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PamB : Hi Everyone!

BJB2: I'm going to announce this discussion....everyone please IGNORE the announcement. You're in the right room

BJB2: Before we start, a reminder if you are new to Tapped In, to go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select DETACH

BJB2: this will make the chat larger and easier to follow

BJB2: we usually start all Tapped In events with introductions. Please tell Pam where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach

DevonWB : Devon Bostock. Hesperia, CA. Teach tenth grade English

MariB : I live in Provo, Utah and I teach 1st grade

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

MariB : Mari Bell

HollyMu: I'm Holly, from Georgia. I homeschool my two sons, but hope to return to the classroom in the fall. I am enrolled at Walden University, to complete my Masters in about 3 weeks.

NoraG: I attend UTPA in Edinburg, TX. I am hoping to teach kindergarten.

VanessaSC: hello, I am Vanessa and I am located in the University of Texas PanAmerican, I plan to teach ESL

StephaniOC: I am in Stafford, VA. I am a graduate student at UMW and plan to work with ESL programs.

MarianneS: I live in Seattle and I teach 4-6 ELL

BillBe: Bill Bell, Selkirk, Ontario, Canada: on-line career development.

PamB : Thanks. It looks like we are from all over the country – great! I'm an educational

technology/library consultant. I work with school districts around the country, present seminars and workshops, and teach online at Syracuse University iSchool and live near NYC.

PamB : Tonight I would like to explore Web 2.0 tools and how they can be used to support 21st century learning, tools and resources that engage students and encourage collaboration, creativity, communication and more.

HollyMu: Awesome!

PamB : Do you use Web 2.0 tools with your students? Are you familiar with some?

MarianneS: Yes, a little

HollyMu: I don't. (as far as I know)

MariB : I'm familiar, but limited in tech resources at my current school

SeanPK: I don't know

VanessaSC: no

NoraG: don't know

DevonWB : I have integrated some

StephaniOC: I am not currently teaching

EmilyDM: Well, I'm not a teacher yet, I have one more semester to go, but I'd like to learn about your techniques

RogelioLe : no I have never used but would like to know more about it

PamB : Okay, to give you a little background...

PamB : Web 2.0 tools are the newer tools/websites on the Internet that are interactive and social.

DevonWB raises hand

MariB : like wikis and blogs

PamB : Have you all been to YouTube?

JohnSto: What about twitter?

VanessaSC: YES

MarianneS: yes

NoraG: Yes

EmilyDM: all the time

RogelioLe: yes

DevonWB: yes

SeanPK: yes

JohnSto: How do I Twitter?

MariB: ya

BillBe: yes

PamB: yes exactly ...wikis andf blogs and podcasts.

HollyMu: yes, I was on you tube right before coming here. hehe

NoraG: All new to me..wikis, podcasts?

JohnSto: I cannot get you tube at work because of firewall issues

NoraG: same here

MariB: wiki- like wikipedia is a webpage that can be edited my multiple authors

PamB: To begin, let's look at a video on YouTube. Come back after you have viewed it.

PamB: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_A-ZVCjfWf8

NoraG: oh, ok

PamB: we'll have time later to explain about wiki and blogs, etc.

RogelioLe: ok

BillBe: Pam, is there an easy way of picking up that youtube url

BJB2: HOLD DOWN THE CTRL KEY when you click on the url

BJB2: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_A-ZVCjfWf8

MariB : thanks!

MatthewWa : that works

MarianneS: I have Mac and that doesn't work, any other ideas?

BJB2: hold down the shift key or turn off pop up blockers

BJB2: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_A-ZVCjfWf8

BJB2: or go to the Actions menu, select Send to Pasteboard and copy the url and paste it in a new browser window

MarianneS: the last way worked

DevonWB : watching now

HollyMu: Wow.

NoraG: That was amazing! I want to learn how to do all those things too.

SeanPK: very cool

MariB : I'd like to learn about the digital storytelling

EmilyDM: that's a good wake up call for teachers

MatthewWa : definitely

NoraG: Digital storytelling? never heard about it, but would love to try it

RogelioLe : that is true

VanessaSC: I know this is very interesting

StephaniOC: late start...still viewing

NoraG: There is a lot of new technology I never heard of. Very interesting.

MarianneS: I finished watching it

PamB : Is everyone back?

DevonWB : yes

SeanPK: yes

RogelioLe : yes

MarianneS: yes

EmilyDM: yes

MariB is here

VanessaSC: yes

HollyMu: yes

MatthewWa : yes

NoraG: yes

PamB : Do you know how many hours your students game or read everyday?

PamB : Was the video on target?

MarianneS: more time gaming than reading

MariB . o O (5?)

EmilyDM: no, but my daughter reads at least an hour a day.

MatthewWa : easy surveys can take care of that at the beginning of the year

HollyMu: I would guess reading 1/2 hour - hour, gaming probably a couple hours or more.

MatthewWa : most of my students game more than read, although the Twilight series has helped with the reading aspect for many of the girls

PamB : I agree, Matt...like Surveymonkey.com

EmilyDM: surveys...that's if the students are telling the truth

VanessaSC: yes they game more than read

NoraG: I see more kids playing games than reading

SeanPK: 3 hours

MatthewWa : true Emily

DevonWB : Our school website allows us to survey students and parents individually.

StephaniOC : Eye opening!

PamB : what did you think of the video?

HollyMu : Wow, Devon.

BJB2 : welcome, Russ. We've just finished looking at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-ZVCjfWf8> and are discussing how much time students spend reading and gaming

MarianneS : I like it. My administrators should watch it.

HollyMu : I thought the video was enlightening.

EmilyDM : it was neat, the silence gave it something extra

DevonWB : I was just glad that I was among the percentages of teachers actually using some of those tools.

SeanPK : It was thought provoking

StephaniOC : Exactly. More impact

EmilyDM : with the sort of classical music in the background

RussR : sounds good, I cut back on my gaming a few years ago and picked up more reading

RogelioLe : I have never seen anything like it

BillBe : I enjoyed it. But how do you get them to go from enjoyment to creation?

MariB : I listen to books on tape

VanessaSC : I liked it a lot, because technology is something kids enjoy using

MatthewWa : Bible on CD is awesome too, especially for the commute

EmilyDM : I downloaded Twilight the other day

StephaniOC : tap into their interests

NoraG: very informational, now I know what kids are looking and asking for

EmilyDM: I wanted to know what it was about before watching the movie

StephaniOC: As part of ongoing development teachers should be required to learn how to use these tools

VanessaSC: I know Emily that happened to me, I read the book before watching the movie

PamB : I have two resources to help you become more knowledgeable about these tools: one is the ning Classroom 2.0 and the other is a free online conference.

PamB : For those of you who are not familiar what a Ning is...

NoraG: yes tell me

SeanPK: I am not familiar with it

MarianneS: I have heard of it before.

VanessaSC: me neither

PamB : A ning is a free social network; anyone can to <http://ning.com> and start a ning. It has forums, blogs, photo and video sharing and other tools built into it. The one we are going to look at is for educators to share and learn about using Web 2.0 tools in their classroom. When you go there, join, look around and come back in 15 minutes.

PamB : <http://www.classroom20.com/>

RogelioLe : never heard of it

HollyMu: go to ning, or classroom 20?

PamB : I'm here if you want to come back earlier and ask any questions.

PamB : go to <http://www.classroom20.com/>

VanessaSC: so we go to classroom20page and then..

HollyMu: ok

PamB : it's ning started by a teacher for other teachers to learn about using Web 2.0 tools.

PamB : and then join and explore....and come back here.

VanessaSC: ok

DevonWB : This is very neat

StephaniOC: great site. especially for those of us who have very little experience with podcasts, blogs, etc...

MatthewWa : interesting

PamB : Look at the 10 posting down in the Forum -- Teacher's use of podcasts as a teaching tool!--- this is a typical example of sharing.

DevonWB : I just had a conversation with a colleague about setting up something like this for teachers at our school. Now I don't have to :)

EmilyDM: what exactly do they share

PamB : Emily, they are shring their ideas, strategies and instructional practices on using these tools with their studetns.

RussR : I'm reading a blog on 2.0 in the rural middle classroom, that's where I plan to be

EmilyDM: okay thank you for clearing that up

PamB smiles

DevonWB is pleased

MariB bookmarked some sites

VanessaSC: the classroom20 IS A GREAT PLACE TO SHARE IDEAS and tools to use in class

BJB2 . o O (so is Tapped In ;-)

PamB : Try clicking on the GROUPS on the top of the screen. these are groups formed by members of the ning. Anyone can pick a topic and start a group. When you scroll down through the groups, see if there are any you would like to join.

PamB : I agree BJ! TI is the BEST place.

StephaniOC: the same tools that make learning fun for students can help educators learn as well

BJB2 . o O (teachers are allowed to have fun learning???!)

StephaniOC: it is a prerequisite :)

DevonWB . o O (I hope so)

EmilyDM: 2.0 is super cool

MariB joined implementing instructional technology

PamB: Exactly. One way to win teachers over is to have them have a positive experience with these tools then they will see and understand the potential for using them with students.

VanessaSC: great.

PamB: Way to go Mari!!

BillBe: I see a group called "Stories that stick". Can't wait! Getting people to tell their stories is a biggy for me.

PamB: Has anyone else joined a group?

PamB: Bill, do you do Digital Storytelling with your kids?

BillBe: I'm 62.

BillBe: I see what you mean. I'm not a teacher.

BillBe: I do careers work.

PamB: I meant your students.

BillBe: No students as such.

DevonWB joined National Journalism PLC

BillBe: My shtick is constructivism, where you get people to make their own career scripts.

DevonWB . o O (requested membership that is)

PamB: tell us more about "career scripts"

BillBe: Maybe there's a group for English or Drama teachers. Would be interesting to see how they tease out themes and metaphors.

BillBe: One approach is to ask people to tell you about any story in their life, then ask them what was significant about it.

BillBe: You look for themes, conflicts, values, etc.

MariB: I looked for a drama/ theatre group and couldn't find one

PamB: sounds interesting, bill

MariB: you could make one Bill!

BillBe: At some point you invite the client to try to extrapolate. That the classical approach.

BillBe: I might just do that!

SeanPK: Wow, I am still looking. Have a few to choose from though

HollyMu: Found Tikatok site through digital storytelling fore Elementary. Looks amazing.

BillBe: What's Tikatok?

EmilyDM: you should start one Mari

PamB: Some teachers are creating Ning for their classrooms. they keep membership closed to everyone but their students and have private forums and sharing.

MatthewWa joined middle school social studies

HollyMu: <http://tikatok.com/help/education>

MariB: this was the closet to drama I found How to Structure Creativity in Schools at KS3

HollyMu: It allows students to create stories/books and either view/share them online or even have them printed off to give as a gift.

PamB: It's getting late and I have one more resource to share with you...

MatthewWa: okay

RogelioLe: my daughter is always writing stories

BillBe: tikatok sounds extremely interesting / do teachers still consider scaffolding as part

of their work with students?

PamB : it's an online conference that was held last month and is now archived.

RogelioLe : she keeps them in a notebook

DevonWB : Need to apologize gang...I'm in the middle of moving today and I need to cut out a few minutes early if that is ok.

VanessaSC : I got to one that is called a crazy place called middle school

MatthewWa . o O (how to get my history students involved)

PamB : the conference was about Web 2.0 tools and it's all free.

HollyMu : Free is great!

MariB smiles

BillBe : what is 'o O'?

HollyMu grins

PamB : <http://k12onlineconference.org/>

MariB : you type /th

EmilyDM : free is good right now

MariB : and that's a thought

BJB2 : Bill, those are thought bubbles like in a cartoon

PamB : take a look at it when you have a minute this week....

SeanPK smiles too

PamB : there are lots of very good sessions.

BillBe : I never have any thoughts, that must be why I don't recognize them

HollyMu laughs at Bill

BJB2 rolls her eyes

PamB laughs at Bill's comment

RogelioLe: never heard of it

MariB: Pam- are there any you would suggest?

PamB: I hope you'll all explore the conference and the Classroom 2.0 ning and continue to learn about Web 2.0 tools.

HollyMu: Looks like a lot of information.

DevonWB: Bye everyone. Got to run.

PamB: Mari, I just started to look at them myself.

BillBe: thank you very much, Pam, for hosting this

HollyMu: Have fun packing/unpacking, Devon

HollyMu: Thank you, Pam. I appreciate your insights.

PamB: Thanks for coming!

BillBe: lots of good stuff

MariB: thanks so much!!!

EmilyDM: this was fun and informative

MariB smiles

SeanPK: thank you

StephaniOC: Thanks, Pam. This is valuable info.

BJB2: The next Web Tools for Education will be on January 14

PamB waves good night

RogelioLe: very informative had fun

RussR: I'm looking forward to exploring more of Classroom 20

SeanPK bye

BillBe: good night everyone

BJB2: Thanks, Pam.

BJB2: Good participation, everyone!

HollyMu: Great! I am loving the calendar for knowing what discussions are coming. The next date for me will be Dec. 8th - MSP Tools for Tech. Social Networking. Until then

HollyMu waves nighty-night to all

MatthewWa : well I'm outta here - cat's knockin' down the Christmas tree -

MatthewWa : so many things to look at!

MatthewWa : have a good one!