

**Title of Session:** Global Project Based Learning

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**BJB2:** Jeff and I are leading this discussion today

**MonicaW:** Great!

**AmandaPM:** hello everyone!

**BJB2:** A reminder to those new to Tapped In...

**BJB2:** go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat screen

**BJB2:** select Larger text and then select DETACH

**BJB2:** also, PLEASE NOTE: if you were at the last discussion you remember how confusing it is. Nobody has fun when the dialogue is too confusing to follow

**BJB2:** Unless you are asked for questions or you have a specific question about a topic, please do not type...

**BJB2:** the more people who type hi and yes and no, the faster the chat scrolls...and it just makes it harder

**JeffC:** If you wish to have private chats with people, double click their names in the Here tab.

**JeffC:** That will open private chat with them... talk away in that!

**BJB2:** . o O ( we want you to have fun during this discussion...but because of the large number of participants, the discussion has to be a little structured )

**BJB2:** thanks for the private message chat, Jeff

**KimberlyGB:** Is Linda U leading the session again?

**LizetteP:** yes

**JeffC:** Linda Ullah usually leads this session, but can't be here today.

**LizetteP:** oh

**JeffC:** She has sent BJB some sites for you to visit.

**JeffC:** BJB will share them in a minute.

**JeffC:** here is a \*very important tip\*.

**KrystalB:** oh ok got it thanks

**KimberlyGB:** Ok thank you

**VenessaOS:** Oh okay

**JeffC:** when she pastes up a URL... \*HOLD THE CONTROL KEY DOWN WHEN CLICKING\* or else your popup blocker will \*LOG YOU OUT\*.

**LizetteP:** okay thanks

**JeffC:** the other option is to turn off your popup blocker or accept popups from Tapped In.

**BJB2:** ok, time is flying so let's get started, please

**JeffC:** transcripts are automatically emailed to you. BJB will now share a site with you... please remember to hold the Control key down when clicking.

**BJB2:** . o O ( please do not type anything in this main chat unless we ask you for questions or you have a question )

**BJB2:** Since there are so many people here we'll skip intros....

**BJB2:** but perhaps you would like to meet Jeff and me since we're leading the discussion today

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

**BJB2:** Jeff, please introduce yourself

**OzzieM:** its nice to have the both of you leading us.

**JeffC:** I'm on Tapped In Helpdesk and used to teach English and ESL... a little later I'll share an article I wrote discussing a global project I did with students from Richmond High over a dozen years ago.

**PriscillaH:** that sounds interesting

**HectorRu:** Nice

**DaniellaC:** Cool. Thank you for sharing that with us. That's nice!

**JoannaP:** wow that's great...so what things are we going to go over today?

**JenniferR1:** that's great

**BJB2:** Linda Ullah was scheduled to lead this session, but suddenly realized that when she was visiting in California, her time zones were not compatible with this discussion!

**KimberlyGB:** That's ironic

**BJB2:** so she gave Jeff and me some sites to share. I'll post a url...

**BJB2:** and you will take two or three minutes to explore that site....

**AmandaPM:** Would you like us to reflect on those url after we look at them?

**BJB2:** then come back to this window and tell everyone what you think.

**BJB2:** yes, please, Amanda

**AshleyS:** ok sounds good

**BJB2:** ready to rock and roll?

**PatricioA:** yes

**PriscillaH:** yes

**KimberlyGB:** yep

**DaniellaC:** Yes!

**LizetteP:** yes

**DiamantinL:** sure

**RoxanneV:** yep

**AshliE:** YES!!!!

**OzzieM:** yes

**AshleyS:** yes!

**JenniferR1:** yes

**JanieC:** yes

**VenessaOS:** lets get started.

**JanetteV:** yes

**ElizabetP:** yes

**MonicaW:** Class, stop typing "yes" or "no"

**BJB2:** if you have trouble opening the url....go to the Actions menu in the top right of

your chat and select SEND TO PASTEBOARD

**BJB2:** this will open a window with all the text chat...

**OzzieM:** oh ok thank you

**AndreaMP:** thank you.

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

**BJB2:** Our first site is The Global Education Collaborative:

<http://globaleducation.ning.com/>

**BJB2** . o O ( I follow them on Twitter and they have lots of things going on )

**BJB2:** if you are not able to open at all, just wait till you get your transcript

**AmandaPM :** I opened the url, is there anything specific on the page you would like us to explore?

**OzzieM:** its not letting me open it

**LizetteP:** That was a good website. It seems like it would really help everyone out. It has a really easy lay out to follow too. Even like us college students that use Twitter...it would be good to follow it

**JeffC:** please explore the site, and (strongly) consider signing up

**VenessaOS:** It seems very easy to work with. there really isn't much confusion.

**PatricioA:** I like that it is a very accessible website, also that you can follow on twitter, which is pretty cool

**DiamantinL:** I like the educomics link

**CristinaO:** Collaboration among teachers, parents, students to communicate over global education

**RoxanneV:** that page is kind of similar to tapped in but more inviting lol

**DesireP:** This site could really come in handy for teachers needing reference for projects and curriculum about global learning. It seems very interactive kind of like a social networking for teachers!

**AshleyMS:** so this is basically a website to interact with other teachers well, like sharing

ideas....

**VenessaOS:** I like the way they put in videos as well.

**BJB2:** think of how you can use this site with your students

**JoannaP:** wow that's a great website it looks very interesting one thing and another is that it provides a lot of information

**SaraPe:** This website is really great for collaboration. Just from reading the mission statements, you can tell that it is important to collaborate with other professionals

**AndreaMP:** It's really good to know there is a website where there is collaboration with other educators

**AmandaPM:** Is this website similar to Tapped In, but a little more advanced?

**ElizabetP:** It shows so many different people from all areas of the world.

**BJB2** . o O ( This site is a Ning....a term you might want to be familiar with )

**CristinaO:** it provides many different views in global education

**AshliE:** ohhh, this is a website we can sign up for and follow on twitter. It lets us interact with other teachers and so forth, I like it.

**AdriannaT:** It looks like a pretty good website. It's full of pictures, movies, articles, and collaboration chat between educational based people in the world. I like the map of the different visitors from locations all over the world

**CourtneyB:** cool cool cool

**AshleyS:** I really liked the website, I really like the idea of being able to talk to other teachers and it helps teachers out when trying to come up with ideas

**OzzieM:** how do you sign up?

**AndreaMP:** it's very professional

**JoannaP:** it looks great and I would really like to join the one or several of the groups

**ChelseyW:** I think this site is a great way for teachers to network and collaborate their ideas about education. As we know the internet is the most mobile and time savvy way to communicate and relate to people around the world.

**KrystalB:** this site is very interesting it totally caters to our generation and how we do

things

**LizetteP:** What does Ning mean?

**DavinaC:** I like that it talks about collaboration, I am one that thinks it is a great resource to collaborate with others.

**JanieC:** it is a great site to introduce global education and have feedback as well

**AdriannaT:** and it has a translator!!

**JoannaP:** it contains a lot of interesting things that can be very helpful

**PriscillaH:** this site allows more people to learn about global education

**JanetteV:** this website is really good to collaborate ideas about education

**CourtneyB:** translator is cool!

**AmandaPM:** A translator? That's really awesome.

**RoxanneV:** great website for seeing other people's ideas for education projects and to share them

**VenessaOS:** It look like it would be a good asset to use on future students.

**JeanetteJ:** I love that it incorporates new technology in order to stay connected

**KimberlyGB:** I think it is a really good site. It can help teachers, parents and students learn. Like with the tree project teachers around the world are supposed to submit bark and leaves three times during the year. This way, students can actually see what trees are like around the world, instead of just having to hear about it from a global learning book.

**DavinaC:** I signed up for it already, it looks very interesting and a great resource,

**ElizabetP:** I think this is a great way to encourage and motivate international education. As future educators this is a great resource when trying to learn from others.

**AshleyMS:** I think this website is a great resource for networking, you never know who you can actually meet to help you out in your career

**HectorRu:** Good Website.

**AmandaPM:** I think this website is quite amazing.

**PatricioA:** The discussions page has plenty of good topics also

**AshleyS:** I like how it has chats and discussions and all kind of things

**KrystalB:** wow! a translator that will def. help out others that are not understanding certain languages

**GabrielaR:** I think that this website is really helpful especially since it offers links to twitter, and other networking sites. this will really make it great for younger teachers who are used to using these types of sites.

**SaraPe:** I like how it has a map to show where everyone is from. You can see all the different countries that people are.

**OzzieM:** I think this website has a lot of good information

**CynnaG:** The website looks like it will help with projects on global learning.

**LizetteP:** This website might actually help with the assignment Dr. GO gave us

**KimberlyGB:** The projects will help students learn about global education and the different people, climates and economies around the world.

**ElizabetP:** It also has a translator to be able to communicate with others!!!

**DaniellaC:** How can I view the site without getting kicked off?

**ElizabetP:** This is really neat!!!

**VenessaOS:** You can even follow it on Twitter.

**JanieC:** great way to learn of different cultures as well and how their education system works

**ElizabetJR:** I agree with Chelsea, especially since we already use computers for other things, this is just another way to provide us with useful information

**AdriannaT:** <lizette> that's what I was thinking...

**AmandaPM:** It totally is adaptable to our generation. The internet is the main source of communication now in the world. The website will encourage younger generations to get more involved in international education.

**AshliE:** we could use this to introduce our students to people, and have them learn about global education.

**KimberlyGB:** Yes Lizette. It really could help us find different interesting information

on the countries we have selected to research for Dr. GO.

**JoannaP:** I actually think it's better because it does contain a translator so if I can't understand it in English I am able to translate there instead of looking for something else and taking hours to understand the information provided

**AshleyS:** I also like how it has a language translator

**AndreaMP:** wow a translator is cool

**DaniellaC:** can someone please send me the URL.

**OzzieM:** do a lot of teachers sign up for this?

**BJB2 . o O** ( the site has a lot of projects in which your classes could get involved )

**DaniellaC:** I got kicked off.

**BJB2:** <http://globaleducation.ning.com/>

**VenessaOS:** I love how it is globally connected. People from all around can communicate and keep up to date with different techniques.

**JeffC:** There are over 2000 members of that Ning, Ozzie... and my guess is over 90% of them are educators.

**KimberlyGB:** The translator would be a big help so that students, parents and teachers don't have to worry about language barriers. They can learn about global education and other global topics no matter the language they might speak.

**DesireP:** I think it is nice that parents and students can join too!

**OzzieM:** wow! and from all over the world?

**AndreaMP:** It is great to combine great ideas with great minds all around the globe....that's pretty awesome

**DiamantinL:** By educator do you mean of all levels

**CristinaO:** The name of this organization is Ning?

**JanieC:** yes it does and we could use this sight for our group project in Dr Ratcliff's class

**RoxanneV:** the discussions is pretty cool...there are topics on everything

**JenniferR1:** this is great! I signed up already. This seems like a great way to interact

with other teachers globally...great

**KimberlyGB:** I think it would be a really good idea for all teachers to join this site. Just the amount of resources and projects they would be exposed to would be a great learning opportunity for their students.

**AmandaPM:** Also, the website allows members to upload pictures, videos, and etc. I really enjoy being able to view other peoples environments.

**DiamantinL:** Signed up

**AshleyMS:** wow, that is pretty neat!

**GabrielaR:** I also like the "are schools killing creativity" video. I recently went and observed a first grade class that my niece is in. It is amazing how we can teach these children differently. Already, these seven year olds knew about you tube and blogs. so we can promote their creativity with technology, unlike previous generations who weren't comfortable with it

**AshleyS:** I think this website could be very helpful with our projects

**BJB2:** Ready for the next site?

**DaniellaC:** Wow. That was a really neat site. I like how they have all the global discussions.

**DesireP:** It's almost like a myspace or facebook all in one

**AndreaMP:** yes

**JeffC:** "Ning" is the platform that they use... the site is called "The Global Education Collaborative."

**AshliE:** I was thinking the same thing Janie.

**DaniellaC:** That's true Desire

**AmandaPM:** I would definitely join this website for the positive interaction and opportunity of sharing ideas.

**VenessaOS:** Let's move on

**AmandaPM:** What is the next website?

**BJB2** . o O ( you could set up a classroom in the ning for your students )

**JeanetteJ:** It seems to be a great resource. It's educators coming together to talk about real world issues and how it connects to education today

**JoannaP:** I have to say I couldn't resist so I am totally going to go and sign up for that website as soon as we log off out of here

**OzzieM:** for collage students or high students as well?

**AmandaPM:** It really shows that it's a small world after all just by a click on the internet.

**DaniellaC:** I think I'm gonna do the same thing Joanna. I really liked that site.

**BJB2:** HERE COMES THE NEXT SITE!

**KrystalB:** Yeah I agree with you Amanda. I was just seeing all the diff. videos and such that you could post up...that makes this very interesting for us future teachers to learn how others do things

**AshleyS:** ok

**BJB2:** iPeace: <http://www.ipeace.me/>

**ElizabetJR:** we already communicate in many different ways and i like how this is globally so you can communicate and relate to others around the world about education...

**BJB2:** this site also has some interesting projects

**KrystalB:** interesting site name

**AmandaPM:** This website is really amazing as well.

**AshliE:** Wow, I think I like this site the best so far.

**PatricioA:** I dig the dalai lama

**OzzieM:** why wont it let me open it?

**JanetteV:** this website is pretty cool

**AshliE:** It definitely shows that it is global!

**BJB2:** I've posted info from both sites to my twitter site

**AmandaPM:** Fantastic

**LizetteP:** That was a really great site. It really shows something as global educators that we need...peace amongst everyone

**PatricioA:** This was is my favorite so far. I like the concept of a space that is dedicated to total positive energy and thinking

**VenessaOS:** This website is wonderful as well.

**AshliE:** same here Patricio!

**AmandaPM:** I also noticed the incorporation of music heavily on this website

**VenessaOS:** Very detailing and informative.

**BJB2:** Ozzie, it could be your browser. Can you open a new browser window and type in the url?

**AndreaMP:** wow I really approve this website

**AshleyS:** that's a really cool website. I think it's a great idea to have a website about peace

**DesireP:** This site seems like an interactive myspace/facebook spin off only concentrating sharing ideas about peace. Very interesting!!

**PriscillaH:** I think this site is great. I like that the whole website is built for world peace

**KrystalB:** kinda reminds me of a myspace a bit just cause there's music and vid/photo postings pretty neat

**CristinaO:** Another great way to present your ideas to others

**VenessaOS:** I love the way it uses music as an approach.

**CourtneyB:** loving the peace I like that our country is trying to make peace

**SaraPe:** This is another great site to communicate with others from around the world.

**RoxanneV:** Really hip and cool site.....more globally aware on issues and what not....now I know why it's named ipeace....similar to the site before

**AdriannaT:** it's about peace... although it seems u have to sign up to look around

**AndreaMP:** It's inspirational

**DavinaC:** I was thinking the same thing Krystal

**PriscillaH:** I also found the photos interesting

**ElizabetP:** This is very neat it has different groups you can join. People can join for a cause.

**AmandaPM:** It's very simple, yet many inspirational ideas and people.

**DiamantinL:** SPIRITUAL

**JeanetteJ:** This website has a great concept. The fact that people worldwide come together for a common idea

**JanetteV:** I love the way it uses music to approach its awesome

**PatricioA:** I really like how it stays current on events

**DavinaC:** it looks rather interesting

**JoannaP:** wow this website is also great and when I was going through it I couldn't help but notice it is something very similar looking to myspace and you can see all the main information on this page

**JenniferR1:** this site has great videos and pictures of different cultures which is imperative for global communications around the world...great site

**AshliE:** I like the photos as well.

**JanieC:** I agree with you Priscilla about the whole topic being world peace

**ChelseyW:** I like the idea of teachers having a place to blog and really confront their true ideas about education. Sometime it may be difficult to share that with your students or parents, but being on a site surrounded by world wide educators puts you in a place of understanding. Teachers need a place to go to share their knowledge and even their concerns. I noticed that the last site incorporated a blog section as well.

**JanetteV:** and the photos are amazing

**KimberlyGB:** It is a very interesting site that encourages people to look past everyone's differences when learning globally.

**HectorRu:** Very, Very Interesting.

**AshleyS:** I like the way it has like different groups and pics and videos

**SaraPe:** It looks like it offers a lot to members. I really like the magazines option.

**JoannaP:** and you can also make your own group of just join one already made

**AmandaPM:** I enjoy the photographs as well.

**RoxanneV:** it's not so much a teacher's site but it's educational in that it shows what's going on globally

**KrystalB:** it sure does! thank God for TECHNOLOGY!

**DesireP:** It shows how important interacting globally is!

**AshliE:** I don't think I have ever seen a site like this!

**BJB2:** I agree that the site is more spiritual than the ning...but it's not focused on any one faith

**OzzieM:** ok I was able too now. I really like this one.

**CristinaO:** a multi-culture website

**CynnaG:** Wow, I really like this one. It's a great website to communicate with others.

**AmandaPM:** I think promoting world peace is extremely important for future generations.

**ElizabetP:** The photographs show that we can be in peace with each other.

**DiamantinL:** ok

**VenessaOS:** The magazine options is also a great thing.

**KrystalB:** I agree with you Kimberly

**LizetteP:** that's important BJB because not all of our students will share the same religion

**KimberlyGB:** People can connect all over the world via their blogs or by sharing pictures like the other website did. It's really effective for global education.

**AmandaPM:** I agree, it does remind me of myspace a little.

**PriscillaH:** I think we should all embrace the differences in all of our cultures and this website allows us to do this with ease.

**ElizabetJR:** I like the whole concept of this website, emphasizing peace amongst everyone!

**JoannaP:** it's so great it has a little bit of everything

**KimberlyGB:** It's like myspace but better.

**JenniferR1:** it even updates birthdays so you can receive messages from all around the world...how wonderful..

**VenessaOS:** This website looks like it would be easy to work with.

**OzzieM:** very true about the religion.

**PatricioA:** I think it's more focused on a positive outlook, which also helps with coming together, and collaborating efforts, ideas and strategies

**ElizabetP:** Even the music is related to the peace theme!!!

**AndreaMP:** It shows that there is peace in a global society

**GabrielaR:** I think that this site is global. but I cant seem to access as much information as I did from the other site. It requires membership to see most of the information

**DesireP:** Every culture should definitely be treated with respect

**AshliE:** the videos are amazing.

**JoannaP:** yes I have to agree it is like myspace, but in a very educational way

**BJB2:** I'm thinking that iPeace is also a ning, but not sure

**AshleyS:** I agree with you Amanda that peace is very important for future generations

**KimberlyGB:** It has some really nice features.

**CynnaG:** It's amazing how the world connects.

**AmandaPM:** Once again, this website allows people from all over the world to join together and share ideas for the common good of the world.

**OzzieM:** what url do recommend having the students use?

**GabrielaR:** but I do appreciate its main theme of peace

**VenessaOS:** I guess we are all connected in some way. This approach is wonderful and exciting.

**AshliE:** I agree Cynna

**KimberlyGB:** I agree, it is important for our generation as well as future generations to learn the importance of peace and global learning.

**PriscillaH:** it shows that peace is the desired state for the people who participate

**JanieC:** that is what we have to introduce to younger generations world peace.

**AshleyMS:** this website is more a comfort zone for teachers to just exchange ideas and talk about their personal experiences as teachers...sometimes maybe if they try talk about it to parents or someone who does not pursue the same career, they really can't relate to one another...I believe this website does help teachers to interact with other teachers comfortably

**BJB2:** that is a decision you have to make, Ozzie

**BJB2:** you know your students better than anyone

**ElizabetP:** Who are you able to chat with? (also people from all over the world)

**OzzieM:** I think I would try both

**AdriannaT:** something I could show my students that there are many people out there in other countries that encourage peace with the us and others around the world not just the US trying with other countries

**PatricioA:** It couldn't hurt, :) Ozzie. This is a refreshing site. Not to mention the nifty music on the site.

**BJB2 . o O** ( none of the sites will have a text chat as good as Tapped In's! )

**JenniferR1:** it would be nice to chat with people from other countries

**AmandaPM:** I wish schools had more funding for educational purpose for things as technology. It really could change the whole concept of learning in the classroom.

**DesireP:** Maybe if more people knew about this site they would be able to express their feelings and we would not have to hear about the school shootings and hazing on the news

**OzzieM:** very true

**AshleyS:** as teachers it will be important for us to be globally educated because we never know who we might be teaching and these websites are great ways to connect with other people

**PriscillaH:** it would be interesting

**ElizabetP:** I see.

**AdriannaT:** Can we move on

**VenessaOS:** The peace environment is so comforting. Makes you feel right at home.

**CristinaO:** I agree with u Ashley

**PatricioA:** exactly Ashley, we have students from all over

**BJB2:** something Jeff often recommends is that you send the students to the site and have them explore and then report back to the class about what they've found

**OzzieM:** it's a good way to get ideas from other teachers

**KrystalB:** that's a good insight Ashley I like the way you described it as a "comfort zone" that's very true

**BJB2:** Jeff, are you ready for your site?

**DesireP:** Good point Ashley

**JeffC:** yup

**DiamantinL:** ok

**JeffC:** next site: Peace and Collaborative Development Network:  
<http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/>

**AmandaPM:** I think teachers sharing ideas is crucial.

**ElizabetP:** The environment of the website really makes you feel calm and peaceful by viewing everyone come together.

**JoannaP:** I have to agree with Ashley because it's true in the everyday life we see people from other countries and actually websites like the one we saw are very helpful to everyone

**KimberlyGB:** Exactly, I think it's important to show our students some of the features of this website because it will open them up to other parts of the world without having to go there. They could see students from around the world and talk to them and see how their schooling works and how they live.

**JeffC:** if clicking doesn't work... click Actions-- Send to Pasteboard-- then copy/paste into another tab.

**JeffC:** here is the next site again: Peace and Collaborative Development Network:  
<http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/>

**JoannaP:** they give you the chance to learn more of other races and also things to talk about

**AmandaPM:** Is this website strictly for teachers?

**CristinaO:** this sounds political to me

**VenessaOS:** This looks a little more professional.

**OzzieM:** this one wouldn't be good for students

**DaniellaC:** I like this site. I like how it has a calendar for all upcoming events and how people post blogs.

**AmandaPM:** I agree, it does look a little more sophisticated.

**BJB2:** I like the idea that this site includes conflict resolution

**CourtneyB:** agree also I like the last one better

**OzzieM:** it's more for teachers though

**AshleyS:** I agree too it is for maybe a little older crowd

**LizetteP:** I like that too BJB

**RoxanneV:** yeah just the set up and lack of creativity on the page looks a bit plain

**DavinaC:** This is a more teacher friendly website rather than students,

**VenessaOS:** It's a little more straight forward not as fun and comfortable as the other two.

**DiamantinL:** The two are kind of similar

**AmandaPM:** Yes, I did notice it promotes conflict resolution.

**KimberlyGB:** This would allow our students to learn about a lot of the conflicts we are having in our world today, regarding civil liberties and rights, world peace and conflict resolution.

**PriscillaH:** yes its a very professional website and tells you what it is for right away

**SaraPe:** I really like the subheading of this website, "Building Bridges, Networks and Expertise Across Sectors" That pretty much describes the website.

**PatricioA:** This one didn't look as fun. :) However, it looks as if it's a good resource for collaboration and networking with others

**DesireP:** This site seems to focus on direct issues that the nations are all facing more specifically

**JoannaP:** yea I agree with Ozzie it is more for teachers

**AdriannaT:** it supports women's leadership which is always a pro

**DaniellaC:** I agree with you Davina. I feel it would be a lot easier for teachers to work with.

**JanieC:** this is more professional and better than the last peace site

**ElizabetP:** This looks similar to the first one we viewed. Although someone did have a point - it looks a lot more professional.

**JoannaP:** but I still think it can provide a lot of good information

**GabrielaR:** I think that this website would be too complex for young students such as first graders. However, it can serve as an outline for a teacher to create their own discussion

**MonicaW:** Conflict resolution is another name for Peace Education

**AmandaPM:** This website is slightly more professional, yet still focused on the concept of peace.

**AndreaMP:** This is very similar from the previous site

**SaraPe:** This one seems very professional.

**RoxanneV:** it looks very political and I don't like that. ha!

**ElizabetP:** The information provided is useful and interesting

**CourtneyB:** definitely has good info

**AshleyMS:** basically all this three websites are to network, share ideas and relate to one's

experiences as an educator...

**JeanetteJ:** I really respect the idea this website is trying to send across. It's refreshing but doesn't incorporate the same usage of technology that the first site did

**DaniellaC:** They all seem similar in a way!

**JenniferR1:** this site has many users...this is great how there are so many sites like this where you can communicate globally...I was never aware of such sites...the networking is majorly improving in our world today

**AndreaMP:** but it has very good info I see

**JoannaP:** and well we shouldn't be so discourage by this site because we are the future teachers

**KrystalB:** yeah I agree with u Sara...that was the first thing I came across and it's like their mission statement for the entire site.

**AshliE:** I like this site also because it includes conflict resolution. I felt as though it focused just on one particular topic. But the other sites seem more geared towards students.

**AdriannaT:** I agree with Gabriela it's a little too complex for students

**OzzieM:** I think if parents want to get involved they can get on this website

**ChelseyW:** I think that these three websites all share in common many of the same characteristics as far as what's offered in relation to collaboration, but some sites seem more personal then others. For example, the ipeace website posted pictures and posted personal messages up front; whereas this website seems more professional and together. I'm not sure what I would prefer over the other off hand. I certainly would take that into consideration though if I choose to involve my students in the web experience.

**CourtneyB:** amen

**KimberlyGB:** However, the only thing I would be concerned about was if it included conflicts and rights for homosexuals. Though this is an important issue in today's world, if we exposed our students to it many parents might get upset.

**ElizabethJR:** I agree with Patricio, and a way to connect with others about issues happening around the world...

**CynnaG:** The website is a little to complex for students

**AshliE:** I agree Chelsey

**DesireP:** I think the theme of this discussion is really showing us how easily it is to be globally connected to implement international and global education

**PriscillaH:** yes some parents would

**PatricioA:** The forums are cool. They have some research sites, and interesting info. for all

**AmandaPM:** This website also reflects a slight hint of facebook.

**LizetteP:** Kimberly what if the student has same sex parents?

**VenessaOS:** I would think it was only for teachers not so much the students. It's a bit complex.

**JanetteV:** I agree with Cynna it is to complex for students

**GabrielaR:** I agree with Kimberly. this site is too mature for younger students. It would definitely cause conflict with parents.

**JenniferR1:** there is even a peace revolution group...that's amazing

**KimberlyGB:** I agree Cynna it does seem a little complex for students, at least for little kids.

**DaniellaC:** Your right Gabriela.

**AmandaPM:** It may be complex, yet very informative.

**ElizabetP:** I believe it would be able to be used by older students.

**AshleyS:** it is complex for students but it does offer a lot of good information

**JanieC:** strongly emphasizes on world issues and trying to involve peace

**PatricioA:** Yeah I was checking the forums and some seem to be at a BA, MA and above level

**CourtneyB:** what are the chances of little kids looking at this really

**BJB2:** it may be too complex for younger students, but you can take the information and work up your own adapted lesson plans

**VenessaOS:** It is informative just for the mature reader.

**DaniellaC:** I like how it has things that are happening around the world.

**DiamantinL:** Some students will get it

**JoannaP:** but up to now the website out of the three we have seen I like the second one the most, but I think this is just a little because it seems less complicated and it gives me a little reminder of Myspace

**AdriannaT:** I like the first site the most it's more user friendly

**AmandaPM:** All of these websites are extremely useful.

**DesireP:** You made a good point Lizette, same sex parents have the same rights as others and it should not be an issue.

**BJB2:** the students could make comic books using [www.MakeBeliefComics.org](http://www.MakeBeliefComics.org)

**VenessaOS:** It is something we can work with and interpret to the students.

**JanieC:** this is a site more suitable for grown-ups. children too small to make a good understanding of it

**JeffC:** If you are interested in bringing little (or big) kids online to work... I also suggest setting up a K-12 classroom \*here\*. I give tours on Saturdays... this one is at 11 a.m. Pacific (which I think is 1p.m. Texas time).

**ElizabetP:** This website provides tons of information.

**CristinaO:** How can u incorporate a website like this with ur class, Jeff?

**OzzieM:** that can be some type of project for the class.

**AmandaPM:** How do you know what topics are appropriate to talk about with your students and at what grade level do those topics change?

**JanieC:** maybe for the upper grades like high school this would be something they could use for projects

**AshliE:** I would like to have a tour.

**KimberlyGB:** If the students had same sex parents then I think it would be beneficial for them. It would be beneficial for students with heterosexual parents also. They would learn not to discriminate against others who are different from them. The only point I was trying to make is that some parents who are not same sex couples might strongly oppose their children learning this type of information.

**CynnaG:** The website has a lot to offer.

**KrystalB:** good point Chelsey they all seem to be driving towards the same cause and that's what makes it seem more interesting to see how all these collaborations are linked together to give us insight as to what goes on in other countries.

**JeffC:** I think that with older students Cristina you could expose them to several of these sites and let them explore and find ways to collaborate and work for peace internationally.

**OzzieM:** BJB would you let your students get on this website?

**ElizabetJR:** again, a website that emphasizes peace and informative one as to what's going around the world...

**AndreaMP:** Very good info for projects

**GabrielaR:** although most of us think that it should not be an issue, it still is. therefore we as educators will always have to face the problem of what is and what isn't appropriate to cover in class, despite our own beliefs

**DaniellaC:** True

**BJB2:** another option is to have the children brainstorm how they can educate others about race or an issue...

**KimberlyGB:** I believe this website would be very beneficial for older students as well.

**DesireP:** Kids as young as ten are making Myspaces so I'm sure they would figure a site like these out

**PriscillaH:** that's a good option

**DiamantinL:** So It's a global issue

**AmandaPM:** I think all of the websites are useful in different circumstances.

**AshliE:** I like that option.

**RoxanneV:** I think it could be a lot more appropriate for a teacher to print out useful articles and what not from this last website and show them in class

**JeffC:** I'm going to show you another site that is also good for global collaboration. It's called "TakingITGlobal"... and there is also a room here at Tapped In (there's a link in Featured Passageways... please \*don't\* go there now though!).

**JeffC**: next site: <http://www.takingitglobal.org>

**CristinaO**: Thank you, I think that it might be too difficult for young kids to understand, but a good source for older kids

**KimberlyGB**: I agree Cristina

**ElizabetP**: That would be a great project. We need to educate students early on about international education and relationships.

**CourtneyB**: I don't think that little kids are going to be looking up this website

**JanieC**: myspace is nothing like this...maybe that's why 10 year olds have them...when they shouldn't

**RoxanneV**: takingitglobal looks pretty cool and it reminds me somewhat of ipeace

**AshleyS**: I think this website might be one of my favorite out of the other ones

**AmandaPM**: I think these websites will give great project ideas though to bring to your classroom.

**DaniellaC**: This site is neat.

**AshliE**: oh wow, did you see the story from Edgar?

**PriscillaH**: this site is very well organized

**AshliE**: it was interesting/

**DesireP**: My point was that they could navigate these types of networking sites...

**JoannaP**: takingitglobal looks pretty interesting too

**DiamantinL**: The Dahli lama was mentioned in both

**PatricioA**: Ya, Roxanne, it immediately looks student friendly and inviting

**KrystalB**: ooo I'm liking the "member stories" section you can learn so much from what others have gone through and how they go about things

**KimberlyGB**: This is a really good global learning site.

**VenessaOS**: This one doesn't have as much information as the others.

**AshleyS**: I like how it has a tab for just global issues

**JeffC:** again: <http://www.takingitglobal.org> ...it was started by and continues to be run by students.

**CristinaO:** Global issues should be a concern to everyone

**JoannaP:** and it looks some what very familiar to all the others we have seen today

**CourtneyB:** I like this one it's really upbeat and mind attracting

**AshliE:** I think I like this site for my students as well.

**LizetteP:** That's a really good site

**JeffC:** you need to register at all of the sites discussed today to really get a feel for what is available there.

**DaniellaC:** It really does seem very inviting and user friendly also.

**JanetteV:** that is a really good website

**OzzieM:** that would be a great website for students the n.

**DavinaC:** I think it looks attractive, it reaches out.

**AmandaPM:** I really enjoy these member maps.

**LizetteP:** I like how these sites are incorporating other popular trends like Twitter

**PriscillaH:** it is organized in a way that would make it easy for students to navigate through the site

**CynnaG:** It's amazing how we can interact with others across the world.

**RoxanneV:** look at the TIG feed on the bottom...that's really neat and people are posting by the second

**JenniferR1:** I like how this site breaks down the global issues by category making it easier for us to establish the different issues going on in our world today...this site might be useful for older students rather than younger students

**GabrielaR:** although it looks more well constructed, there is the membership issue again. it seems a little more harder to find information as well.

**SaraPe:** This is another great website for networking and collaborations. It is also working towards everyone coming together to create positive changes.

**AmandaPM** : This website seems very hip and friendly.

**LizetteP**: it helps everyone stay connected and so many people have access to Twitter on their cell phones

**PatricioA**: Wow, it really has some current issues we need to get these students really thinking!

**VenessaOS**: This one is kind of a cool site. It is very modern

**DaniellaC**: I like how they all involve what happening around the world.

**JanetteV**: the story from Edgar is really good

**JanieC**: this is a site that I think children at the 3rd or 4th grade level and higher would enjoy

**DavinaC**: The tabs for all the Global Issues are beneficial.

**AshleyMS**: I like the structure of this website, and how it involved its members to share their personal experience...maybe it can be seen as motivation for others to be involved

**AshliE**: I like the "member map"

**AshleyS**: it's very inviting

**KrystalB**: sure is

**AdriannaT**: I really like this site, it focuses on many global issues

**CristinaO**: This website is great to present a global issue n find a resolution with ideas from all over the world, Interesting everything would be different. That is the whole point

**GabrielaR**: but I do like again, how the site offers portals to popular social networking sites, such as twitter

**KimberlyGB**: It talks about a lot of global issues that we all have to worry about, regardless of the country we live in. Like global warming, climate changes, international politics, human rights and national news, which affects everyone.

**AndreaMP**: cool site

**JeffC**: ok... I have two more sites to share... and then i have to run (and leave you in BJB's very capable hands.

**DaniellaC:** True Adrianna. That's why I like it!

**AmandaPM:** I also noticed the global issues column

**JoannaP:** I just have to say I love the map provided in the site it looks very interesting and well the website as a whole is very inviting and it makes you want to join

**DesireP:** This site seems very interactive and has so many language choices!

**AmandaPM:** I think that's a great idea

**DiamantinL:** How many countries are involved

**PriscillaH:** the "global issues guide to action" is very neat

**BJB2 . o O ( I'm trying to find a lesson I created that you could adapt from these web pages )**

**VenessaOS:** It even has to send e-cards. Really interesting.

**CynnaG:** This website seems more useful than the other.

**BJB2:** my next site is Free eUniversity: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/2009/05/20/UN-announces-first-free-e-university/UPI-74031242856666/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2009/05/20/UN-announces-first-free-e-university/UPI-74031242856666/)

**ChelseyW:** This site is really inviting from the beginning. I never know that teachers had so many opportunities online to collaborate and connect with others around the world on issues that affect us all. This website seems to be the one I would consider using myself as a teacher.

**JanieC:** they get to learn of other cultures and they could share with their classmates. i feel that teachers should introduce this site to their class

**KimberlyGB:** Yes, by including twitter on their site, they open it up to many more people interested in learning globally about the issues at hand all over the world.

**AmandaPM:** I think I may like this website the best.

**BJB2 . o O ( not sure what to expect...take a look )**

**AdriannaT:** it has a youth forum , a place for educators with cool projects

**JeanetteJ:** this website seems way more "kid" friendly, but not nearly as wide spread as the first one. I don't believe that this site will provide the diversity we are seeking

**ElizabetJR:** I agree with Cristina and I like how they are websites that can provide us

with the information needed and more for thinks happening globally

**KrystalB**: I like how it has the global issues and it breaks it down by section which is really interesting to look through

**PatricioA**: this site is very pleasing to the eye, it keeps your attention

**DaniellaC**: can you post that URL again BJB. For some reason I wasn't able to connect.

**CynnaG**: I agree, Chelsey.

**KimberlyGB**: It does seem more kid friendly.

**JenniferR1**: it even discusses global warming which is a big issue right now

**VenessaOS**: I like the way they put up member stories from people all around the world. The one on Edgar from Kenya is really interesting.

**AshleyS**: this is probably the most informative so far

**AndreaMP**: I see the youth forum...that's great

**VenessaOS**: Hearing from places all around in the first person is wonderful.

**PatricioA**: Plenty of our students , or future students might not have a grasp on what we really face globally, and what's effecting others around us, this is a good site. it creates awareness.

**RoxanneV**: cool site

**OzzieM**: this website would make a great project or at least give some ideas.

**ElizabetJR**: what does UPI stand for?

**AshliE**: I like the picture of "the presidential Medal of Freedom"

**LizetteP**: wow this is a really great site

**AmandaPM**: Wow this article is very interesting.

**CourtneyB**: great site !!!!!!!!!!!

**CristinaO**: wow a university that cares about ur expenses, and is willing to understand how students devote their time

**VenessaOS**: The member map is a wonderful touch.

**JoannaP:** wow this is another great site

**KimberlyGB:** The only conflict I think could arise in regard to the global warming is the belief differences of the creationists and evolutionists.

**ChelseyW:** I particularly like the "popular tags" section where you have upfront access to some of the most popular topics of discussion and interest.

**JanetteV:** I like the member stories they are really good

**DiamantinL:** More of an entertainment outlet

**DesireP:** As expensive as tuition is getting, this seems great

**JanieC:** true Kimberly

**AshleyMS:** wow that are article was very interesting, I am glad to hear that people around the world have an opportunity to an education with out the worries of how to pay for it

**AshleyS:** I think this site could be very useful for students doing projects or just to stay informed

**JoannaP:** what I like the most is that everything is so organize you can just get right to what you wanted it

**DavinaC:** United Press International

**VenessaOS:** I think we can relate more to this one because it is written by students. It speaks more of our language.

**JeffC:** the next site is called Epals... which allows a teacher to create email accounts for students and also collaborate internationally. It also has an online translator. <http://www.epals.com>

**DiamantinL:** Jude Law's daughter

**OzzieM:** they have some good stories.

**PriscillaH:** I like that the UN has made it possible for people to go to college who otherwise wouldn't

**JoannaP:** and wasting time is not something that is going to happen

**AmandaPM:** I like the picture of the "presidential medal of freedom" as well. Obama's

face is very humorous.

**JeanetteJ:** This sounds really exciting. Definitely something to keep up on

**KimberlyGB:** This site is very organized and has some really powerful pictures on it.

**RoySa:** Sorry I must have come in late. What site is everyone talking about?

**OzzieM:** what does upi stand for?

**KrystalB:** the top news photos are pretty intense lol yeah Amanda PM that's what I was looking at lol

**RoxanneV:** this one is added to my top 3

**JenniferR1:** great membership as well...this is very informative and useful to explore

**LizetteP:** Roy [www.upi.com](http://www.upi.com)

**AmandaPM:** Did anyone watch the news about the U.N. meetings in Pittsburgh lately?

**AshliE:** when I was in middle school, we used epals.

**AshliE:** I enjoyed it a lot.

**KrystalB:** the site has some very "eye-catching" features that will def. draw more people in towards it.

**JeffC:** I have to leave... the one other site I want to share is an article I wrote on collaboration... which explains what I did with my students at Richmond High (of "Coach Carter" fame) over a dozen years ago: <http://snurl.com/netc1>

**CourtneyB:** epals is pretty good as well I'm looking at the natural disaster info right now

**PriscillaH:** I like that it lets you connect with other classrooms in the world

**RoySa:** Thanks Lizette

**RoxanneV:** the natural disasters discussion is awesome

**SaraPe:** I really like epals.com It is very inviting and colorful. I especially like the Projects link.

**DavinaC:** This is a great website, it seems very interesting and helpful.

**OzzieM:** a lot of the students can relate to the stories.

**PatricioA:** I like this one also, especially since its a safe way for students to chat/learn from one another

**BJB2:** thanks, Jeff

**KrystalB:** what exactly is epals

**LizetteP:** welcome

**KimberlyGB:** I'm glad that the site talks about how Global Alliance has changed its focus to global education. By saying this, it will get more people involved and interested.

**AmandaPM:** I like how this websites doesn't focus solely on one idea, but on the top stories of the world today.

**DaniellaC:** I've never used epals. But it seems very helpful.

**DavinaC:** there are so many different categories to look into.

**AdriannaT:** e pals seems interesting I would use it in my classroom

**AshleyS:** i like all the different topics it offers

**SaraPe:** It offers many projects and it is divided up by subject.

**OzzieM:** what is epals?

**DiamantinL:** I like it

**DaniellaC:** I like how the student, teacher, and parents are involved.

**CynnaG:** I like the idea on global learning online.

**JeanetteJ:** I love the digital storytelling and that kids can get in touch with other kids, not just kids and teachers

**DesireP:** epals seems like it would be a fun project for children and a great way to let them become culturally aware

**DavinaC:** I agree with you Adrianna

**JeffC:** so again... epals at <http://www.epals.com> to create email accounts for your students and possibly collaborate via email with students internationally... and my article at <http://snurl.com/netc1> ...to see collaborative possibilities and discuss having students write international newspapers.

**CristinaO:** This is great, being able to have class discussions with people all over the world, Students will find it interesting to know what others are being thought

**PatricioA:** digital storytelling...who woulda thought!

**ElizabetJR:** I like how a lot of the students can relate to these stories

**JeffC** waves bye to all

**JoannaP:** epals seems really really helpful

**LizetteP:** It says the article is Unavailable

**GabrielaR:** I really enjoyed the un article, I think that this is a major change towards education becoming global, and accessible to all. instead of the fortunate few who have the fortunate circumstances. This will enable so many great minds to actually have a chance

**KimberlyGB:** It has a wide variety of topics, I agree. Students and parents and teachers can truly get involved with each other and the learning process.

**PatricioA:** This is something I can see plenty of students really get into

**JanetteV:** e pals seems very interesting I wouldn't mind using them in my classroom later on in the future

**AndreaMP:** I like this site....another collaborative site

**CynnaG:** epals is a great website to connect with others online.

**DesireP:** We used to have pen pals at my elementary school and this seems like a modern way of having a pen pal and discussing and learning about different cultures

**JeffC:** try this if <http://www.snurl.com/netc1> doesn't work for you: <http://www.netc.org/circuit/2004/spring/build.html>

**AndreaMP:** I like the idea of pen pals

**OzzieM:** we had that in my middle school too.

**JanieC:** I like the epal website

**KrystalB:** oh ok I see thanks Jeff

**JenniferR1:** the reading list is neat as well...you can get hold of a lot of books to read to

your students like that

**PriscillaH:** wow what you did was wonderful

**VenessaOS:** WOW! Great info Jeff.

**AdriannaT:** the only thing I would be worried about is the schools restrictions with certain sites on campus

**AmandaPM:** Thank you for sharing that with us Jeff.

**AndreaMP:** thanks Jeff!

**KimberlyGB:** The NETC Circuit website is interesting also. I like that it is about 21st century, which is what we learned about in the last session. I believe that program is essential for many schools.

**DaniellaC:** I feel the students will have the opportunity to learn more about other counties. Which is great.

**OzzieM:** thank you Jeff for the websites.

**JanieC:** great way to communicate with other students around the world

**JeanetteJ:** the culture exchange is super exciting

**PriscillaH:** we never had anything sent off or any communication other than with our teacher in our school.

**DiamantinL:** Kind of all jumbled together

**BJB2:** The last site that Linda wanted to share was Teachers' Guide to International Collaboration on the Internet:

<http://www.ed.gov/teachers/how/tech/international/index.html>

**GabrielaR:** it is true, it's like a pen pal. This is just another adaptation to technology. This enables us to communicate globally more efficiently

**SaraPe:** That was a great article, Jeff.

**AshleyMS:** wow you opened the door to this students to be motivated to learn and value themselves as important individuals

**JoannaP:** wow that's a great article Jeff

**DavinaC:** I enjoyed reading the article

**AdriannaT:** my stepmom is a 1st year Spanish teacher and she tells me a lot of sites she tries to go to to show her students are blocked :(

**PatricioA:** I am a total advocate for collaborative teaching. We really need to help our students understand how big, and wonderful our world is. What is going on in today's world, how it affects others and how we can help.

**AmandaPM:** I agree that it motivates our students to be more involved.

**DiamantinL:** This website is very useful

**LizetteP:** That was a great article. Good job Jeff!

**AshleyS:** I agree

**AshliE:** I love reading articles of other people's experiences, it allows me to sort of "expect" some things.

**JeanetteJ:** This is much more teacher oriented and is a basic "how to" for them

**DesireP:** The NETC Project seems to really instill motivation and confidence

**DiamantinL:** I enjoyed reading the article

**BJB2** wonders if anyone went to the last site Linda posted?

**KimberlyGB:** I like the ED Teacher's Guide website because it teaches teachers how to use the internet to broaden their teaching abilities and resources for the classroom.

**AdriannaT:** I agree with Patricio, I would love to connect my students love of science with others and show them how we could work together to find answers to global issues

**OzzieM:** I do too **AshliE** you can relate to them.

**DesireP:** It reminds me a little bit about the movie Freedom Writers

**ChelseyW:** The other idea I like about online collaboration is that parents can be involved at their own convenience. Sometimes it is difficult to meet with parents and keep them involved, but internet collaboration is exciting, informational and accessible to them. It is also a way for them to explore education on their own and find a great appreciation for what we do as teachers.

**ElizabetJR:** epals seems very interesting and inviting to want to join and a good way for communicating with other students globally in a way to motivate others to get involved and get a better understanding of the world outside of ours...

**JanetteV:** I also agree it does motivate students to become more involved in activities

**ElizabetP** joined the room.

**PriscillaH:** yes it does

**JenniferR1:** this is great as well...if you ever need to look up something about teachers plan for students, this is the site to visit...also very informative

**PatricioA:** My wife is a special education teacher, I am going to show her this site, there are tons of things she can modify and adapt into her daily discussions.

**DavinaC:** Jeff, your article was very helpful.

**SaraPe:** The last website has wonderful information for teachers to collaborate.

**KrystalB:** I really like this site...it has plenty of examples and such to help us future teachers out in many ways.

**VenessaOS:** This is a wonderful website as well.

**CristinaO:** Great Job, Jeff. You did a wonderful thing for these students

**LizetteP:** That was also a really good website

**RoxanneV:** great website for getting ideas for different subjects!

**DiamantinL:** I like the interaction

**AmandaPM:** I really think technology will change our schools forever, once we really can get everyone involved in the movement.

**JanieC:** Jeff great article...really inspiring

**AndreaMP:** great website....it gives teachers forums on the left side

**GabrielaR:** this is a helpful resource. we don't need to use much of our own resources, we have other resources that we can tap into that are free. not only these previous websites, but collaborative work with the government

**JoannaP:** wow this last website is awesome it has a lot of information and it's greatly broken down too

**KimberlyGB:** I like the idea that it incorporates student projects that encompass countries around the world and shows you how everyone is effected.

**KrystalB**: I agree Joanna

**JenniferR1**: this has great project ideas that are also beneficial to students..

**CynnaG**: This not only motivates students but encourages them.

**JeanetteJ**: The project examples are great and really easy to build off of. The guides are really helpful too. It's great!

**CristinaO**: You made them feel motivated, and gave them the chance to shine all over the world

**AndreaMP**: wow even lesson ideas

**ElizabetP**: Can I get the link to the last website?]

**CourtneyB** joined the room.

**LizetteP**: I like how it even shows you how to become a teacher

**VenessaOS**: It even has the student assessment and helping address student needs. Even preparing students for college.

**OzzieM**: this can make a difference in schools.

**AshleyMS**: this website shows how teachers can improve their strategies and come up with new ones that can be helpful

**CynnaG**: Nice article, Jeff.

**GabrielaR**: there is really no reason, for a teacher to use the lack of resources or funding as an excuse for poorly educating their students

**SaraPe**: It is a user-friendly guide for teachers to collaborate internationally.

**BJB2**: good, Courtney

**AshliE**: This website is nice, though geared especially at teachers, it has great information about collaborating and student projects.

**LizetteP**: That's great for people who may not know what they can do or what their options are

**AshliE**: This is a nice site as well.

**AshleyS:** I think that website could be very useful for teachers

**VenessaOS:** This is a wonderful website for parents as well.

**OzzieM:** I agree

**PatricioA:** What was that site, I seemed to have missed it

**JenniferR1:** the preparation for students to go to college is something that is enticing...

**CourtneyB:** thank you bjb

**LizetteP:** I liked that too Venessa

**ElizabetP:** Can I get the link to the website?

**RoySa:** Technology is great, but there is still nothing like a one on one interaction

**DaniellaC:** I want to see Jeff's article, but It's not letting me. Again!

**AndreaMP:** It's good to know how other teachers teach around the globe....like I said its awesome when great minds come together and combine great ideas.

**KimberlyGB:** It teaches teachers to become better at their profession by broadening their horizons. This opens up many more learning opportunities and much more information to the students.

**DiamantinL:** Is there a place where all these sites are listed

**JoannaP:** I agree with Ashley the website can be very useful for future teachers and even current ones as well

**PriscillaH:** I like the suggestions from k-12 teachers they could give future teachers insight on what has and hasn't worked for them.

**BJB2:** I have one more site of my own to share...related to creating your own project from many different resources...

**PatricioA:** can I get that link again

**BJB2:** <http://tappedin.org/archive/projects/hatsoff/>

**BJB2:** Patricio, just a sec and I'll get you the other site

**PatricioA:** thank you BJB

**BJB2:** Teachers' Guide to International Collaboration on the Internet:  
<http://www.ed.gov/teachers/how/tech/international/index.html>

**CourtneyB:** cool hats man

**DiamantinL:** I love the family hat

**DaniellaC:** I like this site. I think students remember more when they do hands on projects.

**PriscillaH:** I did the same thing but we made piñatas

**DavinaC:** Really love the hats! Those are great!

**JenniferR1:** it's great how all these sites relate to each other globally and all relate with each other...the collaboration is a great tool to use

**AndreaMP:** wow! all those peace projects are very unique

**KrystalB:** I am going to put this site in my favorites folder...I like how it has the subject map page...because it has each and every subject you could practically think of broken down for you to view and learn from. Great way for us to learn and grasp from

**SaraPe:** Those hats are too cute. Students would love to make their own hats.

**JanieC:** I like those hats

**AndreaMP:** and individual

**AshliE:** awww, nice hats!

**CourtneyB:** I agree Daniela that's the way I learn

**AmandaPM:** The pictures are cute and great seeing the students do hands on activities. I think students really learn well from being able to feel involved in the learning experience.

**CristinaO:** Hats, Great idea

**KimberlyGB:** I really like the hats off to peace project too.

**JanieC:** great project to make with kids

**AshleyMS:** very interesting project!

**PatricioA:** what a creative way to express. Good outlet for students

**BJB2:** another example is the Blanket the World with Peace group in Tapped In

**DavinaC:** The hats are a great hands on learning experience for students.

**RoySa:** Hats are cool

**AshliE:** this is a wonderful project to do with the little ones.

**RoxanneV:** hats off is great! I'm an art freak so I love anything creative like that!

**VenessaOS:** Hats off is awesome.

**AshleyS:** wow I really like the hats and how they make it fun

**DaniellaC:** So do I. But I feel they are cute and neat projects for different holidays to do with the students.

**KimberlyGB:** I agree Amanda. It's a good way to get the students involved in hands-on learning. It shows them that they can have fun while they're learning.

**CristinaO:** It allowed the students to express their feelings with visuals instead of words

**LizetteP:** That was a good website too

**AndreaMP:** I must say this is a great project idea

**BJB2:** where students can create a quilt build from squares that illustrate some aspect of peace

**JenniferR1:** I like the hats off also Vanessa

**SaraPe:** This would be a great project for students to be creative and have their own identity.

**JoannaP:** wow this great bjb

**MonicaW:** These are multicultural projects. BJ, you are great!

**ElizabetP:** I really like the idea of the project.

**DiamantinL:** Hats off to you **BJB2**

**AmandaPM:** The hats are also a great way for the students to be creative in their own way.

**AndreaMP:** it's very cultural

**ElizabetJR:** I like this, it is very interesting...students learn better from hands on projects because they are involved and get to share their interest...

**AshliE:** I really liked this one as well.

**PriscillaH:** the quilt would be very interesting

**VenessaOS:** Those hats are beyond excellent. They are unbelievable. I love it.

**JoannaP:** I love all the hats and how everyone create it their own reflecting themselves

**JanieC:** took me awhile to see what it is that they were working on till I scrolled down and saw these cool hats

**OzzieM:** I think that would be a great project for little kids to do

**AmandaPM:** The hats display the students personal interests.

**DesireP:** that would be really fun! in elementary I remember making paper Mache balloons and we designed them about ourselves and our culture

**AdriannaT:** interesting supporting creativity

**JanetteV:** I really like the peace projects they are really interesting and creative and I really love the warrior for peace

**DaniellaC:** That's true Amanda. So they can be able to use their own imagination.

**JoannaP:** now that I see it I kind of want to make one too

**OzzieM:** something different

**VenessaOS:** Hats off to global learning.

**JenniferR1:** creativity is a must and helps students express their joy for learning

**ElizabetP:** Yes I agree. This is a wonderful way to teach students and also have an hands on experience.

**DavinaC:** Students love to be creative, this is a great way they can express themselves.

**KrystalB:** interesting project

**KimberlyGB:** It can be very cultural for students. They can put pictures of things they

believe represent peace from where they live and make it really personal.

**GabrielaR:** this is a great way to get students to show their culture

**PatricioA:** the hat project is awesome, a great way to teach, learn and reinforce

**AshliE:** I agree Amanda

**JanetteV:** I want to make one

**CynnaG:** Very good website. It is very cultural and students do learn better with hands on projects.

**CristinaO:** I agree Ozzie lil kids have great imaginations and creativity

**BJB2:** try this site [http://edu.learnit-teachit.org/lessons/Social\\_Studies/Hats\\_Off\\_to\\_Peace/](http://edu.learnit-teachit.org/lessons/Social_Studies/Hats_Off_to_Peace/)

**LizetteP:** I like how all these sites can lead us to find anything that we may need in our classrooms to advance in our teaching methods. It's covered almost every subject or issue we may face as educators.

**JanetteV:** I agree Cynna

**BJB2** . o O ( that is my hats lesson on TeachiT-LearnIT )

**AmandaPM:** Letting students be creative helps them develop skills and express themselves.

**ChelseyW:** I think this hat assignment is great and so much fun. Who would have thought the style and decoration of a hat could tell so much about a child's identity and culture!? I love the link that gives samples of student journals. The most important aspect of teaching is what the children gain from the experience.

**AshleyS:** I agree too

**JanieC:** true Davina...students little ones like to be creative and use their imagination

**OzzieM:** where do all these websites come from? I've never heard of them until today

**JanieC:** some kids are really imaginative

**AshliE:** whoaaa, the orange is eye catching.

**JanetteV:** that is true Chelsey

**JoannaP:** I love how you can express yourself and also see how others think of the world and how things reflect them

**BJB2:** OK...can everyone stop typing for a minute?

**CourtneyB:** fantastic website

**GabrielaR:** sometimes if you ask students upfront what is a part of their culture they might not be able to give you an answer because they haven't thought about it. but if they are given a project, their creativity will be able to reflect their culture naturally

**DaniellaC:** This website is for older students correct?

**BJB2:** you've seen several sites and gotten a ton of ideas....

**JoannaP:** I can really tell some of these students put their minds and hearts into it

**DesireP:** I agree Cynna, hands on projects are great to get the kids interested!

**RoxanneV:** I have a feeling all of these websites were developed from current or retired teachers

**RoxanneV:** ..educators

**BJB2:** the key will be what you do with all this new learning...

**GabrielaR:** this could give you insight into your students. and how you could identify with them based on common grounds

**KimberlyGB:** I like the fact that it's called 'Learn It , Teach It' because it shows how teachers are learning too. They learn how to do the project first and then teach it to their students.

**DiamantinL:** I would love to explore this website more deeply

**JoannaP:** yes bjb I have received many ideas from all the sites we have visited today

**BJB2:** I would hope that you would sketch out an idea for your own lesson...

**CourtneyB:** good one Kimberley

**PriscillaH:** it's a great how to website for teachers

**CynnaG:** All of these websites were very interesting.

**BJB2:** and come back next month and share

**PatricioA:** definitely BJB

**VenessaOS:** Even teachers learn a little something everyday.

**ElizabetP:** This is great for getting ideas and helping the students become interested in learning.

**AmandaPM:** I will definitely save these websites and use this free knowledge to become a great teacher and for the benefit of my students.

**DiamantinL:** sure

**BJB2 . o O** ( that is how Tapped In works best...through collaboration )

**JoannaP:** and I thank you for all of this I have many things in mind

**AshleyS:** I liked all of websites and I really would like to go back and look at all of them again

**LizetteP:** I've still never done a lesson before

**OzzieM:** yes these websites have given me so many ideas

**ElizabetP:** Thank you BJB these websites are very useful

**AndreaMP:** haha alrighty sounds great

**CristinaO:** It is important that we as teachers know exactly what it is we will teach to our students

**KimberlyGB:** It would be really effective for teachers to use because it will open them up to a lot of project ideas.

**BJB2:** and if the lesson you do doesn't work...that's ok too....that's how we all learn!

**JanetteV:** I agree

**JanieC:** thanks for sharing these sites with us..

**JoannaP:** yes that

**RoySa:** word

**KrystalB:** Thank you so much BJB you really opened to my eyes to so many possibilities to gain experience from and learn from each and every site.

**DiamantinL:** I agree

**AshleyS:** all of them will be very useful for when I do become a teacher

**AshleyS:** I agree

**JoannaP:** I meant to say yes that

**VenessaOS:** All the websites were very informative and interesting. Definitely something I would like to visit again.

**ElizabetP:** They all can be used to get ideas and have students use the technology as well.

**JanieC:** yes we all learn everyday..

**AndreaMP:** thank you.

**AmandaPM:** Yes, trial and error is always a great way to learn what works for future classes.

**JoannaP:** is very true bjb

**AshliE:** These sites were amazing, I know they will help me in the future.

**BJB2:** we have about 5 minutes left...any last comments or questions?

**RoxanneV:** we all learned something new

**JoannaP:** we have to learn from our mistakes

**CynnaG:** I will definitely refer back to these websites

**DiamantinL:** The websites were awesome and very helpful

**CourtneyB:** when will the email be sent?

**ElizabetJR:** I liked all the websites, they each have helped give a better understanding for learning globally as well as ways to get connected...

**AmandaPM:** Thank you for all of the great websites!

**DiamantinL:** I added them to my favorites

**ElizabetP:** Thank you!!!

**DaniellaC:** Thank you so much BJB. All these site have been really interesting to look at. I'm going to go back through them and really get familiar with them. They are great, and will be a big help in the future.

**OzzieM:** have you used any of these websites for ideas?

**LizetteP:** BJB you've done a great job and have given us some really great sites to use as students and as future educators. Thank you so much!!

**BJB2** . o O ( when you have so much new information thrown at you all at once, it takes TIME to internalize. )

**PatricioA:** These sites have awesome ideas, it's a good way to keep our students attention. Always making them think... leave them with something to consider. I think these will help in our lessons and help us really grab their attention

**AdriannaT:** good discussion, lots of info and great resources

**KimberlyGB:** I liked the websites we learned today, especially because they connected with what we learned the last time. 21st century is a really good after school program for kids to get involved in because they get to have fun while they're learning via projects. A lot of these website incorporated projects into the learning process, which is something I really liked.

**DiamantinL:** Thanks for all the info

**CristinaO:** All of these websites will help my students n I learn what is going on with the idea of global education. Projects will be presented from someone from a different country that I may find interesting and the same may happen with one of my projects. great way to develop and learn ideas

**AshleyS:** thank you so much for all the websites they are going to be a great help and were very interesting\

**JoannaP:** I was about to ask what Ozzie asked but they beat me to it

**AshleyMS:** these website are great and I know they will help me learn what it takes to be a great teacher like Dr. Ratcliff says

**AmandaPM:** I noticed on the last website it had a tab of lessons (plans and guides). I think that's great for new and upcoming teachers!

**JanieC:** I think that these sites will help with our project in Dr Ratcliff's class

**DiamantinL:** I am sure I will use them in the near future

**JenniferR1**: I really did enjoy these sites. Very beneficial and a great learning tool for me into my journey to becoming a teacher...it makes me even more motivated to well in college now, and to incorporate that to my future students!!

**PriscillaH**: it sure would

**VenessaOS**: BJB and Jeff you did a great job filling in for Linda.

**LizetteP**: These sites will help with Dr GO's project for sure

**BJB2** smiles. Thanks, Venessa

**AndreaMP**: These were great websites and I'm sure that all of us will use them sometime as future teachers

**JanieC**: great way to learn of other countries and their education

**MonicaW**: Class, check your grades at Blackboard. If you do not have a grade for Tapped In, that means you have not submitted your transcript. Please do so before Sunday!

**PriscillaH**: yes you all were great

**CynnaG**: Thank you for sharing these websites with us.

**OzzieM**: your right Lizette it will

**AndreaMP**: thanks for showing these websites. We wouldn't know how to find them else where

**JanetteV**: I learned something new well we all did and it was really interesting and I loved all the websites they were really good thanks for sharing these websites

**DiamantinL**: Peace to all

**JoannaP**: I agree with Venessa you did do a great job today Jeff and Bjb and actually I think we had less problems too and everything just seemed to run more smoothly

**KimberlyGB**: Teaching truly is an ongoing learning process BJB. Sometimes the projects and lessons we teach our students fail and sometimes they succeed tremendously. Either way, we learn from our mistakes and good fortunes as teachers. That's how we become better teachers altogether.

**RoxanneV**: yes they were great and innovative

**BJB2:** This was a much more successful discussion! You all did well. Thank you

**CristinaO:** Thanks a lot! I learned many different websites that will come in hand in the future. Have a wonderful night

**LizetteP:** Thank you

**AmandaPM:** Yes, this session was much better than the previous.

**BJB2:** . o O ( remember, the more you use Tapped In the easier it is )

**DavinaC:** Thank you for your time BJB

**DaniellaC:** Our transcript will be emailed to us as soon as we log off, right?

**AshleyS:** yes this discussion was a great and I learned a lot from it

**JeanetteJ:** Thank you to @jeff and @BjB this was great!

**BJB2:** yes, Daniella

**LizetteP:** It went smoother since not everyone was chatting crazily

**SaraPe:** Thank you BJB and Jeff

**OzzieM:** thank you bjb

**DaniellaC:** Okay thank you for everything once again!

**PriscillaH:** thank you

**DavinaC:** thank you Jeff

**AdriannaT:** thanks!!

**BJB2** waves goodnight....see you in October

**RoxanneV:** thank you bjb and Jeff

**PatricioA:** I enjoyed this discussion, thanks guys

**JoannaP:** yes Daniella they are sent to you but some times they take more time depending on you personal email

**MonicaW:** Thank you, BJ and Jeff! Thank you, class!

**DiamantinL:** Learned loads

**ElizabetP:** Thank you Jeff and BJB

**LizetteP:** good night bye

**AmandaPM:** Thank you again for all of the great websites!

**DesireP:** Thank you

**AshleyMS:** Thank you!

**AshleyS:** thank you!

**JenniferR1:** thanks good night

**RoxanneV:** bye everyone

**AmandaPM:** Goodnight everyone! Enjoy your weekend!

**VenessaOS:** Good Night all

**DaniellaC:** Thanks

**KrystalB:** thanks so much..night!

**ChelseyW:** Goodnight everyone.

**DiamantinL:** Peace Out

**AshliE:** Thank you

**DaniellaC:** Goodnight everyone!.. Chow.

**PriscillaH:** goodnight everyone

**ElizabetP:** Bye everyone enjoy the rest of your night.

**JanieC:** thanks

**ElizabetJR:** thanks, bye guys!

**KimberlyGB:** I truly believe that project based learning is the way to go. It really gets the students involved. And, you can include all different types of learners. Kids who learn by listening, doing hands on activities, or others types of learners can all learn together because the project the teacher uses can incorporate all of those different aspects.

**HectorRu:** Very good stuff here Tonight.

**JoannaP:** well it was great... I enjoyed all the sites but now it is time for me to get me some rest so good bye everyone....and once again thank you Jeff and BJB

**HectorRu:** Thank you for the websites.

**CynnaG:** Thank you once again. Have a good night.

AmandaN: thanks

**HectorRu:** Jeff and BJB, Thanks a bunch.

**JanetteV:** it was a great discussion I also enjoyed all of the sites nice to meet everyone bye!!!!

**KimberlyGB:** I think the sights that were given were very effective and useful for global education and I think we will all be able to use them to our own benefits as teachers, and will be able to use them to the benefit of our students.

**JoannaP:** good night everyone!!!...and for anyone that has questions on transcripts they take a little while to be send but they will be send

**AshleyS:** I really liked all the sites and I think they will definitely be very useful in the future and even now... thank you once again

**AshliE:** I agree, definitely sites I can see myself using.

**KrystalB:** oh ok..thanks Kimberly I totally forgot bout that

**KrystalB:** BJB when is the next chat?

**KimberlyGB:** You know, I didn't know that there were that many global learning sites out there. I guess I do learn something new everyday.

**ElizabetJR:** especially since most of them were just a way for us to communicate globally and learn about the world and get connected globally!

**BJB2:** October 29 is the next GPBL

**BJB2** . o O ( it's on the calendar )

**KrystalB**: I missed the first one and need to make up another

**KrystalB**: ohh ok thanks!

**BJB2**: there are other discussions on the calendar, Krystal

**KimberlyGB**: Are they always at 8pm BJB?

**AshliE**: Dr. Ratcliff, can we use these sites for our projects?

**BJB2**: yes, GPBL is always at the same time

**KimberlyGB**: Okay, thank you.

**KrystalB**: ok cool, thanks

**BJB2** . o O ( if you click on the Tapped In tab and then click on Calendar in the blue menu bar you will see all the events...the Oct calendar is posted )

**KrystalB**: where did you say you are located at BJB

**KimberlyGB**: On the calendar

**BJB2**: I'm in Pennsylvania, Krystal

**BJB2** . o O ( near Harrisburg )

**ElizabetJR**: so where do you find all these interesting sites? just google them?

**PatricioA**: Goodnight all, thanks Jeff and BJB

**BJB2**: all the sites were given to me by Linda. There are soooo many sites available...the key is to learn how to take a site and pluck all the important elements from it...

**BJB2**: to construct your own project

**BJB2**: that's how I did the Hats project

**KimberlyGB**: The hats project was really creative for each student.

**BJB2**: the hats themselves were actually a craft at a kids section of an arts festival

**KrystalB**: oh ok cool I've heard of that city...I am a student in Kingsville Texas and in my junior year. My major is early childhood education and I am excited to be learning all these interesting things that we have come across on these sites.

**ElizabetJR:** and I liked that one, it was really interesting and looked like a fun way for students to do this hands on project...

**BJB2:** something else you might want to check out...

**BJB2:** look for the Blanket the World with Peace group in Tapped In

**KimberlyGB:** I agree Krystal. I'm an Early Childhood major too. I think all of the sites and projects that we are learning about are going to be really beneficial to our students because we will be able to help them learn globally using them.

**BJB2:** the blanket site was created by a group of TI members from all over the US....we wanted to create a digital quilt on the theme of peace through the resolution of conflict

**BJB2:** my hats project was submitted for one quilt square...

**ElizabetJR:** wow, interesting...

**KimberlyGB:** That is really creative and interesting.

**BJB2:** then each square was to be one link deep...so that you could include lessons, resources, etc.

**BJB2:** the actual project has pretty much petered out because we've lost the person who was creating the website...

**KrystalB:** I work with kids already through a program called the good neighbor program (which is basically an afterschool program) and it is totally like you are teaching a class because each day we do something diff. and I have them do diff. activities and such to do. That's how I wanted to become a teacher...just be working with the kids and helping them out with anything I can its such a rewarding experience.

**KimberlyGB:** Wow, I never would have thought of incorporating lessons like that through digital art.

**BJB2:** but the idea is still viable and I'd love to see it come to fruition...

**BJB2:** you could incorp. dance, poetry, music...any art

**BJB2:** . o O ( we just need a brilliant tech person to pull all the pieces together ;-))

**KimberlyGB:** Well, I'm glad you're involved in it because it helps out future teachers like me incorporate different aspects in my lessons.

**KimberlyGB:** And, I get to look at a beautiful quilt in the meantime.

**BJB2:** and I like to be involved because it gives me the opportunity to meet people like this enthusiastic class!

**ElizabetJR:** I agree, especially since it is not something from the books- it is hands on which is just a better way for kids to learn and makes it fun when they are involved in such projects...

**BJB2:** yep

**KrystalB:** that's true

**BJB2:** but, remember, it was the collaboration of the teachers that got the project started

**KrystalB:** BJB what grade levels have you taught?

**KimberlyGB:** Well I thank you for all the sites. I think they will be very beneficial to all of us. Now we are a step ahead of other teachers who have not been exposed to these sites. I hope that links to sites like twitter and myspace on the various websites will help involve more teachers and parents in this kind of learning for the benefit of their students.

**BJB2:** I taught middle school and high school levels

**BJB2:** any last words of wisdom?

**KrystalB:** oh ok that's awesome! Well thanks again for taking the time to share your ideas and the sites with us. I am sure many of us can benefit from everything that we have seen. I will be looking forward to the chat in October. Goodnight everyone!

**ElizabetJR:** just wanted to say thanks again for providing us with these websites that will and are beneficial to us all to get more involved and motivated to learn globally, thanks!

**BJB2** waves goodnight. Thanks for taking the time to join the discussion, everyone!