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**SharonWB:** BJ ... do you want to start introductions?

**BJB2:** I greeted Michael, but he must be shy

**BJB2:** if you're ready to start, let's rock and roll!

**SharonWB:** Shy is NOT a descriptor for Michael.

**BJB2** chuckles....we'll see

**SharonWB:** Let me introduce myself briefly.

**MichaelCo** joined the room.

**SharonWB:** Welcome back Michael.

**SharonWB:** BJ thought you were shy.

**MichaelCo:** hi Sharon

**SharonWB:** Hello ...

**SharonWB:** thanks for joining us.

**MichaelCo:** hahaha

**BJB2** cheers for Michael...good job!

**SharonWB:** I was just starting introductions.

**SharonWB:** I'm a teacher "on-loan" to NASA Langley Research Center.

**BJB2:** welcome, everyone, to this special Nortel LearniT discussion

**BJB2:** please introduce yourself to Sharon and Michael

**SharonWB:** And ... in this position I've had the great fortune to meet Michael Connet and work with Nortel LearniT.

**SharonWB:** Michael is in charge of Nortel LearniT.

**MichaelCo:** it's my pleasure to work with such a wonderful teacher and innovator like Sharon

**SharonWB:** And ... the focus of tonight's open house is to take you to the Nortel LearniT web site

**SharonWB:** and let you see how to use the resources that we're building there.

**SharonWB:** Thank you, Michael.

**SharonWB:** Michael ... please tell everyone a little more about you and Nortel LearniT.

**MaureenB:** Hi I'm Maureen Beyrer and I teach 4th grade in Putnam County NY

**SharonWB:** Hello Maureen. We have some wonderful resources for 4th graders.

**MichaelCo:** hi everyone thanks for letting me join you

**SharonWB:** James ... would you please tell us a little about you and the students that you teach?

**MichaelCo:** Nortel Learnit is your online resource to integrate technology into teaching and learning

**SharonWB:** As you'll see, in a few moments, when we go to the web site ... you'll find lesson plans and video tutorials to help integrate technology into all subject areas.

**SharonWB:** Bj ... will you introduce yourself, too?

**MaureenB:** always looking for great resources and especially video for this TV generation

**MarcoAD** joined the room.

**MichaelCo:** I hope you'll find something that you can use from our over 200 free video tutorials and lesson plans

**SharonWB:** Hello Marco.

**SharonWB:** Please introduce yourself to our group.

**MarcoAD:** Hi Sharon...My name is Marco and I am a college student at Texas A&M University Kingsville...My major is Music Education

**SharonWB:** Nice to meet you.

**SharonWB:** Michael ... let's take everyone to the website

**BJB2:** two reminders first

**MichaelCo:** great lets go to [www.nortellearnit.org](http://www.nortellearnit.org)

**BJB2:** one: go to Actions in the top right of your chat window and click on DETACH

**BJB2:** two: hold down the ctrl key when you click on the url

**BJB2** checks to see if everyone got the Nortel site?

**SharonWB:** I'm here ... who else made the move with me?

**MichaelCo:** yes

**BJB2** raises her hand...got it. Very cool!

**SharonWB:** Marco?

**SharonWB:** James?

**SharonWB:** Maureen?

**MarcoAD:** yes

**SharonWB:** Do you have the chat detached and can you see the web site?

**MarcoAD:** got it

**SharonWB:** great!

**MaureenB:** yes

**SharonWB:** James?

**SharonWB:** Maureen and Marco ... let's start in the Lesson plans and guides.

**MarcoAD:** ok

**SharonWB:** Click on the tab labeled "Lesson Plans and Guides", please

**MaureenB:** yes

**MarcoAD:** ok

**SharonWB:** These lesson plans follow a modified 5-E lesson plan ... we call it a 6-E lesson plan.

**SharonWB:** Are you familiar with the 5E learning cycle?

**MarcoAD:** no

**MaureenB:** no

**MarcoAD:** can you explain please

**BJB2:** Marco, look at Arts...there is a lesson plan on the Electric Guitar

**SharonWB:** The 5 E learning cycle is designed to include inquiry into lessons.

**SharonWB:** Each lesson will have these parts ...

**SharonWB:** E -- Engage (something to motivate, grab a student's attention, pre-assess prior knowledge)

**SharonWB:** The next E is Explore -- a chance for students to get into the topics and discover what they can about the topic.

**SharonWB:** The next E is Explain ... where the teacher helps the students sort through their "exploring" and match what they've experienced with what is accepted as truth or knowledge.

**SharonWB:** Then there's an E for Extend ... this is a chance for divergent thinking.

**SharonWB:** Usually there's one more E ... Evaluate. This can be formative or summative evaluation. We've included rubrics for this step.

**MaureenB:** ok similar to other lesson plan models that I have seen or used

**MarcoAD:** wow this information is perfect...I'm going to be doing a lesson plan in a couple of weeks...

**SharonWB:** And with our lessons, we've added another E for Elaborate. This is to deepen the technology piece.

**SharonWB:** The 5E lesson cycle has been around for years and is now being accepted and used in many text books and by many national groups.

**SharonWB:** Maureen ... what are you teaching next in science?

**MaureenB:** simple machines

**SharonWB:** I haven't written that lesson yet ... will you be doing erosion or planets or renewable energy this year?

**MaureenB:** erosion is after simple machines

**SharonWB:** Great ... go to "Science" under lesson plans, please.

**MaureenB:** along with earthquakes and volcanoes

**SharonWB:** Do you see "Energy Crunch?"

**MaureenB:** yes

**SharonWB:** Take a look at this lesson. I've included some NASA satellite images so students can see erosion from a satellite's perspective.

**SharonWB:** Marco ... you might also be interested in the multi-subject lesson plans

**MarcoAD:** ok let me check that out

**MaureenB:** oh I like the persuasive piece

**SharonWB:** BJ ... did you see the claymation lesson?

**BJB2** nods

**SharonWB:** Do you teach claymation?

**MaureenB:** no

**SharonWB:** Oh ... Maureen ... I was asking BJ who is an art teacher.

**SharonWB:** Sorry

**BJB2:** I don't either, but there is a group in TI

**BJB2:** I should post this info to the group

**SharonWB:** Please do ...

**MaureenB:** sorry

**SharonWB:** No problem.

**MarcoAD:** are pictures good for lesson plans..or video clips...for engaging

**SharonWB:** Maureen ... have you had a chance to see the satellite images that show the gulf coast before and after hurricane Katrina?

**MaureenB:** yes quite impressive

**SharonWB:** Marco ... I often use pictures and video clips as "engage" pieces.

**SharonWB:** Images and videos help me find out what prior understanding my students may have about the topic of study.

**SharonWB:** Maureen ... do you do science fairs in your school?

**SharonWB:** Marco ... what grade do you hope to teach?

**MarcoAD:** high school and middle school

**MarcoAD:** more centered around high school

**MaureenB:** yes I was looking at the virtual science fair (ours is coming up in a week)

**SharonWB:** We're going to try a virtual science fair with some 6th graders this year in my home school district

**SharonWB:** We're all tired of "tri-fold" boards

**MaureenB:** Our gym becomes a sea of tri-folds

**JeffC** joined the room.

**SharonWB:** Under "multi-subject" lesson plans ... you'll see some ideas that can be used across disciplines.

**SharonWB:** Hello Jeff

**SharonWB:** Come join us ... we're at [www.nortellearnit.org](http://www.nortellearnit.org)

**MaureenB:** We have a Student Achievement Fair also in May always include a tech piece in my classes presentation

**SharonWB:** Under "multi-subject" you'll find "kids newsbreaks."

**BJB2** looks at About Me: Digital Portfolio

**MarcoAD:** I would like to teach at a college level after I get the experience in secondary education

**SharonWB:** This might be a good idea for the achievement fair

**MarcoAD:** has anyone here ever taught at a college level

**SharonWB:** I'm teaching a college course now.

**MarcoAD:** really

**SharonWB:** It's for elementary ed majors ... natural sciences for elementary ed

**MarcoAD:** is it easier than secondary

**SharonWB:** depends on what you mean by easier

**SharonWB:** Not the same behavior concerns

**SharonWB:** but still a struggle to motivate and excite

**JeffC:** I'm doing Professional Development-- Computers-- Discovering the Internet. There is one link there on freeware. However, it seems the site requires Real Player... this is a bit of an issue.

**ToniMG** joined the room.

**SharonWB:** Hello Toni.

**SharonWB:** Jeff ... let us catch up with you.

**MaureenB:** Technology has definitely been my hook this year to motivate and excite

**MaureenB:** for the kids and for me:)

**MichaelCo:** Just a brief mention. All of the videos at Nortel LearniT are available in 3 formats. Windows Media Player, Real Player and as Google Flash Videos

**SharonWB:** Toni ... we're exploring the Nortel LearniT web site that is an online resource to help integrate technology into the classroom.

**SharonWB:** Toni ... come join us ... first ... go to the "actions" button above the chat and click on "detach."

**ToniMG :** What is the web site?

**MichaelCo:** The Google video format also allows users to download the videos to your hard drive.

**SharonWB:** [www.nortellearnit.org](http://www.nortellearnit.org)

**SharonWB:** If you hold down the control key and hit the url ... it'll take you there.

**SharonWB:** Toni ... what grades do you teach? what subject?

**SharonWB:** Maureen ... ready to visit some of the tutorials?

**MaureenB:** sure

**SharonWB:** Go to the "Technology Skills-building videos"

**SharonWB:** Toni ... are you at the site?

**ToniMG :** High school - business law, business principles and keyboarding

**SharonWB:** Toni ... are you at the site?

**ToniMG :** Yes, I'm there

**SharonWB:** You may want to go to the "Technology Skills-building videos" first

**SharonWB:** Teaching business law ... you may be interested in having your students take a look at "digital ethics"

**JeffC:** For starters... Real Player is an odd choice to configure pages on (if indeed this is the only one, I apologize), but since it requires download and installation, it's going to be ruled out of most K-12 classrooms. Furthermore, I'm not really keen on it personally, having to get rid of its adware base, etc., and being careful on installation. All that apart... so far I really like what the site is about! (sorry to start with negative comments).

**SharonWB:** Jeff ... did you see the other formats, too?

GloryM joined the room.

**BJB2:** welcome, Glory

**SharonWB:** Hello Glory!

**JeffC** is looking

**SharonWB:** Come join us on the Nortel LearnIT site.

**SharonWB:** Glory ... first go to "actions" in the upper right corner and click on "detach."

**SharonWB:** And then ... go to [www.nortellearnit.org](http://www.nortellearnit.org)

**MichaelCo:** Jeff, I certainly understand the challenges with Real Player. Did you see the Windows Media Player and Google Video versions of the videos?

**SharonWB:** If you hold the "control key" and hit the url, it'll take you there.

GloryM: I'm going to take tapped in tour 1/30 4:30

**SharonWB:** You're welcome to visit this site with us, if you'd like.

**SharonWB:** Maureen ... have you had a chance to explore the tutorials?

**JeffC:** I'm glad they're there with other lessons, etc. Michael, but frankly, the site should make all available in all formats if they want to do it that way... or switch over to Flash.

**SharonWB:** Since you use technology often with your students, this section is designed to help students learn how to use technology.

**MaureenB:** yes I am trying to see which format works best for me

**SharonWB:** Jeff ... where were you that you only found one format?

**SharonWB:** I think we have all three formats for all tutorials.

**ToniMG :** Does anyone know how to unblock popus?

**MaureenB:** I like the Google Flash

**ToniMG :** that is pop ups

**SharonWB:** BJ ... can you help Toni?

**SharonWB:** Maureen ... there's one more tab that you might want to explore.

**SharonWB:** Go to "Resources and Best Practices"

**SharonWB:** Maureen ... did you move with me?

**JeffC:** professional development-- computers-- discovering the net-- 5 on 5 (it's the only link there)

**MaureenB:** going there now I am multitasking serving dinner too

**ToniMG** : I'm there.

**SharonWB**: Maureen and Toni ... in the Resources and Best Practices ... you'll find some templates, rubrics, and ... places where you may submit student work.

**MaureenB**: I like some of the templates and rubrics

**SharonWB**: Jeff ... I went to the page that has all of the 5 -in - 5 resources ... it has the videos in 3 formats

**SharonWB**: Did you start under "Quick Search?"

**JeffC**: i think so

**SharonWB**: Jeff ... did you start under "Quick Search?"

**SharonWB**: Oky doky,

**SharonWB**: Let's go there together ...

**JeffC**: I just clicked to it and it immediately started downloading real player

**SharonWB**: I'm trying to follow your foot steps.

**SharonWB**: I think you chose "Professional Development" under grade and "Discovering the Internet" for technology area ... and had all 3 resources types checked.

**SharonWB**: Maureen and Toni ... we hope to make this site a place where teachers can post student work ... their own work ... and lesson plans to share.

**JeffC**: <http://www31.nortel.com/webcast.cgi?id=3431>

**JeffC**: exactly Sharon

**MaureenB**: that would be great

**SharonWB**: When you get to that page ... instead of clicking on the BOLDED 5 - in 5: Multiple Rename Freeware ... click on the Nortel LearnIT: Resources and Best Practices: Real Tech beside Page List.

**ToniMG** joined the room.

**JeffC**: Toni... you still need to get popups accepted at Tapped In. What's your browser?

**SharonWB**: Do you see the line I'm seeing?

**ToniMG** : Internet Explorer

**SharonWB**: Maureen ... I didn't have a chance to take you to some other lessons in the Lesson Plan that I think you and your students would like.

**JeffC**: Go to Tools-- Popup Blocker-- Settings-- and then accept \*.tappedin.org and also [www.tappedin.org](http://www.tappedin.org)

**SharonWB**: When you have a chance ... go to the Language Arts lessons.

**JeffC**: that's an asterisk in the first address.

**JeffC** goes afk (kid needs the computer)... and will lurk.

**MaureenB**: oh I like "You be the Author" in the ELA section

**SharonWB**: Maureen ... when you get a chance ... go check out the Language Arts lessons.

**SharonWB**: I wanted you to see "round robin writing.

**MaureenB**: going there

**SharonWB**: Jeff ... did my set of directions make sense to you?

**SharonWB**: Michael ... is there anything that I should share with folks before they leave us?

**SharonWB**: Maureen ... do you see the photo story starters?

**MaureenB**: yes I like that idea

**SharonWB**: The lesson plan that asks students to write children's books is fun, too.

**SharonWB**: Toni ... would any of the digital ethics videos be helpful to your students?

**SharonWB**: Or ... perhaps your students could create others that we could post.

**ToniMG** : Yes, definitely but I still can't get rid of the pop up blocker. I turned the pop ups off and also included tapped in and nortellearnit but still can't get to the video.

**MaureenB**: I like the idea of children's books to share or work collaboratively with a younger grade

**SharonWB**: Jeff ... BJ ... any ideas for Toni?

**ToniMG** : I'll try it on my school computer tomorrow.

**JeffC**: do you have the google toolbar toni?

**SharonWB**: I want to thank everyone for joining me to visit this site.

**JeffC**: that might also be blocking it... click it if you do and accept from here.

**SharonWB**: The site is a "work in progress."

**SharonWB**: We'll be continuing to add lesson plans, templates, and tutorials.

**BJB2** laughs...ALL good sites are works in progress!

**SharonWB**: Please come visit us often.

**BJB2** . o O ( if they weren't, they'd soon become obsolete )

**BJB2**: thanks so much, Michael and Sharon...great discussion

**ToniMG** : It looks like a great site. Thanks.

**SharonWB**: Thanks BJ and Toni.

**SharonWB**: Thanks Maureen and Jeff.

**SharonWB**: Great to talk with everyone.

**MaureenB**: thank you lots to explore

**BJB2**: Michael, you're welcome to lead discussions any time

**SharonWB**: Good night everyone!

**MaureenB**: nite

**BJB2** waves goodnight