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SandraBar: I am amazed at how much we have all learnt in being involved in conference
SandraBar: just goes to show immersion works!!!!

MichaelH: Welcome to this afternoon's PBS TeacherSource session....

MichaelH: We'll be looking at one of the best teacher resources out there.... PBS TeacherSource...

MichaelH: first, though, let's start with introductions... if you are in my class, please be sure to give your whole name and that you are in my class and here for extra credit...thanks!

MichaelH: My name is Michael Hutchison, and I am a Technology Curriculum consultant in southwestern Indiana, and a member of the PBS TeacherSource Advisory Group

MariaGuest6: I am in your class for the extra credit Maria Lankford

HeatheGuest1: Heather Clark and I am here for extra credit

JustinGuest13: Name is Justin Rosenblad and I'm in school at Concordia University in Portland Oregon

JeffC: I'm Education Technology Specialist for the College of Education at Pacific University. Although I'm not in Michael's class... I want the extra credit ;-)

TeresaD: I'm an efl teacher in the Lisbon area, Portugal.

BretBi: Bret Biornstad- 4th grade- Vancouver, USA

AmolicGuest27: Amo Concordia- Portland

JustinGuest13: I want the extra credit as well!

AdamGuest12: Hi everyone, I'm Adam Harrison and I like school

JacobP: Jacob Pence, Unemployed...searching, recent MAT graduate Pacific Univ. Forest Grove, Oregon

HeribertF: I am Heribert J. Feige, teacher from Wiesbaden /(Germany)

DebaprasaB: Deba Bhattacharyya, science teacher in California

MarianneH: I teach in a technology in education masters program at NLU in Illinois

FredB: My name is Fred Benz and I am an online learning consultant and a supporter of Tapped In - living in San Francisco

DonnaH: Donna Hendry, Educational Consultant, and another Teachersource consultant.

KimFl: I'm Kim Flack from ASSET-KAET in Arizona (PBS affiliate)

Jan_NS: Jan, science educator and tech integration instructor.

TimGuest2: I'm Tim Walker from PBS.org TeacherSource. I'm looking forward to your questions and comments.

JuanR: 7th grade math and science teacher, Seeley CA.

JuliaMGuest14: Allo, my name is Julia and I am an MAT student in Portland, Oregon
PhilliGuest37: Phil, MAT student at Concordia Univ., Portland, OR Glad to be here...
AdamGuest12: Adam Harrison, mat student at Concordia University in Oregon
RachelGuest26: howdy. I am an MAT student at Concordia in Portland Oregon
EdgarGuest24: MAT student, Concordia University, Portland, Oregon
EricesGuest38: hi, I'm Eric, and I like social studies!
CarolB: Carol Boehm ESL and media ed instructor San Diego moving to North Carolina
GregGuest11: MAT student, Concordia U, Ptlnd OR
MelcheGuest36: I am a MAT student at Concordia University- I like social studies too
AdamGuest12: I'm excited to learn
MariaGuest6: Maria elem education major at Vincennes University
JohnGuest7: Hi I'm John and MAT student at Concordia PDX, OR
LouiseP: Hi, I'm Louise Pendleton, Dir. of Instructional Technology in Levelland, Texas.
JustinGuest13: Where is Vincennes?
MariaGuest6: Indiana
MichaelH looks to see if anyone else wants to introduce themselves
EvaQ: Hi! I'm a technology student from San Diego State.
MiguelB: I'm Mike Barbera San Antonio, Texas I teach Math and Social Studies in a NOVA Net class where we handle all four core areas.
ElizabethH: Hi, I'm Elizabeth Hanson-Smith, Ed Tech consultant in CA--I worked with Fran Keenan on Connect
SarathS: Hi, Sarath Ed Consultant, Sri Lanka
JeanneGuest40: Hey everybody, I'm an MAT language arts person
MichaelH: ok, folks just a quick reminder
MichaelH: I know we would love to chat.....
ButhainaA: Hi I'm Buthaina an EFL from Kuwait.
MichaelH: but we need to have a little decorum this afternoon :)
MiguelB: I also teach college level classes at a University and Community College during my spare time (math).
MichaelH: so that Tim can show us all the resources he wants to share
MichaelH: Tim, why don't you go ahead and start, and I'll help out :)
BretBi applauds Michael and Tim as they approach the podium
JohnSo: John Southworth, Honolulu, HI (Education Lab School) K-12
MichaelH: Tim, ready?
ButhainaA: I mean an EFL instructor at Kuwait University's Language Center.
IanGuest35: MAT student Concordia U. Portland OR.
TimGuest2: Ok everyone. Let's get started. TeacherSource, launched back in 97, is PBS.org's "one stop shop" for K-12 educators. You'll find more than 4,000 free lesson plans, info about PBS programming, video products, etc. Point your browser to <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/>.
ReiserGuest44: hi, I'm Reiser from Concordia University in Portland, Oregon, USA
MichaelH: As BJ said at the start... we can click on the blue link and see the page, but come back here in just a couple of minutes so Tim can discuss the site and the page he's showing us
AshleyGuest41: I am a Language Arts Masters candidate in Oregon
TimGuest2: We just re-launched with a brand new redesign.

AshleyGuest41: I mean Masters in Teaching candidate

MichaelH: Remember, you can click the blue link Tim mentioned, and see the page (<http://www.pbs.org/teachersource>)

DebaprasaB: how does one register to this site, how much does it cost?

TimGuest2: It's totally free! You don't have to register, but you may want to use our personalization feature.

MiguelB: What if you forgot your log in name and password?

EvaQ: I am in desperate need for effective lesson plans that include a smart use of technology, not only for my tech class but for future teaching.

TimGuest2: You would click on forgot your password? and we would e-mail you the info.

MiguelB: Okay!!1

EvaQ: Thanks for the website Michael!

MichaelH: Tim, Eva had a really good request... any suggestions?

BryanGuest45: Hello all, I am Bryan from Concordia University in Portland OR

MichaelH: Eva was looking for lessons which include a smart use of technology, for a tech class AND future teaching...

TimGuest2: Eva, I would suggest clicking on Science in the left nav, which features most of our technology tools for teaching.

MelcheGuest36: About the social studies section of the website- I was wondering why the activities were based primarily on the Union side of the war and all the activities seem to incorporate that aspect. Can anyone share any light on why this is?

JeffC: Because the Union won

BryanGuest45: History, then Social Studies for high school

TimGuest2: Also, Eva, try TeacherLine, PBS.org's professional development site. Great tech content there too.

JustinGuest13: Does anyone know of other sites to get great social studies info...

MichaelH: whoa, folks!

MichaelH: let's let Tim catch his breath a minute

JustinGuest13: I know Discovery has a good site

BryanGuest45: Justin, Histoy channel.com

MiguelB: We have Social Studies sessions here on Tapped In I believe weekly!

JeffC: I have about 200 Social Studies links in my public bookmarks...

<http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/coops> ...

TimGuest2: Eva, on the home page, look on the left and you'll see the 7 main categories.

AdamGuest12: Any health and PE people in this chat room

MichaelH: We don't need to have Tim having flames come out of his fingertips...

BJ: MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

BJ: Tim and Michael are here to show you the PBS Teacher Source site.

BJ: Please be patient while they present their resources

MichaelH: Thanks, BJ

CherylBu: sounds good

CarrieGuest43: same here

JenniferP nods that I'm ready to listen

MiguelB: Way to go BJ. You know how things get!!!

EvaQ: Thanks Tim, I am new at this.:)

BJ: if you need to have a private conversation, double click on a name under the HERE tab to the left of your chat window

MarianneH: As a member of this group I would like to hear from Michael and Tim and don't think anyone needs to respond just to WAIT!!

ButhainaA: PBS is a great site, and I found very good quizzes for my science students that I might use. Thanks Michael and Tim.

TimGuest2: Another new feature is our search engine. When you type in a keyword, it's defaulted to search just lesson plans. However, if you click on search options you can customize the search to bring results that fit your grade level and subject area only.

MichaelH: Tim, how many lessons are on site right now?

MarianneH: Questions at the end, PLEASE

TimGuest2: Right now, there are about 4,500 lesson plans on TeacherSource.

MichaelH: And these are in about any subject area you can think of, right :)

MichaelH . o O (even PE and Health!)

JenniferP: awesome

JacobP: Nice search utility! with nice results

TimGuest2: Absolutely, everything from Social Studies to Health to Math.

MichaelH: and, as Donna can tell you, all the activities are linked to state and national standards....

MichaelH: Tim, do you have a sample activity you might want to show as a demonstration.... remember we have people today from all disciplines and grade levels

TimGuest2: Yes, and you can include standards in your search criteria.

ChristGuest17: I am Christian from Portland, Oregon I am language arts n and I am excited about all of this s

EvaQ: Tim, Do the lesson plans include project based learning?

DonnaH: (Michael says that because I work on the database for the search engine)

MichaelH: Another good question from Eva, Tim....

TimGuest2: Eva, how do you mean exactly?

JacobP: Eva check out this one

http://www.pbs.org/safarchive/4_class/45_pguides/pguide_705/4575_nohands.html

JacobP: I think it will answer your question

BretBi: who writes the lesson plans and how are they submitted and screened?

ReiserGuest44: Question for Michael and Tim: So are all of these lesson plans free for us as educators to use?

MichaelH: Tim, I'll defer to you on that...

EvaQ: What I mean is that the use of technology is used for research based projects, such as students carrying investigations on the web for specific assignments.

ElizabethH: Sounds like WebQuests?

MichaelH: I can answer Bret's question... unless you want to, Tim....

TimGuest2: Bret, we use a pool of educators who write our lesson plans, and we're always looking for more! I along with my colleagues screen them/edit them.

MiguelB: If these are the lessons we created after the Connecticut meeting, most of these lessons were written by teachers in the classroom.

MichaelH is one of those educators

EdgarGuest24: What are WebQuests and what are they used for?

MelcheGuest36: who decides whether to include the other side of a topic into the lesson plan section (especially for social studies)

TimGuest2: Eva, WebQuests do feature in our lesson plans.

JeffC: Right... integrating PBS lessons with WebQuests... and perhaps creating collaborative partnerships between classrooms... having students do work with others (around the world) perhaps based on the PBS shows and lessons... possibilities are endless.

TimGuest2: All lesson plans are free

MichaelH: Tim, you might also note that it's not always necessary that the teacher have the related PBS programming to use the lesson in the classroom, either

MariaGuest6: are these lesson plans made for all types are education levels

EvaQ: It is just a matter of downloading them right?

MichaelH: Hey, folks, these are great questions, but let Tim have a shot at answer these first, and then we'll get to some more...

EdgarGuest24: Could we tone down the lingo, or at least explain it to those of us who don't know it?

TimGuest2: Maria, yes. K-12. Go to Early Childhood for K-2 lesson plans.

AdamGuest12: What school do you attend Edgar?

CherylBu: what about special ed...just modify, or are some plans already adapted?

MichaelH: Tim, maybe you could answer some of these questions by telling again about the search feature....

TimGuest2: Cheryl, just modify. I don't believe any are adapted.

MelcheGuest36: who decides to include the other side of the story in these lesson plans or not (ie. Social Studies) because the lesson plans I saw dealing with the Civil War were primarily dealing with the Union army perspective

EvaQ: I want to hear from Tim too.

MichaelH: Tim, if I could have the floor for just a second...

SusanR is anxious to hear about the search feature

MichaelH: Melche, I contributed six lessons to the Civil War series, so I guess if you want to ask about them, you'll need to contact me at another time... we need to have the discussion on the whole TeacherSource site right now...

MichaelH: Sorry, Tim....

TimGuest2: Melche. I can't speak to the Civil War stuff specifically, but with any Social Studies issues, especially current events, we incorporate different positions, encouraging debate in particular.

MiguelB: Tim, if I can add something?

TimGuest2: Hi Miguel. Sure.

MiguelB: If I remember correctly, the lessons were written based on something that we had done in our own classroom and proved to be effective in getting a point across. Plus they were geared to include technology.

CarrieGuest43: can I know more about the search feature

EvaQ: Search feature, please?

JustinGuest13: We are talking about the search feature of the PBS web site.

MichaelH: I'll help Tim on the search feature....

MichaelH: first, go to the TeacherSource site.

MichaelH: next, click the subject area you want lessons for (it will be on the left side of the site)

MichaelH: next you'll see a page appear...

MichaelH: that will ask you questions about your grade level and what subject/area you want lessons for...

MichaelH: click what you want, and the list will appear :)

DebaprasaB: thanks Mike

EvaQ: Thanks Michael!

CarrieGuest43: is that all, thanks

JuanR: do all of these lessons include using technology?

TimGuest2: You can also enter your state and the standards correlation will appear with each result

MichaelH: Juan, the lessons can utilize technology, but don't necessarily always include it.

ButhainaA: Michael, how can we check answers?

MichaelH: for example, I did a lesson on the Baseball site where we just had students interview someone who had been to a major league baseball game, what they saw, etc.

MichaelH: Buthaina, some of the activities... for example, my Civil War ones, come with answers. Some of the others, like the "Baseball Memories" one, basically is open ended.

EvaQ: Do these lessons include the use of rubrics for student evaluation?

ButhainaA: I see.

JenniferP: cool idea Buthania

JenniferP: with baseball

TimGuest2: Eva. No

ButhainaA: What about those in Science section? any idea Michael?

MichaelH: Eva, some do...

ReiserGuest44: wow! many of the math resources are great at linking different subjects

ElizabethH: Tim--I can't seem to find the link to the Standards--where do you enter the state?

MichaelH: Buthaina, I didn't contribute any to the science section, so I don't know for sure... Tim?

AshleyGuest41: the music resources are pretty cool, too-- you could use them in a number of different classroom settings

EvaQ: There is nothing wrong with having rubrics to establish students expectations.. isn't it?

TimGuest2: Elizabeth, once you get your results there, there is a link to Standards Match.

JohnLi: I think it may be at <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/standardslist.shtm>

ButhainaA: I have already found a quiz that I will use for my science students, actually, I'll link it soon since it is related to a chapter in the syllabus

JenniferP: no i don't think so Eva

MichaelH: Eva, I would say it's ok.

JuanR: I agree with Eva, especially for new teachers out there

EvaQ: Thank you, you know what I'm talking about!

AmolicGuest27: good call

MariaGuest6: does the lesson plans just give u hints on how to teach it or does it actually give u activities that will help and maybe the actually worksheet of the activity

ReiserGuest44: I would highly recommend checking out the math plans to find ways of integrating social studies with math, or science with math, etc.

TimGuest2: Maria. They are all complete lesson plans.

MichaelH: Maria, they are actual lesson plans, with objectives, teaching strategies, standards, etc.

MichaelH: Tim, you might want to talk to the group about how to personalize the site, subscribe to the newsletter...

MariaGuest6: and it has sample test and quizzes also ?

ReiserGuest44: I think that some of the plans are excellent because they work on the platform that a richer education comes through a multidisciplinary approach to teaching and learning

JenniferP: I like the writing part because I will be able to integrate it with my social studies curriculumtake a look

JuanR: Did we answer the question about any project based lesson plans?

TimGuest2: Ok. On the homepage, click into the link that says Create a Profile

MichaelH: Maria, most of the lessons really don't work toward testing.... they are more project based...

MariaGuest6: ok

BretBi: JenniferP WHAT part of the writing are you looking at?

MichaelH: Juan, let's hang on to that question for a second, Tim's talking about how to personalize the TeacherSource web page for your own personal use and PBS affiliate

JenniferP: www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/tguide/2tgfocus.html

HeatheGuest1: Michael, can this site help me any with my job?

AdamGuest12: How important is planning distraction time involved in your lesson plans? Do you do it frequently?

ElizabethH: RE: Standards--wow, that's an incredible database. You must have code-slaves working night and day to get all the tags in!

DonnaH raises her hand high...That would be me.

TimGuest2: You'll see fields asking for a login/password, your zip code, subject and grade and to subscribe to the e-mail newsletter (optional). Enter you information and hit Save Profile. Your TS Homepage should then change to reflect you preferences.

MichaelH: Tim, and then below is where they can sign up for the newsletter (e-mail), right?

JohnLi: Re: trying out a few California standards, the standards come back without specific grade level references. Each grade level has its own standards here. Just some input.

JuanR: does it make a difference if you personalize it or not?

EvaQ: Do you know if these lesson plans are lecture centered, or give you flexibility as a facilitator?

TimGuest2: Right. You can sign up for the newsletter there also, which will keep you informed on all new features on the site.

ElizabethH: RE: Standards--I think the standards are pre-selected when you chose the level of your lesson plan results?

ElizabethH: pre-selected for that level, I mean, e.g., for high school, or K-3

DonnaH: most standards in the database are cross level.

MichaelH: and the newsletter comes to you personalized, too

TimGuest2: Juan, personalization will enable you to check air-dates for programs in your area, search results will automatically come back with your grade level and subject area only.

JohnLi: Yes, but in California, there are no K-3 standards --- each grade level has its own standards, and the result doesn't indicate which grade level the resulting text comes from.

EvaQ: This sounds really good.

MichaelH: don't forget each PBS affiliate makes it's own schedule and what's on at 8 p.m. in one market may not be 8 p.m. in another...

JenniferP good thought

TimGuest2: Eva, the lesson plans are very flexible. I would encourage to look around.

JohnLi: It's just an observation. I think the results are very good.

JacobP: Thank you for this great resource

BretBi: but many of these activities, etc. do not require that students view a particular show

JustinGuest13: Are we ready for problem based instruction thoughts

TimGuest2: JBret. Good point. The lesson plans can stand alone.

EvaQ: Thank you Tim and Michael :)

DebaprasaB: Thanks Mike and Tim for introduction to TeacherSource

JenniferP: thanks for all the help again

JacobP: EvaQ check this out http://www.teach-nology.com/web_tools/rubrics/

JuanR: thank you Tim and Mike

BretBi Kudos to Mike, Tim and DonnaH

HeribertF says thank you and good bye

LouiseP: Thanks Mike and Tim.

JessamineC: Thanks so much!

MichaelH: Justin, I think you'll find that many of the lessons can include problem based instruction, and many of the lessons are project in nature...

MichaelH applauds for Tim

BJ: thanks, Michael and Tim

MichaelH: Tim did great with a very large crowd...

CherylBu: thanks for the info

EvaQ: Thanks Jacob!!!

TimGuest2: You're welcome. Feel free to e-mail me with any further questions (twalker@pbs.org). I enjoyed this very much.

MariaGuest6: thanks for inviting us Mike and Tim, these will help me in the future, when I start teaching myself

EvaQ: Bravo!!!

JohnLi: Yeah, Tim and Michael.

SusanR: Excellent.. and it pulled up the Ontario, Canada standards

LynneW left the room.

MiguelB: Okay!

JohnSo: Thanks, Tim and Michael...little harried but very interesting session!