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BJB2: hi, Sarahna. Welcome

SarahnaT: Hi, I just received your notice.

BJB2: and you're here for the Social Studies Forum?

SarahnaT: What exactly is the topic of discussion for tonight?

BJB2: We'll let Michael tell you the topic for tonight's session

SarahnaT: Sounds great

MichaelH: thanks, BJ

BJB2 hopes Michael brought lots of candy canes

MichaelH: I'm going to hold off for a second or two so we know who all will be here.

BJB2: Michael, I think it's time to get this party started!

MichaelH: ok, maybe we better get started...

BJB2 wonders if Michael wants to start with introductions?

MichaelH: David is in charge of the wassail bowl

MichaelH: Welcome to tonight's Social Studies forum

MichaelH: tonight's topic is.... it's our annual gift exchange

MichaelH: what we do tonight is share sites, projects, and resources that we can use in the classroom

MichaelH: let's start with some introductions, shall we?

BJB2: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

EmilyW: I am Emily from TX and a helpdesk volunteer

SarahnaT: I am a third grade bilingual teacher in Milwaukee

MichaelH is a social studies teacher in southwestern Indiana

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler, amateur caterer and Tapped In HelpDesk volunteer. I'm in chilly northern New Jersey, near New York City

MichaelH looks to Xin and Al and Jeff

DavidWe: Is Spanish your other language, Sarahna?

SarahnaT: Si

AIC: Social studies teacher in outside Chicago

DavidWe: Muy bien

MichaelH: ok, I have a web site I'll share to start us out tonight...

JeffC: So... the topic for tonight is... geography?

MichaelH: what's the most famous Christmas movie?

JeffC: It's a Good Life

MichaelH: and, the one I am thinking about has a "Chicago" flavor to it.

SarahnaT: In my lifetime it has to be The Christmas Story-You'll shoot your eye out

JeffC: Well... that leaves out "The Grinch that Stole Christmas"... that was in Pittsburgh and Whoville I believe.

MichaelH: absolutely, Sarahna

BJB2 chuckles

SarahnaT: 24 hours on Christmas Eve

MichaelH: Christmas Story is actually set in Northwest Indiana... but it's close to the Windy City

MichaelH: does anyone know where the idea for the movie came from?

SarahnaT: no but I would love to know

JeffC: Jean Shepard's childhood?

MichaelH: it was written by a guy named Jean Shepherd

MichaelH: yep

MichaelH: check out <http://www.flicklives.com/>

MichaelH: click on the site and take a look at it, but hurry back here

JeffC: yellow teeth... he had *yellow teeth*!

DavidWe . o O (It's A Wonderful Life - Jimmy Stewart directed by Frank Capra)

MichaelH: or Scott Farkas will get you

DavidWe . o O (It was on Saturday night on NBC)

JeffC: right... that's what I meant by "It's a Good Life"... mixed the title up with a Twilight Zone episode.

MichaelH: believe it or not, a local judge here in town owns "THE LAMP"

JeffC: I thought it was broken!

SarahnaT: pretty cool

MichaelH: nah, he's got the actual prop

MichaelH: he also owns a tank that was used in "The Blues Brothers"

SarahnaT: Blues Brothers...Chicago no?

MichaelH: yep

JeffC: we're on a mission from god

MichaelH: Dan Aykroyd; John Belushi

JeffC: don't you blaspheme in here!

SarahnaT: Great flick

MichaelH: I have another one that is actually a social studies site...

JeffC: so... have you got some great social studies lessons associated with Christmas Story, Michael?

MichaelH: I should, Jeff, but I am afraid I will shoot my eye out

SarahnaT: I would be very interested in that..

JeffC: do I have to get out my ovaltine secret decoder?

SarahnaT: Fragile it must be Italian

MichaelH: and feed the Bumpus hounds

MichaelH: I will probably watch that darn show 24 hours straight on Xmas Eve

JeffC: I once did a lesson on "The Zimmerman Telegram" (the intercepted telegram that brought the U.S. into WWI) and gave hints to different student groups in code.

MichaelH: that's cool

MichaelH: I've got a site that David might like... based on something that he's mentioned before

JeffC: yeah... well... if they won't read material that you directly give to them... make them decipher it.

DavidWe waits with anticipation

MichaelH: I saw this last night on the NBC Nightly News

MichaelH: and it is cool... and it may also be the next SSF session topic

MichaelH: David, check out <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/boundforglory/>

DavidWe looks

MichaelH: everyone else can too

SarahnaT: Looks interesting

DavidWe: very cool

MichaelH: I thought you'd like it, David

DavidWe: Thanks, Michael

MichaelH: I think it would be good in the classroom seeing how a lot of kids might be more into color...

MichaelH: I've been e-mailing LOC today to see if we can get them to demonstrate the site in the forum on Jan. 11

MichaelH: these pictures apparently were taken by the Farm Security Administration

AIC: excellent pictures

MichaelH: Al, do you teach American history>

MichaelH: ?

AIC: yes

MichaelH: I think these would be great in a US History class

MichaelH: you could either print them, embed them in Power Point, or just show them on a screen

AIC: I bookmarked

SusanR joined the room.

DavidWe waves to Susan

MichaelH: I have another site... this one is for Jeff

SusanR waves

MichaelH . o O (do I dare?)

MichaelH waves to Sue

MichaelH: Jeff will love this one

DavidWe: sure, dare

MichaelH: check out http://www.angryalien.com/1204/wonderful_lifebuns.asp

SusanR wonders

DavidWe laughs

DavidWe: That's great!

EmilyW: I have to go soon but I have a site to share

SarahnaT: Wow that is so cool

MichaelH: did you click on the bunny silhouettes?

SarahnaT: yes

MichaelH: Go ahead, Emily

EmilyW: <http://www.usmint.gov/kids/flashIndex.cfm>

SusanR: reminds me of The Complete Works of Shakespeare..in two hours

JeffC: my friend did that... the reduced Shakespeare company

SarahnaT: Very interactive Emily

EmilyW: I really like the site

EmilyW: has great resources for teachers

JeffC: but do they let you download \$20s?

SusanR: new nickel coming out

MichaelH has an elementary Christmas site when we're ready to go to the next one

MichaelH: this one is an online "field trip" for grades 3-6

MichaelH: <http://www.tramline.com/cross/xmas/index.htm>

MichaelH: I used to be one of the editors of this resource when it was called "Virtual Blackboard"... but the funding died out.... they then were acquired by Tramline, and they run the site now.

EmilyW: gotta go

EmilyW: bye all

BJB2: Scholastic also has a field trip site for the holidays
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/fieldtrp/socstu/holworld.htm>

MichaelH waves

DavidWe waves bye to Emily

EmilyW left the room (signed off).

MichaelH: anyone a "Polar Express" fan?

MichaelH: this is a good one for younger kids... Sarahna, it might be right up your alley...

MichaelH: <http://www.teachingheart.net/polar.html>

SarahnaT: Those last two sites are a great help my third grade team in doing Holidays around the world the day before Christmas break and I am in charge of teaching Hanukah to all the third grade

MichaelH: the Tramline site has a Hanukah site on it

SarahnaT: cool

SarahnaT: extremely helpful

MichaelH: here's some "Frosty the Snowman" jokes...

MichaelH: http://www.emailsanta.com/jokes_frosty.htm

JeffC: let me go and get you Susan's Christmas sites... brb

JeffC left the room.

MichaelH . o O (too bad we can't sing in TAPPED IN any more....)

SusanR: did a session on that last night, Sarahna..the K to 3+ great Resources..posted in the ..

JeffC joined the room.

SusanR: K to 3+ Resource Room

JeffC: Holidays Across the Curriculum

JeffC: World Traditions

JeffC: <http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/holidays/christmas/world.html#top>

JeffC: eThemes /Holidays (emints)

JeffC: <http://www.emints.org/ethemes/resources/by-title.shtml>

JeffC: Virtual Handouts

JeffC: <http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/ts/viewTrack.do?number=183690>

JeffC: and

JeffC: http://del.icio.us/sroseman/Winter_Holiday_Celebrations

SusanR: Jeff's got it

SarahnaT: wow

SusanR: Thanks Jeff

JeffC: yw

SarahnaT: is there a way I can get those emailed to me

JeffC: automatic Sarahna

SarahnaT: oh yeah

JeffC: after you logout... you will receive a transcript via email within five minutes.

SarahnaT: that's right thank you Susan

DavidWe is watching a program on the history of the World Trade Center

MichaelH: check out <http://www.sciencenetlinks.com/lessons.cfm?DocID=171>

MichaelH: King Kong isn't in it, is he, David?

MichaelH bought the 1933 version of "the big ape" last weekend

MichaelH: great movie

DavidWe: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/newyork/index.html>

MichaelH: is this a NOVA episode, David?

DavidWe: American Experience

MichaelH: cool

DavidWe: Here's the teacher guide page:

DavidWe: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/newyork/tguide/index.html>

MichaelH: I think NOVA did a film on the WTC too.... about why the towers fell

DavidWe: yes, they did

DavidWe: Very good, as almost all NOVA shows are

MichaelH: yes... the ones I've seen have been excellent

MichaelH: they did a great one about 20 years ago on the Kennedy Assassination

DavidWe: Timeline is fascinating, someone proposed the downtown location in 1945

DavidWe nods

DavidWe: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/newyork/timeline/index.html>

MichaelH: I didn't know that... that's surprising

DavidWe smiles

DavidWe: history often is

MichaelH: yep

DavidWe: 10,000,000 square feet of office space was the #1 rule

DavidWe: 5 times the office space available in the Empire State Building

MichaelH: what's the plan, David, are they going to rebuild on the site; or leave it as a memorial?

DavidWe: They HAVE to rebuild

DavidWe: WHAT will be rebuilt is still up in the air, so to speak

MichaelH: I think so, too... I just didn't know if they were on the same site or somewhere else

JeffC: <http://www.projectrebirth.org/>

DavidWe: There will be a memorial and other things

MichaelH: Katie (my daughter) has been to Ground Zero, but I haven't

DavidWe: I'll take you if you come to New York, Michael

JeffC: <http://www.planetcast.com/wtc/>

MichaelH: the issue right now is getting to NYC... wonder if there's ever a chance NECC would be there?

JeffC: that second link has the plans for the rebuilding.

MichaelH is checking it out

DavidWe: Nope

DavidWe: Too expensive for NECC to be in NYC

MichaelH: really?

DavidWe: Take care, Sarahna

DavidWe. o O (vaya con Dios)

MichaelH: hope you got some good resources tonight

SarahnaT: tu tambien David

DavidWe: Feliz Navidad

MichaelH: but, Indianapolis would be a good central location

DavidWe: Yes

BJB2 waves goodnight. Thanks, Michael

MichaelH waves to BJ

DavidWe hugs BJ