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MichaelH: BJ, we're looking at the "10 Rules of Successful Sessions"

BjB smiles. Great, Michael. Always a good way to start.

MichaelH: Welcome to tonight's Social Studies forum...

MichaelH: My name is Michael Hutchison, and I'm a technology curriculum facilitator in a small school district in southwestern Indiana

MichaelH: would anyone else like to identify themselves?

SherraM: Hi, I am Sherra Maneri and I am a preservice teacher at the University of Houston

MarvinR: My name is Marvin Rupe. I work as a clinical instructor at Eisenhower Middle School in Manhattan, KS

CaseyE: I am Casey Ewy and I am a middle school special education teacher in Fort Riley, KS

JaredS: Jared Savage - I develop online courses and staff development courses for the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center, better known as Greenbush.

MichaelH: a lot of Kansians this evening... are you all in a class?

DannyM: Hello, I am Danny, a Lead Teacher in Salina, Kansas

JaredS: All Kansas people are in the same class.

MichaelH: and that class is?

JaredS: Technology Leadership.

MichaelH: I see... is the instructor here?

JaredS: Nope.

RicharriaG joined the room.

MichaelH waves to Richarria

MichaelH: Richarria, we're just starting introductions

MichaelH: Jared, so this is an assignment for you?

JaredS: Yes it is.

JaredS: For all of us.

MichaelH: Ah, should the instructor e-mail me to confirm you all were here?

MarvinR: No, we will forward the transcript to him and do a final process evaluation of the Tapped In experience.

JaredS: Prof. Jerry Bailey

MichaelH: Great, Jared, thanks... I appreciate that.

MichaelH: I'll let him know you all were here and ready to discuss

MichaelH: ok, so you guys are evaluating TAPPED IN... what can you tell me so far?

MichaelH . o O (I also teach on the college level... :))

MarvinR: I am very impressed so far.

SherraM: This is my first forum and this is a great tool to be able to get involved in.

MichaelH: That sounds very good...

DannyM: Tough to get started since it is my first experience

MarvinR: Same here.

SherraM: This is part of my professional development requirement for my technology class

MichaelH: Danny, you will find that it's pretty easy to learn the format, etc.

MichaelH: How did Prof. Bailey come across TAPPED IN do you think?

JaredS: Actually, his assistant did it

MichaelH waves to Bev

JaredS: Shelley Aistrup.

JaredS: I'm not sure how she found out.

MichaelH: but Prof. Bailey made the assignment, huh?

MarvinR: He is very in-touch with technology and has researched and written many articles.

DannyM: Shelley works for Bailey.

SherraM: Do you have a good article you can send me about technology in the elem classroom?

MichaelH: Sherra, are you referring that to me, or to the other class people?

SherraM: Anyone

MichaelH: how about an article you can adapt to el. ed.

SherraM: that would be great.

MarvinR: We are currently looking at Information Literacy. There is a ton of information online about technology integration at all levels.

MichaelH: it's actually a middle/high school but you can do it at el ed level... it even involves TAPPED IN

SherraM: Any websites you have would be appreciated

BevC: I can send you a report on technology being used in Kansas or across the nation

SherraM: Is it protocol to disclose personal emails on this forum?

MichaelH: give me a sec, and I'll show you the transcript

MichaelH: well Sherra, we edit things out of the transcript... let me just give you the URL

SherraM: thanks

MichaelH: BJ and I actually hosted a very famous person here about a year ago :)

MichaelH: BJ, it was a year ago Friday...

MarvinR: Who was that?

MichaelH: well, are you familiar with PBS programming?

JaredS: PBS rules.

SherraM: Yes

MarvinR: Yes

SherraM: I have small children so I know PBS on a first name basis

MichaelH: ok, Jared, who is probably the most famous PBS contributor... has done many films for them

MichaelH: think of Social Studies

JaredS: Ken Burns!

MichaelH: hey, a year ago Friday, we had Ken Burns with us

MichaelH: name one film Ken has done...

MarvinR: Civil War

MichaelH: Marvin, have you ever used Civil War in your classes?>

MichaelH: has anyone used Ken Burns materials in your classes?

SherraM: No

MichaelH: or would anyone like to????

JaredS: I used the soundtrack from the Civil War when I taught Civil War lit in my English class.

DannyM: Not me

CaseyE: No, but I would like to

MichaelH: Jared, I bet you used the Sullivan Ballou letter, didn't you?

SherraM: I will be in a class in Fall 2004 and am looking for all kinds of information to add to my teaching resources

MarvinR: Not entirely. The soundtrack has been very useful.

MichaelH: ok, Sherra you will want to be here two weeks from tonight?

JaredS: Yes. I used a lot of letters in my class.

SherraM: Why

DannyM: I do not teach anymore, but would like to help my staff with it

MichaelH: I wish we would have Ken, but we couldn't get him.

MarvinR: Sullivan Ballou so powerful!

JaredS: Mary Chesnut's Journal is also excellent.

MichaelH: But, there is a great new Ken Burns film coming up on October 6 that will be the focus of our next session...

SherraM: I have read that

MichaelH: It's called Horatio's Drive...

MichaelH: about the first cross-country road trip....

MichaelH: in...

MichaelH: 1903

MichaelH: at a time when there were only 150 miles of paved roads...

JaredS: Yes, narrated by Tom Hanks.

MichaelH: in the entire nation

JaredS: Saw it last night.

MichaelH: Where did you see it Jared?

JaredS: I watched American Experience on Monday night and they advertised it.

MichaelH: It was an honor for me to write three lessons for the companion web site.

JaredS: Really!

JaredS: Wow. I want to see that.

SherraM: Sounds interesting

MichaelH: Look at this article I wrote about Civil War, and I'll give you the URL for the Horatio web site...

SherraM: Tell us more

MichaelH: just click on the link....

MichaelH: and I'll dig out the other site :)

MichaelH: http://www.techlearning.com/db_area/archives/WCE/archives/civwarmh.html

MichaelH: just click the link, and it will open in a new browser window

JaredS: Thanks.

MarvinR: Thanks for sharing this. I have bookmarked it for future reference.

MichaelH: and I also have big news about a second session on September 25

SherraM: I look forward to reading it after we are done here

CaseyE: Thank you, I'll check it out later
MichaelH: Here's the preliminary Horatio site...
MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/films/horatio.html>
MarvinR: Thanks.
DannyM: Thanks
SherraM: Thanks as well
MichaelH: the film premiers Oct, 6
BevC: Both sites look like they will be worth checking out. Thanks
MichaelH: but you can see the lessons in a forum session Sept. 24
MichaelH: so I'm guessing you're not familiar with PBS TeacherSource?
JaredS: No.
SherraM: Is it online on the pbs website
MichaelH: yes it is :0
MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource>
MichaelH: anyone here worried about aligning lessons to standards?
MichaelH: or aligning lessons to standards...
MichaelH: looks to BJ for the Excedrin...
SherraM: No, we go directly to our TEKS
BevC: As long as the standards align with the curriculum it should be O.K.
MarvinR: Our district has gone through a major curriculum overhaul in the last few years.
MichaelH: well, the PBS lessons are aligned to state and national standards... you can do a standards match for any state you want
MichaelH: and that standards match was created by another TAPPED IN member
MarvinR: That's great.
CaseyE: That is a great resource, thank you
SherraM: Do you have to register for TeacherSource? Any cost?
MichaelH: So, if you wanted to do some of the Civil War lessons... you could match it to Kansas or Texas standards
MichaelH: Sherra, no cost at all :)
MichaelH: as a matter of fact, you don't even generally have to own the videos
MichaelH: or even have access to them
SherraM: great, I will look into PBS
MichaelH: Sherra, you CAN personalize the site for your local PBS station, though...
MichaelH: with your own personal schedule, subject area, etc.
MichaelH: and they have a GREAT newsletter with cues to lessons, schedules for programming, etc.
SherraM: I will put it on my to do list
MichaelH: and, it's FREE!!!!
MichaelH: ok, other than Ken Burns, is there anyone wanting to do Civil War lessons?
SherraM: no
JaredS: NOVA provides great materials.
MichaelH: yes, they do
JaredS: Including full transcripts of their shows.
MichaelH: there's another session we're doing on Sept. 25 with the Civil War Preservation Trust

MichaelH: maybe you guys could get Professor Jerry to join us with you on Sept. 24 and 25

DannyM: sounds good to me

CaseyE: we'll ask!

MichaelH: well, I'll tell you what, have him e-mail me at mhutch@charter.net, and I'll give him all the particulars.

MarvinR: I imagine that he will be most interested

MichaelH: tell him I'm very interested in supporting professional development and helping young teachers

MichaelH: I'll even try to spell correctly then

MichaelH: so are you guys doing undergraduate or graduate credit?

DannyM: Graduate

BevC: Graduate

CaseyE: Graduate

JaredS: Grad.

MarvinR: Graduate

SherraM: I am undergraduate

MichaelH: That's great... are you in a distance learning class, or are you just doing this as part of a regular class assignment?

SherraM: Who?

MarvinR: Web-based class using Blackboard.

MichaelH: anyone who wants to answer

MichaelH: oh, that's interesting...

DannyM: Web based

BevC: This is part of a class assignment to become familiar with options and possibilities with tech

MichaelH: I've not used Blackboard...

SherraM: This is an assignment for our Technology class for student teachers.

MichaelH: well, please Tell Jerry (and Sherra tell your instructor, too), that my job is to provide professional development opportunities for teachers, and I'd love to work with your instructors to bring you guys into TAPPED IN again soon

MarvinR: Blackboard is a very useful on-line tool for classes. This is my 4th online class using it.

MichaelH: Do you Kansas folks know if Jerry has used TAPPED IN before?

JaredS: Not sure.

MichaelH: the school I teach at uses it, but I don't

SherraM: My Instructor is Mary Thompson at UH.

MarvinR: Not sure

DannyM: I will e-mail in the morning, no just watched

BevC: I know Shelly has

MichaelH: Jerry would love TAPPED IN... I'd like to see Shelly here too...

DannyM: Shelley is the big cheese

SherraM: I am sure a lot of our students will be in the preservice session on Thursday night.

MichaelH: Is Shelley a Teaching Assistant?

JaredS: Yes.

MarvinR: Yes

DannyM: yes

MichaelH: oh, I see... well, tell Shelley and Jerry they are certainly welcome to work with me to make a quality experience for all you guys

MichaelH: Sherra, tell Mary the same thing

SherraM: Sure, she wants copies of all the transcripts we participate in so she will read this.

MarvinR: We are meeting on MSN Chat on Friday night to debrief our Tapped-In session.

MichaelH: And, if Mary and Jerry let me know ahead of time, I can be sure to have a good guest, or some great resources to use in a session

MichaelH: I just need to know who you folks are, and what you would like to talk about

BevC: It looks like I need to figure out a way to teach Civil War in the Art room if I keep coming to SS forum

NicolP joined the room.

MichaelH: well, remember, you can do a lot of cross curriculum stuff with PBS or any curriculum

BevC: Sounds great. If anything the sites are always something to share with others!

SherraM: Does anyone have good info on lessons for Civil Practices, such as citizenship and democracy for 4th grade SS lessons?

MichaelH: hey, one other favor... you guys know my e-mail address.. I'd like copies of your evaluations of TAPPED In... what your impressions were, what you found useful, not useful, etc.

CaseyE: sounds good

BjB . o O (and permission to use in the newsletter tips from the experts!)

DannyM: sounds good

MichaelH: Sherra, maybe you could search a bit, and we could meet in an upcoming session, and exchange some ideas?

SherraM: I will search, this is for an upcoming lesson and I thought you might have some insight on good websites to go to.

MichaelH: well, I'd look at the PBS Civil War site

SherraM: I haven't had much experience with Social Studies

NicolP left the room (signed off).

MichaelH: and, you'll want to be here on Sept. 25 for the Civil War Preservation Trust session

SherraM: I have done quite a bit with language arts and reading but SS and science are new to me

BevC: Me too

DannyM: I am out of the loop with SS

MichaelH: ok, here's what I would suggest...

BevC: Anything with technology integration and the future

MichaelH: we have a gigantic archive of social studies forum session transcripts..

SherraM: that would be great

MichaelH: you can look at over three years of lesson plans, resources, transcripts, etc.

MichaelH: give me a sec...

MichaelH: you can also sign up for the list and participate... share resources YOU find...

MichaelH: <http://www.tappedin.org/mailman/listinfo/ssf>

NicolP joined the room.

SherraM: I see the webpage

MichaelH: I will give you guys a hint... we love to help newer teachers... but we want to help you with what you refine what you have found many times rather than just give you the material

MichaelH: it's actually better for you to have an idea about what you want... you're the ones using it in your classroom...

SherraM: I understand that

MichaelH: you know your kids better than anyone.

MichaelH: or, if you aren't in the classroom, you WILL know your kids better than anyone

SherraM: I actually have to present to my student teaching peers

MichaelH: so you have a tough job ahead of you, huh?

BevC: Thanks for your patience, I am going to see if I can find a copy of what I missed on Mondays Tech in the Classroom. I will check out the sites you shared!

SherraM: Nothing that I can't handle. They are all in the same situation as I am. We all are a bit nervous

CaseyE: I really appreciate the knowledge about the PBS site. I looked at it and there are many things that I am planning on using.

MichaelH: Casey, that's great... you will find many sessions we've done with PBS, and a lot of ideas

CaseyE: I'll take a look at the archives

DannyM: Thank you for your time and patience. I will check out the sites

MichaelH: Sherra, that's good to know... being nervous is nothing new... the first day of school is always tough, and I've done this for 25 years

SherraM: Hopefully, being a mom will help the transition. I am so used to being around children

BjB agrees. Even experienced teachers get butterflies

MichaelH: Well, that's true... I've even had my own children as students..

SherraM: I guess every year is so different from the last

MichaelH: and that was on the high school level

MichaelH: sure it is...

BjB: This has certainly been a lively discussion, everyone, but our time is about up.

MichaelH: that's why professional development (and self-development) is important

BjB: Please join some of the other discussions that are on the calendar...

MichaelH: Don't forget our next session... Sept. 24 8 p.m.

MichaelH: Horatio's Drive

CaseyE: Thanks everyone

MichaelH: hope to see you, Jerry, and Mary there

MarvinR: Thank you, Michael for your leadership of this session. And thanks BJB for helping me get on tonight.

MichaelH: glad everyone could join us

SandraS left the room.

DannyM: Thank you everyone, Michael you were great

SherraM: Thanks for the great info

MichaelH: thank you Danny, please come see us again!

MichaelH: Glad to help, Sherra

BjB waves goodnight. Thanks, Michael.

MichaelH: good night, BJ,