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Click: Don't Delete This Workshop – Online Literacy

Carousel Questions and Answers

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What Web sites are most used by you and/or your students?

1. www.arbookfind.com
2. www.starfall.com
3. www.readwritethink.org or .com
4. www.interventioncentral.org
5. www.bookadventure.com
6. www.shakespearemadeeasy.com
7. www.carlscorner.us.com
8. <http://waltkesweb.com>
9. www.thinkfinity.com
10. www.Factmonster.com
11. www.brainpop.com
12. www.unitedstreaming.com
13. www.spellingcity.com
14. www.aaamath.com
15. www.discovery-education.com
16. www.fcrr.org
17. www.quia.com
18. www.glogster.com/edu
19. www.coolmath.com
20. www.eduplace.com
21. www.bbc.co.uk/schools/
22. www.scholastic.com
23. www.accesspa.com
24. www.nettrekker.com
25. www.readinglady.com
26. <http://rubistar.4teachers.org>
27. www.delicious.com
28. www.jogtheweb.com
29. www.powerlibrary.org
30. www.thehungersite.com
31. www.freerice.com
32. www.firstinmath.com
33. www.ezschoo.com
34. www.enchantedlearning.com

35. www.epals.com
36. <http://edhelper.com>
37. www.readinga-z.com
38. www.learner.org/jnorth
39. www.eaobics.com/gamegoo/gooey.html
40. www.gamequarium.com
41. <http://pbskids.org>
42. <http://vivisimo.com>
43. www.webquest.org
44. www.kidsclick.org
45. www.webkinz.com
46. www.nickjr.com
47. <http://en.childrenslibrary.org>
48. www.fcrr.org/resources.htm
49. www.manateeschools.net
50. www.beaconlearningcenter.com

Top 3 Web sites:

1. www.readwritethink.org or .com
2. www.discovery-education.com
3. www.powerlibrary.org

What qualities should educators look for in Web resources?

- Safe
- Reliable
- No pop-ups
- Research-based
- Easy to use
- Other Web sites that support info
- Citations included
- Current
- Age-appropriate
- For research – no .com Web sites (ex., .org, .net)
- Should have an author/organization/publisher
- Linked to standards
- Interactive (input information)
- Organized
- Meaningful
- Appropriate/lack of advertisements
- Fun/effective
- Educational value

- Responds – feedback
- No ads/non-educational games
- Not distracting

Top 3 Qualities:

- Research-based
- Easy to use
- Current

What are some of your questions related to online literacy?

(These queries to be answered in a future posting.)

- How do I use Wikis in the classroom?
- How do I best use a Smart Board?
- Where do I find a free high school level high interest/low readability site to practice?
- Are there any vocational education sites?
- How do you measure comprehension?
- What are good/high quality research sites for student usage?
- How effective is Study Island and other online literacy sites?
- Where are educational blogging sites? (professional development for online literacy)
- How would you effectively use e-books?
- How do you use blogging in the classroom?
- How much time should be devoted to online literacy?
- How do you differentiate for student of different reading levels/learning disabilities?
- What is the best way to teach searching?
- How do I keep my students as excited about learning when I'm not using technology?
- How do you transfer information from online research to the product/project/real understanding?
- How do I use online literacy effectively, i.e. Podcast, wiki, blog, Smart Board?

Top 3 Questions:

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- How much time should be devoted to online literacy?
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Why should educators promote Web-based learning?

- Makes connections with what students use every day – multimedia/Podcasts/blogs
- Up to date information
- Motivational/engaging/interactive
- Information that is at the same speed their games are processed
- It can lead you to other resources that are not web-based
- Easier/uses a search aid/allows for deeper thinking
- Future of Education
- Browser can correct errors/grammar/spell check
- Modalities
- Students need effective use of Web-based learning
- Teachers need to bridge the digital disconnect to their students
- Immediate feedback
- Help students collaborate
- Help students with little technology access
- Students can become the teachers
- Access to global information
- Aids in becoming a technological school
- Teaches the ability to multitask
- Fosters independent thinking
- Accessibility
- Appealing

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