute video clips, though they would sign over the rights...

BJB2 . o O (it also may have opened in a minimized window, Ilene)

BJB2: I also lead an arts and literacy monthly discussion...transcripts are available at www.tappedin.org/transcripts

IleneR: will I get a transcript in the mail as i did today???

BJB2: there is a very exciting project that was started here in Tapped In. The project, Blanket the World with Peace, is based on the theme of peace through the resolution of conflict

BJB2: yes, when you log out you'll get a transcript of the discussion

IleneR: great! I think we need to start winding down. for you, it's 10 p.m.

HannaGst7: Thank you BJ.

OmarM: in Iraq I started a photo project, called I am Iraq, where I had different Iraqis of various ethnic groups, hold up a sign that says "I am Iraq" and its getting funding for billboards throughout Baghdad now...

IleneR: yes, thank you.

KaramGst8: Thank you BJ

BJB2: if you'd like to learn more about the peace blanket, you can join the group. I also have a url... http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/

GlennW: Thanks, BJB. I've got some great notes and sites, and a lot to think about.

BJB2: any closing comments or questions?

KarenDG: thanks for the great insights =)

BJB2: one parting thought...Tapped In is here to serve as a collaborative community to help you throughout your teaching career

IleneR: a great resource! thanks again. o my class: when you log out here, pull up our online class home page again. a few more things to cover and we'll leave early tonight.

BJB2 waves goodnight. Thanks for joining the discussion

IleneR: good night. thank you again.

KaramGst8: thank you

OmarM: Goodnight..i'd like to thank all the little people that helped make this happen...

AmbraS: good night thanks for the discussion