

TEACHER TOOLS

WEB SITES PART IV

- **The Internet, World Wide Web, information superhighway, and cyberspace are all words used to describe the most innovative and exciting learning tool of this century.**
- **At the touch of a keyboard, you can read the *London Times* or watch a volcano come to life on a computer screen. You can visit Hawaii, or view an original copy of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The sheer volume of places to go and things to do online can be overwhelming.**
- **The web site pages in this binder give the teacher a sample of the many sites that offer free quality lesson plans and links to vast educational resources.**

★ **A to Z Teacher Stuff Thematic Units Index**
<http://atozteacherstuff.com/themes>

Great site for building your K-12 curriculum units. Categories are evaluated based on grades and division for easy searching.

★ **Berit's Sites for Children Holidays & Seasons**
<http://www.beritsbest.com/14498.shtml>

Berit Erickson has assembled a fine list of Holidays and Seasons sites for children under 12. Each site is reviewed, given a rating out of 5 and ranked for the week. Regular email updates are also available.

★ **College of Library and Information Science**
<http://www.libsci.sc.edu/miller/unitlink.htm>

Collaboratively created primary thematic units for a course assignment from the University of South Carolina.

★ **Community Learning Network**
http://www.cln.org/themes_index.html

The theme pages here are a combination of curricular links and instructional materials links focused on a K-12 topic. Well organized information for teachers.

★ **Surfing the Net with Kids**
<http://www.surfnetkids.com>

Syndicated newspaper columnist, Barb J. Feldman posts a collection of websites dealing with a particular topic. Websites are rated and annotated. Sign up for her free biweekly newsletter.

★ **More Lesson Plans and Websites for Teachers** ★

★ <http://www.abcteach.com/>

This site is a place to get ideas, whether you are a teacher, a soon-to-be teacher, or a student. Parents and Homeschoolers, there are ideas for you too. The purpose of abcteach will provide easy, online materials for immediate use by kids, student teachers, teachers, parents and other visitors to the site. The materials can be printed directly from the screen; no downloads necessary.

★ <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/t>

The archive (from the NY Times) contains hundreds of free lesson plans for grades 6-12. You may perform a keyword search to retrieve a lesson, browse the archive by subject, or scroll down the page to view the most recently published lessons.

★ <http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/>

Hundreds of lesson plans on a wide range of subject areas, provided by the Discovery (TV) Channel. 10960 Lesson Plans, 1223 WebQuests, 5000 Free Worksheets Generators, 1600 Word and Critical Thinking Problems, Exams, and Puzzles for Standardized Tests.

★ <http://www.education-world.com/>

- A search engine for educational Web sites only, a place where educators can find information.
- Original content, including lesson plans, practical information for educators, information on how to integrate technology in the classroom, and articles written by education experts;
- Site reviews;
- Daily features and columns;
- Teacher and principal profiles.

★ <http://www.ed.gov/free/>

Hundreds of education resources supported by agencies across the U.S. Federal government. This large resource continues to grow as a wide variety of federal agencies add new materials.

★ <http://www.execpc.com/~dboals.html>

The major purpose of this home page is to encourage the use of the World Wide Web as a tool for learning and teaching and to provide some help for K-12 classroom teachers in locating and using the resources of the Internet in the classroom.

★ <http://www.intel.com/education/index.htm>

Intel Corporation provides a broad range of materials design to help engineering, math, science, and technology education.

★ <http://www.learningpage.com/free>

Learning Page is a huge collection of professionally produced instruction materials for you to download and print. Lesson plans, books, worksheets and much more can be found on the site. Membership is free!

★ <http://www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/index.html>

Dr. Marty Levine, Professor Emeritus of Secondary Education, California State University, Northridge (CSUN), has gathered lesson plans and resources from the Internet which social studies teachers will find useful.

★ <http://LessonPlanz.com/>

LessonPlanz.com is searchable directory of free online lesson plans and lesson plan resources for all grades and subjects. You will find direct links to lesson plans and resources in your search results.

★ <http://www.lessonplanspage.com/>

You've just found one of the best PreK-12 teacher resources on the Internet, and it's completely free! You can find our newest lesson plans by selecting Most Recent Additions below, and Seasonal Lesson Plans are also available below. Other sections of this site are accessible via the menu on the left! If this is your first time here, don't forget to bookmark this site and sign up for our newsletter!

★ <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/>

Contains lesson plans, millions of original documents, and other resources for teachers.

★ <http://marcopolo.worldcom.com/>

The MarcoPolo program provides no-cost, standards-based Internet content for the K-12 teacher and classroom, developed by the nation's content experts. Online resources include panel-review links to top sites in many disciplines, professionally developed lesson plans, classroom activities, materials to help with daily classroom planning, and powerful search engines.

Just as the textbook helps teachers provide credible information in a structured way that meets your state curriculum guidelines, MarcoPolo is being designed to accomplish the same thing over the Internet. And just like the textbook, it requires that you take some valuable time to learn how to use these sites and the information they offer.

What is MarcoPolo? MarcoPolo is a partnership between WorldCom and seven renowned educational organizations. These partnerships were created to produce six discipline-specific educational web sites. The web sites are geared primarily toward K-12 teachers, although some of the sites' resources are also appropriate for college-level work and for family activities. The partner organizations and their web sites are:

- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- National Council on Economic Education
- National Council of Teachers of mathematics
- National Endowment for the Humanities/Council of the Great City Schools
- National Geographic Society
- The Kennedy Center

★ http://teachworld.com/tw_pages/media_mastery.html

Contains five lessons in each of two areas. Quoting from the Website:

MEDIA MASTRY is a set of curriculum materials that provides teachers with the opportunity to strengthen students' critical thinking and communication skills while introducing them to media literacy. The curriculum consists of two major components.

TEACHING THE NEWS introduces students to critical questions that stimulate thinking, writing and reflection about journalism and newsmaking.

TEACHING ADVERTISING introduces students to critical questions for understanding advertising, media economics and the influence of advertising in society.

MEDIA MASTRY provides teachers with interactive, hands-on learning experiences that create rich opportunities to strengthen students writing, reading, listening, speaking and critical thinking skills about the media.

★ <http://otn.uoregon.edu/class/secondary/>

This is a collection of resources identified by students in a doctoral seminar at the University of Oregon, with links updated in November 2001.

★ <http://www.nara.gov/education/classrm.html>

Welcome to the Digital Classroom! To encourage teachers of students at all levels to use archival documents in the classroom, the Digital Classroom provides materials from the National Archives and methods for teaching with primary sources. Visit our page regularly as we expand our offerings.

★ <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/education/>

Lesson plans and other materials for teachers. Materials for student and for parents.

★ <http://wwwpbs.jorg/teachersource>.

Over 2,500 lesson plans and activities. Links to relevant educational research.

★ <http://www.puzzlemaker.com/>

Puzzlemaker is a puzzle generation tool for teachers, students and parents Create and print customized word search, crossword and math puzzles using your word lists. Build your own maze or print our specialty hand-drawn mazes created around holidays and classroom topics.

★ <http://www.uia.com/web/>

A directory of thousands of online activities and quizzes in more than 50 subject areas
Templates for creating fourteen different types of online activities. Including flashcards, matching, concentration (memory), word search, hangman, jumbled words, ordered list, picture perfect, pop ups, challenge board, scavenger hunt, rags to riches (a quiz-show style trivia game), in addition to columns and cloze for Premium Quia subscribers. Tools for creating online quizzes Quiz administration and reporting tools Free teacher home pages.

★ <http://teacher.scholastic.com/lessonrepro/>

Scholastic Inc, the global children's publishing and media company's corporate mission, which is supported through all of its divisions, is to instill the love of reading and learning for lifelong pleasure in all children. Recognizing that literacy is the cornerstone of a child's intellectual, personal and cultural growth, Scholastic, for more than 80 years, has created quality products and services that educate, entertain and motivate children and are designed to help enlarge their understanding of the world around them.

★ <http://encarta.msn.com/schoolhouse/>

Welcome to Schoolhouse, home of the Encarta Lesson Collection and other educational resources. Use the left panel to find lessons by subject, grade level, or keyword.

★ <http://www.sitesforteachers.com/index.html>

Several hundred Websites that are designed for teachers are automatically rank ordered on the basis of current (the past hour) level of use.

★ <http://teach-nology.com/>

TeAch-nology.com offers teachers FREE access to lesson plans, printable worksheets, over 150,000 reviewed web sites rubrics, educational games, teaching/technology tips, advice fro expert teachers, current education news, teacher downloads, teacher finance help, web quests, and teacher resources for creating just about anything a teacher could need.

★ [http://teachers.net/lessons.](http://teachers.net/lessons)

The Teachers.Net Lesson Bank (from Indiana Wesleyan University) is your opportunity to share your most precious asset-your teaching ideas and lesson plans! Now your genius

and creativity can be used to touch lives around the world, and to help teachers reach students in ways they had never imagined before!

★ <http://LL.terc.edu/>

With this project, TERC is redesigning the units in the Kids Network series to incorporate a web-based structure and delivery system and add a new unit for grades 5-8. Each unit includes hands-on investigations, online inquires, activities for reading, writing and communicating about the science content that is the focus of the unit, and embedded assessments. This work is being funded in part by a grant from the National Science Foundation (ESI-9553592).

★ <http://www.thinkquest.org/>

ThinkQuest is a global network of students, teachers, parents and technologists dedicated to exploring youth-centered learning on the Net.

ThinkQuest is an online community where young people learn, teach, mentor, discover, research and grow through ThinkQuest programs.

The ThinkQuest World encompasses your people, educators and technologists in more than 100 nations who come together as digital learners, web creators, and Net entrepreneurs.

Through ThinkQuest, young people work together in teams, use the Internet to research a topic in science, mathematics, literature, the social sciences or the arts, and publish their research as an educational web site for peers and classroom around the world.

★ <http://www.usnewsclassroom.com/resources/>

Lesson plans developed since the latter part of 1999, tied in with information from US News and World Report.

★ www.primarygames.com/games.htm

Elementary Games: language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Math

★ www.exploratorium.org

Granddaddy of Science Activity Sites

★ www.kinderart.com

Arts and Crafts for Preschool-12

★ www.crayola.com

Click on Inspiring Ideas crayon or Educators Section

★ <http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn/#table>

BlueWeb'n

Amazing matrix which lists almost every faculty and gives web based activities, projects, tutorials, lesson plans, hot lists of good sites, and reference tools.

★ http://www.foxmovies.com.au/schoolstudyguides_download.asp

FoxMovies – school study guides

Study guides for current and recent movies

★ <http://alexia.lis.uiuc.edu/~janicke/plagiary.htm>

Cut-and-Past Plagiarism: Preventing, Detecting and Tracking Online Plagiarism



Websites for Rubric Development



★ <http://rubistar.4teachers.org/>

Rubistar – developed by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory

★ http://teach-nology.com/web_tools/rubrics/

Teachnology's rubric developer

★ <http://rubrics.com/>

A good source for rubric design basics

★ <http://webquest.sdsu.edu/rubrics/weblessons.htm>

Rubrics for Web lessons



ISAT Writing and Writing Lesson Ideas



★ <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/writeperfdef.html>

ISAT writing performance definitions

★ <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/writing.htm>

ISAT writing sample books

★ http://ilsil.isbe.net/vision/rubric_links.asp

Other Language Arts rubrics besides ISAT

★ <http://www.teachersdesk.org/lessons.html>

Teachers' Desk – Lesson ideas for writing

★ <http://www.theteacherscorner.net/writing/index.htm>

The Teacher's Corner – Lesson ideas for writing

★ **Data Sites** ★

★ www.isbe.net

Your school district analysis at the click of a mouse

★ www.greatschools.net

Important school data

★ www.iarss.org

Listing of Area V workshops, administrator academies, and bus driver training