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MidgeF: I have been genealogist most of the summer (book is under review)

MidgeF: Hello!

DrChristo: Hi

MidgeF: So, Dr. Elizabeth, you live in CT

DrChristo: Yes, I do. I teach chemistry to high school students.

MidgeF: I worked in a chemistry lab for years as a Med Tech

DrChristo: Oh, cool.

DrChristo: Where are you from?

MidgeF: I have a lot of "hats"

MidgeF: I live in Bridgewater, MA but I am a native RI

DrChristo: Another New Englander

MidgeF: Ancestors from CT

BjB : so, Dipity must be pretty special if you wanted to do a session on it, Midge

MidgeF: Well, since it is just us...

MidgeF: I have been looking at timeline software and sites for the Digital Storytelling

MidgeF: book and presentation I will be giving in April

BjB . o O (I should have you as a guest for the storytelling group)

MidgeF: So, I thought I'd start working on them

MidgeF: (Wait until my book is published)

BjB nods

MidgeF: They are in review and it is taking forever!

DavidW joined the room.

BjB waves hi to David

DavidW waves

MidgeF: A long time ago I went to a software workshop at Tom Snyder in Watertown, MA

MidgeF: I chose to work with Timeliner and it was fun.

MidgeF: Genealogists say that life is what happens on the line

MidgeF: between birth and death

MidgeF: 1840-1925

MidgeF: Like that

MidgeF: I have a history of long life in my family and so I have to make timelines to figure stuff out.

MidgeF: I made a Web page for timelines today.

MidgeF: Lots of good information for teachers about making timelines

MidgeF: But, before we go there....

MidgeF: Timelines are an important tool for 21st century classroom projects as it teaches students to organize dates, places, people and events in a visually stimulating order.

MidgeF: For Elizabeth, this could mean a timeline of events in the lives of important chemists or for a particular invention in chemistry

DrChristo: Or showing how some discoveries led to others.

MidgeF: My husband is a pharmaceutical salesman

MidgeF: Yes, that's right. Making mistakes can lead to better discoveries (like Teflon)

DavidW . o O (nylon)

MidgeF: Penicillin (or I'd be dead)

DrChristo: Quantum mechanics leading to the atom bomb

MidgeF: I never really give up a life. Medicine is a daily occurrence here.

MidgeF: Good, I see we have the idea.

MidgeF: Students can make timelines to get ready for a presentation or to make a digital movie

BjB : the construction of a timeline could also be used as assessment

MidgeF: It's a visual and creative way to work with dates, events, and places

MidgeF: Yes, teachers use them as part of an eportfolio

MidgeF: The next generation will have to make a timeline to keep track of their ever changing job moves

MidgeF: Many students (and teachers too) have trouble focusing on project dates and completion of work on time

MidgeF: High school students juggle too many assignments and can keep track of important deadlines with a timeline in calendar format

MidgeF: I was just looking at Kathy Schrock's chemical science page

MidgeF: <http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/sci-tech/scics.html>

MidgeF: Anyway, I had fun making a timeline for my genealogy but it got me to thinking about other ideas

MidgeF: So, I used Google today to find material for timelines

MidgeF: I typed "subject matter" +timeline

MidgeF: I got a lot of ideas so I put them on a Web page

MidgeF: <http://www.MidgeFrazel.net/timelines.html>

MidgeF: Let me know what you think?

BjB : some cool ideas there, Midge!

MidgeF: It sort of came together with thinking about the searching ideas for next month

DrChristo: Lots of good links to explore.

MidgeF: When I do a session like this using the Web 2.0 tools can be tricky

MidgeF: Everyone has to sign up to use them so I thought I'd not focus on that part today

SusanR joined the room.

MidgeF: I still like making a Web page and putting some ideas for each Web 2.0 idea

MidgeF: Hi, Sue

MidgeF: <http://www.MidgeFrazel.net/timelines.html>

SusanR: Hi Midge

MidgeF: I learned that Tom Synder and Scholastic have a new updated software
Timeliner

MidgeF: I hear from a lot of teachers that they'd rather not use the Web inside the
classroom all the time

SusanR: what about at home?

BjB: I would imagine you could use something like inspiration or kidspiration too

MidgeF: Now, I liked Dipity That's short for serendipity. It is a Web 2.0 tool that allows
people to make and share a timeline. The advantage to this Web 2.0 site is that it is free,
online and sharable.

DavidW thinks Inspiration would be very good

MidgeF: I think students are so fast that they could be introduced to a Web site and then
work on it at home and show it in class

BjB: free, online and shareable are good :-)

SusanR agrees

MidgeF: Inspiration is good and can be linear but you are stuck with a short space to
timeline

MidgeF: The other timeline was the first one and I made a timeline there but

MidgeF: the surrounding content others made was not suitable for using in the classroom

MidgeF: People make timelines of rock stars and such.

DavidW is looking at the History of Alcohol

MidgeF: Nothing bad but would distract students

MidgeF: See?

MidgeF: of course, alcohol is a chemical;

DavidW: yes!!

DavidW: That's what *I* was thinking...

DrChristo: I took a quick look at Dipity. It looked like those kinds of timelines were there, too.

MidgeF: straight chain or aromatic I forget

DavidW . o O (C₂H₅OH)

DrChristo: Depends. Alcohols could be either. :)

DrChristo: That's just the drinking kind.

DavidW agrees

MidgeF: Oh, good that's why I can't remember

MidgeF: This is the hard part of the new tools, so many are used for recreation that it is hard to explore them and find good stuff.

MidgeF: I was interested in the ways Microsoft promoted timeline making using Office

DrChristo: I've tried it on Excel. It's not that user-friendly.

MidgeF: Yes, that's what it looked like.

SusanR . o O (they need an educational version)

MidgeF: I think a lot of these tools might start charging for use.

MidgeF: Especially if they are being used for a particular purpose by users.

DavidW takes a look for some shareware that may do timelines

MidgeF: I did find some paper graphic organizers for elementary students

MidgeF: But, certainly shareware might be a good idea.

DavidW: Seem to be several...

MidgeF: Good

MidgeF: While David looks at them and gives us a report

MidgeF: Are we still concerned about platform specific issues

MidgeF: Do students have a different computer platform at home than school?

MidgeF: I still hear about educators moving "back" to Mac.

DrChristo: Our students have laptops, so for the most part it's the same computer at home and at school.

DavidW: . o O (nice)

MidgeF: This makes the Web 2.0 tools available, leveling this problem

MidgeF: I must buy a new desktop computer and I have considered buying a Mac and putting Windows on it

DavidW: Have you come across edHelper.com, Midge?

MidgeF: Yes, I have looked at edHelper but not in a while

MidgeF: I am getting emails from companies who want me to promote their Web site by linking from my page

MidgeF: I think some good sites are being pushed back with this push to Web 2.0

MidgeF: Dr. C, do you use the Web in the classroom?

DrChristo: Yes, but not as much as I'd like.

DrChristo: Our teachers need more ideas as to how to use it.

DrChristo: I try to supply those ideas.

MidgeF: So much to cover these days

MidgeF: You must have a text book?

DrChristo: We do have textbooks. Though I was having a discussion today with someone that we don't really need them.

DrChristo: We could do all our teaching on the Web.

DrChristo: They are soooo expensive!

MidgeF: Yes, there is a lot of talk about that with course hosting like Moodle

DrChristo: We're a private school, so our students buy their own, on top of paying tuition. It's getting to be too much.

MidgeF: I still see kids with big backpacks

MidgeF: Yes, and textbooks may soon be more money than a laptop (per year)

DrChristo: Yes. We do have online access to textbooks, but that's expensive too.

MidgeF: My friend, Kathy Schrock has a nice page of Web 2.0 applications. Let me go look for it. BRB

BjB . o O (there is also www.chemsense.org)

MidgeF: <http://kathyschrock.net/web20/index.htm>

MidgeF: Because she hosts this on her own page, I was not sure it was linked to her Discovery site

MidgeF: Maybe some of those would be good for your staff ideas

DrChristo: Thanks!

MidgeF: So much to see, so little time to surf

DrChristo: You are so right.

DrChristo: I try to collect the sites I do find and I put them on a Teacher Resources page for my faculty.

DrChristo: I'll be sure to add the ones from tonight.

MidgeF: It's my job to surf, read blogs and write.

MidgeF: Good, then, this has helped you. Next month I am going to give some help on

searching based on my book that is in production on Google

DrChristo: I'll be here for it!

MidgeF: I planned it for when school (inc. Higher ed) is in session

DrChristo: When will it be?

MidgeF: Sept 23

BjB . o O (the September calendar is posted)

DrChristo: I will mark it on my calendar.

MidgeF: It is hard to think up ideas for sessions that fit all our Tapped In users

MidgeF: I was just looking at my site for ideas for you.

MidgeF: This is kind of a popular set of links

MidgeF: <http://www.MidgeFrazel.net/worthclicking.html>

DavidW: have you come across Timetoast, Midge?

MidgeF: Timetoast what a great name

DavidW smiles

DavidW: <http://www.timetoast.com/>

DavidW . o O (web 2.0 timeline application)

MidgeF: Yes, that is like the other two. I will add it to my timeline page

MidgeF: Thanks!

MidgeF: Anyone got ideas for future sessions?

MidgeF: I haven't made my yearly list yet. Some months are hard.

MidgeF: I am starting to focus on creative sites since the new ISTE standards call for creativity

BjB perks up her ears

DavidW: Looking for timeline creation tools...do you know a site that lists/evaluates

educational tools, Midge?

MidgeF: I think it is hard to be creative and yet cover all the curriculum

BjB agrees. Creativity takes time

MidgeF: The only one that has lasted is Kathy's and she doesn't review

MidgeF: Reviewing is risky

DrChristo: It's quicker and easier to lecture, but it sure isn't as effective.

MidgeF: Web sites are abandoned so fast now

DavidW: Reviewing from a sense of free/\$\$\$, web-based/application, etc.

MidgeF: Hi Shannon. We are almost done but you can go here to look at timelines

MidgeF: <http://www.MidgeFrazel.net/timelines.html>

ShannonGst14: Hello, I'm early for a class that begins at 8. This is my first time on Tapped In

DavidW: Welcome to Tapped In, Shannon

MidgeF: Good to be ready and browse around.

MidgeF: Well, any more information I can give you?

ShannonGst14: Thank you! I'm familiarizing myself with the site; seems pretty interesting so far!

MidgeF: If not, I will let you return to your own life.

MidgeF: I can hear my bathrobe calling me!

DrChristo: Thanks, Midge for the information and the links.

BjB: thanks, Midge

MidgeF: Thank you for coming and maybe we will meet again at Tapped In (if we have positive chemistry)

DrChristo: Shannon, I can vouch for Tapped In being very interesting and useful.

MidgeF: A chemistry joke!

DrChristo smiles

DrChristo: Good night.

DavidW waves

MidgeF: Can't help myself...brain rot from hazardous chemicals

MidgeF: Goodnight all!

DavidW: Good discussion, Midge - drink more water!

DavidW waves to Midge