

3 T's of Literacy Web Sites

Standards & TEKS

Texas Education Agency: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/teks/index.html>

International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE): <http://www.iste.org/>

STaR Chart: <http://starchart.esc12.net/links.html>

Virtual Field Trips

Salem Witch Trials: <http://www3.nationalgeographic.com/salem/>

Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/tr-special.html>

Dreams of Flight: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/wb-home.html>

Van Gogh Virtual Tour: <http://www.nga.gov/exhibitions/vgwel.htm>

Collection of virtual field trips: <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/vft.htm>

<http://campus.fortunecity.com/newton/40/field.html>

<http://ldshomeschoolinginca.org/vft.html#buildings>

Blogs

Starting a new blog: <http://www.blogger.com/start>

Top Blogs: <http://www.bloglines.com/topblogs>

EduBlog Insights –Comments, reflections and occasional brainstorms (covers a little bit of everything) <http://anne.teachesme.com/>

Blog of Proximal Development: teaching, blogging and learning - <http://www.teachandlearn.ca/blog/>

Book Nut - <http://www.melissasbookreviews.blogspot.com/>

The Children's Literature Book Club Blog - <http://childlitbookclub.blogspot.com/>

The Newberry Project – A blog dedicated to all the books who have won the Newberry award. Not all books have post, but participants are working their way through the list.
<http://newberryproject.blogspot.com/>

Monster Exchange

Monster Exchange: <http://www.monsterexchange.org/>

Podcasts

iTunes – www.itunes.com (you must download iTunes 7.1 free of charge to use this)

The Education Podcast Network: <http://epnweb.org/> (Storynory, Book Voyagers)

Photo Story 3

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.msp>

WebQuest

A WebQuest about WebQuests -<http://webquest.sdsu.edu/materials.htm> An exercise that's useful for introducing the concept to educators. Working in teams they examine five WebQuests from four different points of view.

San Diego State University Search Page - <http://webquest.org/search/>. Free Text Search, Curriculum x - This database is kept up to date and weeded out when a link goes bad (as volunteer time permits). As of this writing, the database contains over 2500 WebQuests. You can search for any string of characters in the Title, Description, Author name or URL.

Grade Level Matrix - <http://www.webquest.org/search/> Find WebQuests from the SDSU database for a specific grade and curriculum area? Use the popup fields below and see what comes up. You can bookmark the search results page as well to make it easy to redo the search.

QuestGarden <http://questgarden.com/> is an online authoring tool, community and hosting service that is designed to make it easier and quicker to create a high quality WebQuest. No knowledge of web editing or uploading is required. Prompts, guides and examples are provided for each step of the process. Images, worksheets and other documents can easily be attached or embedded in the WebQuest, and users have complete control over the appearance of the final lesson.

Instant WebQuest - <http://www.instantprojects.org/webquest/main.php> Creating a WebQuest: Once you create an account, you will need to login to the system. Then, you will see that each section of your WebQuest (title page, introduction, tasks...) are automatically created for you. You can start from any of the sections you desire. To update your pages, click on the section you would like to update and see the "Edit/Update" button in the bottom of that page. Once you click on the button, the page will open in edit mode and give you access to update your pages. You will also see some scaffolding to guide you creating each section of the WebQuest. If you have the WebQuest created already somewhere (Word, other website etc., you can just copy/paste the whole thing from each section).

Wikis

Wikipedia - <http://www.wikipedia.org/>