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LeniD: Let's make our introductions and explain to Nicole how this works...Michael, will you do the honors?

MichaelH: Hi, everyone...

MichaelH: welcome to tonight's "Learning Page Chat"...

MichaelH: tonight's subject... Baseball!!

MichaelH: As we always do, let's start with some introductions...

MichaelH: would everyone please tell use who you are and what you do?

BJ: I'm a teacher in Pennsylvania

MichaelH is a technology curriculum facilitator in a school district in southern Indiana

LeniD: I'm Leni Donlan, the coordinator of the Learning Page project, Library of Congress.

NicoleBu: My name is Nicole Butts and I am Multiple-subject credential teacher in San Diego California. I just graduated so I am brand new. I just got a job as a reading intervention teacher at Monroe Clark Junior High.

LeniD: Thanks, Nicole. Welcome!

MichaelH: Nicole, don't worry, we were all "newbies" once... welcome aboard...

MichaelH: right, BJ?

BJ: right!

MichaelH: Leni, I think we are ready...

NicoleBu: Whew.... I need to relax. You are keeping me on my toes.

LeniD: Nicole, I taught in Whittier, CA for almost 20 years. Yes, let's explain how this works, Michael.

MichaelH: Nicole, everything is pretty simple.. BJ, Leni, and I can help you through about anything :)

LeniD: This is such an intimate group...you have a wonderful chance to learn to use Tapped In's interface, Nicole.

LeniD: Ready when you are, Michael :-)

MichaelH: Leni, I think we're ready to start resources... just want to make sure Nicole can detach the screen, or if we need to show her how..

JoshBr joined the room.

LeniD: OK...stop me if you need to, Michael. Here goes...

LeniD: Welcome, Josh. You are just in time!

JoshBr: Hi all

MichaelH waves to Josh

LeniD: Soooo.....

MichaelH: Leni, go ahead and start :)

LeniD: What is it about baseball that is so quintessentially "American"?

LeniD: Babe Ruth said, "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."

LeniD: Is teamwork a value in America? If so, then baseball is a wonderful laboratory for developing it!

LeniD: In this speech, Jackie Robinson attributes his success to America's status as a "free society"...offering unlimited opportunity to all.

LeniD: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/images/at0196ap1s.jpg>

LeniD: Unlimited opportunity was part of the American Dream...and was a powerful lure that brought many immigrants to our shores during the 19th and 20th centuries.

LeniD: Jackie Robinson epitomizes "going for the dream"...

LeniD: view this special presentation which was created to commemorate Jackie's achievements and to depict the "color line" in the early days of baseball.

LeniD: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/jrhtml/jrabout.html>

LeniD: Ready...here we go :-)

LeniD: I hope you are poking around...there is great material in this special presentation!

JoshBr: Leni, maybe I missed this, but you can you please give me some context here?

LeniD: Josh, I'm sharing resources from the Library of Congress on the topic of baseball...

LeniD: with the thought that baseball is the "all American sport"...

LeniD: and trying to think about why it is considered that.

JoshBr: Thanks for the clarification.

LeniD: Does the game of baseball mirror society's values?

LeniD: Has the game pushed the limits of cultural norms?

LeniD: I find it a wonderful vehicle for teaching about America...hope you can agree by chat's end :-)

MichaelH likes the game

LeniD: Let's take a look at these "baseball" resources with an eye to what they reveal about America and its values...

LeniD: Ready?

MichaelH is

LeniD: View these early baseball pictures...

LeniD: wouldn't you love to share these with students to help them link to the past AND understand the game of baseball?

LeniD: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/jrhtml/jrgmabt.html>

LeniD: Hmm...not taking us away, as expected...hang on folks :-)

JoshBr: The url's to the pictures are dead

MichaelH: it's ok for me...

LeniD: How about this threesome...a chance to teach history, sport and language!

LeniD: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/pp/bbcards1.html>

MichaelH: Leni, my wife, the diehard Cubs fan, loves the Tinker, Evers, Chance page :)

JoshBr: yes

MichaelH has it...

LeniD: thanks, Josh :-)

MichaelH: I'm printing it for Suzie right now...

LeniD: Trace the origins of baseball through this exhibit...

LeniD: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/british/brit-7.html>

MichaelH checks to see if everyone sees this ok?

LeniD: I love that "Pretty Little Pocket Book"!

LeniD: Ready to move on?

JoshBr: I think I still have the "Twiggy" look.

JoshBr: ready

LeniD: LOL!

LeniD: "We Are The Champions" provides an overview to the highlights of baseball resources at the Library of Congress.

LeniD: <http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/apr03/champions.html>

LeniD: Poke around...I'll wait for you, but visit in depth after this chat, please :-)

LeniD: How about baseball songs? What do THEY tell us about America and its values?

LeniD: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/tri045.html>

MichaelH: Norworth had never been to a professional baseball game...

LeniD: And of course...there is nothing like a baseball card collection!

LeniD: Ready?

JoshBr: Agreed! Until I discovered legos!

LeniD: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/bbhtml/bbhome.html>

LeniD: Good point, Josh :-)

LeniD: This is one of my FAVORITE collections, folks! :-)

LeniD: We could spend hours here, alone...but I need to move you along. Are we back?

MichaelH is here

LeniD: Thanks, Michael...are others ready to move along?

LeniD: We seem to be buried in baseball cards...with much left to show...here we go, folks!

LeniD: Give your students a chance to practice THEIR skills...Batter Up! A game from America's Library.

LeniD: (if you have a flash enabled browser, click and play)

LeniD: [http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jp/game/baseball\\_noflash.html](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jp/game/baseball_noflash.html)

JoshBr: Great site Leni, thanks for sharing this one!

LeniD: It's wonderful, Josh...agreed!

LeniD: If you have flash, just click the link that says, "I'm sure I have it".

LeniD: I'll give you time for one QUICK game :-)

MichaelH: This is really cool, Leni

LeniD: Grand slam for me! Yeah!!!!!!

MichaelH hit a grand slam...

LeniD: OK...enough of the game...

LeniD: Do you need some baseball lessons? Would they make a homerun out of the opening days in your classroom this fall?

LeniD: Ohhh...couldn't resist...

LeniD: [http://www.loc.gov/learn/community/cc\\_baseball.php#lessonplans](http://www.loc.gov/learn/community/cc_baseball.php#lessonplans)

LeniD: click on lessons plans...or scroll down the page.

LeniD: The younger set would like Batter Up...but these lessons would be good for your high school students on down to middle school.

LeniD: Are you stocking your reading corner? Try our the Learning Page baseball bibliography to warm up.

LeniD: <http://www.loc.gov/learn/community/bibliography/baseball/viewbabib.php>

LeniD: There's something for all ages here, folks.

MaryGst1 left the room (signed off).

NicoleBu: These are wonderful resources, especially for reading intervention, a lot of students are interested in baseball. Thank you for these teaching tools.

LeniD: Have you considered a baseball theme to introduce your students to the American Memory collections on the Library of Congress Web site?

LeniD: Glad you think so, Nicole...almost home...hang on a bit longer :-)

LeniD: Suggest these search terms to see what treasures your students can find and share on their own!

LeniD: [http://www.loc.gov/learn/community/cc\\_baseball.php#search](http://www.loc.gov/learn/community/cc_baseball.php#search)

LeniD: Search terms are a new addition to the community center...we hope they are helpful!

LeniD: Next month...our topic is FLIGHT! We have some WONDERFUL resources to share...

MichaelH: Sounds great, Leni!

MichaelH: BTW: Want to mention how to find out about topics for sessions...etc.?

LeniD: As we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Wright brother's accomplishments :-) Please join us again.

LeniD: Thanks Michael. Both the calendar for Tapped in and the front door of the Learning page...

MichaelH will be there

LeniD: <http://www.loc.gov/learn>

LeniD: Will let you know when our chats take place and what the topics will be...

LeniD: you can also sign up for the Learning Page newsletter, for e-mail notification :-)

LeniD: <http://learning.loc.gov/learn/community/tlpnewsletter/nlsubscribe.html>

LeniD: It's a monthly note informing educators of all that is new on the Learning Page and other Library sites.

LeniD: While I have you here...we are debuting collaborative projects this fall...

LeniD: Make History with the Library of Congress! Watch for them within a few weeks :-)

LeniD: Interviews with Today's Immigrants...

LeniD: The Branding of America...

LeniD: The Great American Potluck...

LeniD: America Dreams.

LeniD: End of Learning Page plugs. :-) Thanks for joining us! Questions?

MichaelH: Great session, Leni!

BJ: Thanks, Leni

LeniD: thanks, Michael. My pleasure, BJ.

BJ waves goodnight

LeniD: Bye...:-)