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MichaelH: BJ, have you mentioned to Julio and Julie about the "10 Steps"?

BJ: no, I didn't, Michael

BJ: if you haven't read the 10 steps above this chat window...

BJ: please do that before the discussion starts

MichaelH: We're a small group tonight , so it won't take long :)

BJ . o O (although with such a small group we can be a little less formal)

MichaelH: BJ, I guess great minds think alike :)

MichaelH: Julie and Julio, would you take a moment and look at the TAPPED IN page at the 10 steps...?

MichaelH: That will make the discussion go a lot smoother

MichaelH waits for everyone to let him know they are ready to go...

BJ: Michael, would you like to start with introductions?

MichaelH: Sure, BJ

MichaelH: Welcome to tonight's social studies forum...

MichaelH: let's start tonight's discussion with introductions...

MichaelH: My name is Michael Hutchison, and I'm a Technology Curriculum facilitator in a school district in southwestern Indiana

MiguelB: I'm Mike from San Antonio and I teach in a Nova Net environment with three core area teachers. 9-12

MichaelH looks to see if everyone else would like to "enter and sign in please"

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

SteveV: I'm Steve, a middle school Language Arts teacher from Florida. I am working on several thematic units with a strong SS connection.

JulieE: I'm Julie from San Diego State University- I'm in my 2nd semester student teaching- multiple subject

MichaelH: Hi, Steve, where are you in Florida?

JulioCB: I'm Julio, single subject Kinesiology major,

SteveV: Bradenton, south of Tampa.

JulioCB: San Diego State grad

MichaelH: Hi, Julie... good to see you here... are you an elementary or secondary major?

JulieE: elementary

MichaelH: so we have a diverse group tonight... even a kinesiology major :)

MichaelH: Julio... is that major like an athletic training degree... or physical therapy?

JulioCB: neither

JulioCB: PE

MichaelH: ok... so a teacher :)

JulioCB: I have worked in a PT office before though, I liked it

JulioCB: yes , a teacher

MichaelH: as you may know... the social studies forum is designed as a way that people who are social studies teachers or in a related field can discuss trends in the area...

MichaelH: Julio, my wife is in the PT field... works at a local hospital

JulioCB: It an interesting field and you get to help a lot of people

JulioCB: social studies is my second favorite subject

MichaelH: ok, have a couple of lesson ideas tonight that you can use in either the HS or elementary classroom... would you all like to see them?

JulieE: yes, of course

KarenL: Hi everyone!

KarenL: yes, by all means.

MichaelH: ok... these are basically for both elementary and secondary teachers...

MichaelH: anyone here a baseball fan?

KarenL: football, basketball, tennis, no baseball.

JulioCB: kinda, sorta

MichaelH: hmm... Karen, maybe you could be a baseball fan for 45 minutes :)

KarenL: okay.

BJ hands Karen some gum

MichaelH: ok... I'm still going to show you some great social studies resources... and cross curricular resources too.

MichaelH: BJ, maybe you should hand Karen some Cracker Jack and peanuts?

BJ offers Cracker Jacks and peanuts to the home town crowd

KarenL: hot dog, pop

MichaelH: If TI 2 had a sing command..... we'd all be doing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame " right now :)

BJ smiles...now we've set the mood!

JulieE singing

MichaelH: anyway...

MichaelH: "so it's root root root for the.....!"

KarenL: home team.

MichaelH: fill in your favorite team...

MichaelH . o O (Cubbies....)

BJ: aaack!

MiguelB: If we don't win it's okay!!!

MiguelB: Houston Astros

MichaelH is chuckling...

KarenL: cuz it's one, two, three strikes you're out. . .

MichaelH: Mike I have some really bad news for YOU today :)

MiguelB: At the old ball game!

MichaelH . o O (6-4 Cubs)

MiguelB: Win some lose some.

MichaelH: yeah, Mike, but that's two in a row :)

MichaelH doesn't hear much from the Pennsylvania contingent tonight :)

BJ: alright you guys...let's get on topic!

MichaelH: anyway....

MiguelB: At least we are going to the playoffs.

MichaelH: still got another game at Wrigley, first

MichaelH: on to the lessons....
MiguelB: lol!
MichaelH: are you guys familiar with the Ken Burns "Baseball" series?
JulioCB: no
JulieE: no
KarenL: yes
SteveV: I watched parts of it.
MichaelH: Well, several episodes were re-aired recently on PBS
MichaelH: I'll get to them in a second...
MichaelH: but I'm sure you all are familiar with the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown...
right?
SteveV: Yes
JulieE: yes
MiguelB: Yeah! but we are still missing the top man PR!
JulioCB: yes
MichaelH: well, Mike, scuttlebutt is he's going to be readmitted...
MichaelH: here's some lessons from the HOF site... they just came to mind suddenly... :)
MichaelH: here's the link... click it, and check it out, and then come back in a minute or
two for some more...
MichaelH: <http://www.projectview.org/bbhoflessons.htm>
MichaelH: These lessons were recommended courtesy of BJ :)
MichaelH: BJ, I forget, Pirates or Phillies fan?
BJ: I'm the Phillies fan because hubby is the Pirates fan!
MichaelH: oh... well the Cubs rule in southern Indiana... couldn't bring myself to be a
Cardinal fan :)
MichaelH: here's some math and science lessons on the HOF site...
MichaelH: <http://www.projectview.org/MathandBaseball/MaBHome.htm>
MichaelH: if everyone would let me know when they'd like to move on... I'll get to the
Ken Burns stuff
JulieE: ready
JulioCB: ready
MichaelH: as you may know...
MichaelH: Baseball is an older series...
MichaelH: so PBS decided to retool the web site so that lessons could be included this
year.
MichaelH: similar to what they did in 2002 with Civil War
MichaelH: three episodes were included in the Ken Burns American Stories series...
MichaelH: one is called "Shadow Ball" about the Negro Leagues...
MichaelH: Ken Burns feels that episode is the finest work he's ever done
MichaelH: the other two dealt with baseball in the "glory years of the 1940s and 1950s,
and one about New York Baseball
MichaelH . o O (sorry to the Philly, Chicago, and Houston fans out there...)
MichaelH: anyway, several lessons were included.
MichaelH: first, here's the main site URL
MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/baseball/>
MichaelH: take a minute and look at this, and let me know when you're ready to move

on...

MichaelH checks to see if everyone's ready to move on...

MichaelH: everyone ready to see the lessons?

JulieE: ready

MichaelH: ok...

JulioCB: yes

BJ nods to Michael

MichaelH: the lessons are basically designed for middle and elementary students, but COULD be adapted to high school...

MichaelH: here's the list, and I'll let you look at a couple specific ones...

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/baseball/teachers/>

MichaelH: take a sec and look at them,... and let me know when you're ready to move ahead...

MichaelH checks to see if we're ready to look at specific lessons...

JulieE: ok

SteveV: ok

MichaelH: I hope you all don't mind.. but I have specific knowledge about three of the lessons, and those will be the ones I'll focus on... there are other lessons, too, and you are welcome to look at them as well

MichaelH: the first is actually a writing exercise as much as a history lesson:

MichaelH: look at it, and we'll talk about it for a sec...

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/baseball/teachers/lesson3.html>

MichaelH: this is a good way for kids to interact with older adults about a favorite memory.... even a childhood one...

MichaelH: everyone ready to take a moment and talk about this one?

MichaelH wonders how many of our group have been to a major league baseball game?

JulieE: not me

JulioCB: me

BJ raises her hand

MiguelB: I tried to go to one this summer in Boston but could not get tickets.

KarenL: I have been to a little league baseball game. No major league.

MichaelH: Julie, not even the Padres?

KarenL: I was the scorekeeper.

JulieE: oh yea

MichaelH would love to see a game at Fenway Park...

SteveV: I have.

MiguelB: I played high school baseball.

MichaelH: ok, see, we all probably have special memories about what we saw... or who we saw play...

MichaelH has seen Sammy Sosa strike out about eight times.... :(

MichaelH: anyone want to share who they saw play, or if anything memorable happened?

MiguelB: How about a 350 ft homerun at the high school level?

MichaelH: That's pretty good :)

MichaelH: were you the batter?

MiguelB: Yep!

KarenL: let's see. how about the little leaguers winning three games in a row in a fireball

classic?

MichaelH: ok.. see for us, those are great memories... some of us can recall games we were in... others games we SAW...

MiguelB: Isn't the little league world series going on?

JulieE: most of the games I attended were as a child - in Indiana

MichaelH: and that's what Baseball Memories is all about... kids can interview people....

MichaelH: and find out about baseball of the past... sort of like a "field of dreams"...

JulioCB: during a brawl a saw a Philly player run all the way from left field and knock somebody out at home plate.

BJ: Little League starts this weekend I think...they are finishing up the playoffs

MichaelH: Field of Dreams is a great movie by the way...

MichaelH: let's look at another lesson...

KarenL: yes, I saw the movie!

MiguelB: Angels in the outfield

JulieE: I liked the half time shows

KarenL: oh yeah, I saw that one, too.

KarenL: And the one with the women playing. . .

MichaelH: many of us may like baseball teams that no longer exist...

MichaelH: like the Washington Senators, Philadelphia Athletics, New York Gians...

MichaelH . o O (Giants)

MichaelH: here's a lesson that tracks the movement of baseball teams...

MichaelH: by the way... anyone know who the Washington Senators are NOW?

SteveV: Who?

MichaelH: Raphael Palmerio plays for them...

KarenL is clueless.

MichaelH: they are now the Texas Rangers...

JulioCB: Baltimore

JulieE needs to get out more

MichaelH: and the former general managers of the Rangers was....?

MichaelH: some guy named George W. Bush

JulioCB: thats right!

MichaelH: who's claim to fame was trading Sammy Sosa to the Chicago White Sox.

MichaelH: anyway, here's the lesson :)

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/baseball/teachers/lesson8.html>

MichaelH: I have a couple more when everyone is ready...

KarenL: ready.

JulieE: ok

MichaelH: who was it who said they liked the "women baseball movie"?

KarenL: me!!!:)

JulieE: I liked it too

MichaelH: that movie was shot about 45 miles from where I am....

KarenL: A League of Their Own.

MichaelH: that's it...

MichaelH: believe it or not.. a lot of the teams, etc. are REAL

MichaelH: and there actually was a women's professional baseball league

KarenL: really?

MichaelH: yep

MichaelH: here's the lesson on that...

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/baseball/teachers/lesson9.html>

MiguelB: How about the "Pride of the Yankees".

MichaelH: Mike, that's a great film...

MichaelH: did you know it's all shot backwards?

MichaelH: Lou Gerhig was left handed... Gary Cooper wasn't, so they had to reverse the print to make it look real...

MichaelH: they had to make everyone's jersey's backwards and everything...

MiguelB: It's on TV right now.

KarenL: these are good lessons, Michael.

MichaelH: but, if you can get past the language in League of Their Own... you could use the film and this lesson

MichaelH: thank you, Karen...

MichaelH: by the way, Mike... are they at the end of the movie yet?

KarenL: no football website like the baseball one?

MichaelH: at the end of the movie, Cooper does Lou's, "I'm the luckiest man on the face of the Earth" speech...

JulieE: I have to get to class - Thank you Michael and BJ

JulioCB: I kinda had my doubts about the girls getting into baseball, but I had forgotten about the women in baseball.

MichaelH: and there's an echo in the background in Yankee stadium...

MiguelB: They are currently playing in the world series and Gerhig is trying to get his second home run that he promised the boy.

MichaelH: glad you could join us, Julie

JulieE: Fun stuff - bye

KarenL: bye Julie.

MichaelH: the echo in the background IS Lou

MiguelB: Just hit the second home run.

MichaelH: Mike, you KNEW he would :)

JulieE left the room (signed off).

MichaelH: anyway, I learned a lot about women in baseball...

MichaelH: Karen, there is a football web site... I don't know if it's like the HOF site BJ has, but you might try this...

MiguelB: It's kinda like the women in history.

MichaelH: <http://www.nfl.com>

MichaelH: there's a link for the Football Hall of Fame, too.

MichaelH: ok, one more set of lessons, and then a special announcement...

KarenL: thank you, Michael. I will look at both of these websites.

MichaelH: this is a great set of baseball sites... bunches of them... BJ sent me this...

MichaelH: <http://www.theteacherscorner.net/seasonal/baseball/>

MichaelH: now for the special announcement...

MichaelH: BJ, may I have a drumroll please...?

MichaelH: a week from Thursday....

KarenL: that's pretty neat site.

KarenL beats the drums.

MichaelH: Leni Donlan of the Library of Congress American Memory Learning Page will be hosting a session about the LOC resources dealing with Baseball...

MichaelH: that's at 8 p.m. Eastern, right, BJ?

MichaelH: Aug. 21?

MiguelB: Sorry I'll miss this one. Have a class to teach that night.

MichaelH: Mike, we can always send you a transcript... and Leni puts them online, too

MichaelH: usually a couple of days after the session is over...

MiguelB: That would be great.

JulioCB: I have it down on my calendar. good nite

MichaelH: nite :)

KarenL: this sounds pretty interesting even if I am not a fan.

SteveV: Thanks

MichaelH is going to call it a night... Cardinals are beating the Pirates, and I have to root for the Bucs so the Cubs gain ground...

MiguelB: Goodnight!

MichaelH waves goodnight

KarenL: goodnight.