

Title of Session: Social Studies Forum

Moderator: Michael Hutchison

Title of File: 20070509ssf

Date: May 9, 2007

Room: Social Studies Forum Group

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

MichaelH: tonight's topic is a great one that I know everyone will be interested in...

MichaelH: but before we start... let's all introduce ourselves...

MichaelH: who we are, where we're located, what we teach

SuzanneK: Suzanne Ketchum 4th Grade Pleasantville NY

MaggieEB: Maggie Brennan Juana, 12th grade, Rye Brook, NY

MaggieEB: Spanish

BJB2: I teach remedial communication in Pennsylvania. I'm also on Tapped In helpdesk

MichaelAT: Mike T- NY Social Studies 9-12

MichaelH: Ciro? Jeff?

CiroG: Ciro Greco Pelham NY Science 7th grade teach in Yonkers

MaggieEB: Can I ask a quick question?

MichaelH: go ahead Maggie

MaggieEB: Is there any way we can tell when someone is typing a response... while they are typing?

MichaelH: nope

MaggieEB: got it

MichaelAT thinks that this is going to be a long night with Maggie asking questions
wink

MichaelH: you only know when they actually hit enter, or click the SAY button

MaggieEB: geeezzz

MichaelH: so, anyway, we've got a fairly good group tonight.... and pretty diverse.

MichaelH: Are you guys all at the end of your school year?

MichaelAT: If the kids have their way

SuzanneK: yes - 5 weeks or so left.

MichaelH: what about your way, Mike?

MaggieEB: yes, but we are continuing with more courses through NYIT during the summer

MichaelH: gosh... we are done on May 25

CiroG: Same for me

MichaelH: and... well I don't want to get anyone mad at me, but we have the next two Fridays off... snow days we didn't use

CiroG: Not the 25th but the weeks

MichaelH: so I'm guessing that you guys aren't very close to Buffalo

MaggieEB: life is good for you Michael!

MaggieEB: No, we're in lower Westchester

MichaelH: if you were in Buffalo, you would STILL be digging out

MichaelH: I think I heard they would still have snow piles in August

MichaelAT: Yeah- but it's their fault for living in Buffalo

MichaelH: I guess so... they can't win a Super Bowl, either

MaggieEB: Maybe they could ship some of it up to the polar bears... I hear they need it these days.

MichaelH: my principal is a die-hard Bills fan... don't know if he needs professional help or not

CiroG: He has the Sabres

DavidWe joined the room.

MichaelAT: Sore subject Ciro

DavidWe waves

MichaelH waves to David

MichaelH: let's do a couple of things this evening...

MichaelAT waves back and thinks to himself.... I like this third person stuff

MichaelH: first, would I be correct that you all are just getting your feet wet in TAPPED IN?

DavidWe waves to Michael AT in the third person

MichaelH . o O (except for David, BJ, and Jeff)

DavidWe checks his shoes

BJB2 puts on her hip boots

MaggieEB: Yes, this is my first time... at Tapped In

MichaelAT wonders why people are putting more clothes on

DavidWe: Welcome to the Tapped In community, Maggie

CiroG: Me to

MichaelH: fine. Let's take a few minutes and see what a synchronous discussion in TAPPED IN is like, and how it is a great professional development opportunity

MichaelAT realizes that the other people have already had their feet wet... duh

MichaelH: In a few minutes, I'm going to show you some lessons that you can use at the end of this school year... even if you are a Spanish teacher eating tacos

MichaelH: but before we do that...

BJB2 nods to MikeT. It can also get a bit deep here

DavidWe: Bj, Jeff, Michael and I have been members for quite a long time, Michael

MichaelH: let's talk about how we can help each other by working together as a typical group in TAPPED IN

MichaelH: are you guys newer teachers?

MaggieEB: 5 years

MichaelH is finishing year 29

MichaelAT doesn't want to admit he is a second year teacher esp. with two residents who have a say in his tenure decision present in the room

MichaelH: now, Maggie, I didn't tell you though that I started teaching when I was four years old...

CiroG: Change of career for me second year teaching, worked my own bus. for 25 years

JeffC: First... people need to know how to *join* this group. Back in the main Tapped In window, scroll down the Welcome screen and click the little "i" in the green circle next to the link for this group. That will pull up the group profile. Type in a request to join and submit.

SuzanneK: I have been teaching for 22 years.

MaggieEB: Do we need to do that now? or are you advising us for the future?

MichaelH: either way, Maggie

JeffC: I'd recommend doing it now... if you want to post to Discussion, etc. (unless you want to put it off).

MichaelH: we have a good diverse group. What I was suggesting is that you guys who are newer teachers, you have the best of the newest training, resources, etc. Us old timers, we have some experience, but we are also set in our ways as far as technique... we need someone to show us how to do things newer and better

MichaelH: TAPPED IN does exactly that

SuzanneK: AS a veteran teacher that is getting another Masters Degree, I feel that I have both experience and new ideas.

MichaelH: Hey, Mike, tell me what subjects you teach.. I know you're social studies... do you teach US, World, Geography?

DavidWe: Sounds good, Suzanne

MichaelAT: 9/10 World Support

MichaelH: sure, I agree Suzanne. My problem is that I got my master's in 1982, and I haven't stepped back into a classroom (except as a teacher) in 25 years

MichaelH: so you're teaching World History?

MichaelAT: Econ, Criminal Justice, and Global 9 Regents= I am moving to US and APUSH next year

MichaelAT: sorry I forgot the others

MichaelH: better than me... my areas are US, Government, World

MichaelAT: In NY geog. is integrated into all SS

MichaelH: Mike, what do you do with your students in the area of technology integration?

SuzanneK: In our class we are exploring Google Earth, Google Maps and Tutorials in Google Earth.

MichaelAT: I use united streaming, ABC CLIO topic explorations, online submissions, many tech. based projects- just recently using google earth

MichaelH: let me take a minute and show you all some quick ways that you can integrate technology on a cross-curricular basis... even in foreign language such as Spanish....

MichaelH: Do you like UnitedStreaming, Mike?

MichaelAT thinks to himself he likes the fact that the instructor is even picking on Maggie

MichaelAT: Yes I use it to reinforce a learned topic and I have the students complete a 3-2-1 every time they view a clip

MaggieEB: don't mind me... I'm just sitting here takin it. Don't worry, I'll get ya!

MichaelH: I like it too, Mike, although I am disappointed with how to search on it. I'm a STAR Educator with them

MichaelAT thinks to himself tenure vote next year.. must stop picking on Maggie

MichaelAT: How do you become a star educator?

MichaelH: Mike, you should come to Indiana.... tenure is automatic with sixth contract

MaggieEB thinks to herself that Mike's wife must start baking more of those cookies and bring to Maggie's house.

MichaelAT sends link- www.unitedstreaming.com

MichaelH: I'll check while we're chatting... go to the Discovery Educators network... it's on the US page

MichaelAT thinks.. Mikes wife is graduating this weekend and must start putting that Doctorate degree to use instead of baking cookies:)

MichaelH: Mike, check <http://www.discoveryeducatornetwork.com/>

MaggieEB: doctorate shmoktorate

MichaelH: I've been a STAR Educator for about a year. You apply, and they decide whether to add you or not

DavidWe thinks it is spelled "schmoktorate"

JeffC has to go afk. I'm going to throw up a couple links first. <http://www.ourmedia.org> and <http://www.educationalsimulations.com/> ...the first is an audio/video storage sharing site... the second is a software where students may live a life from birth to death in any country. Also a reminder... if you click a link, hold the Ctrl key down or accept popups from this site... you may be logged out otherwise (as Michael AT discovered).

SuzanneK: Thanks for the site info

CiroG: Links take me no where?

BJB2: do you have any windows minimized, **Ciro**?

MichaelH: **Ciro**, my bet is that you have a pop up blocker going OR you might have the windows hidden behind the chat window

CiroG: Yes one should I close it?

MaggieEB: Wow!! That simulations site is incredible!! I can't wait to investigate it more!

MichaelH: Hey, do you want to see something you can do cross-curricular at the end of this school year?

MichaelAT: Yes

MichaelH: ok... here goes...

MichaelH: are any of your kids sports fans?

MaggieEB: sure

SuzanneK: Of course.

MichaelH: or are any of you?

CiroG: Sure Thing go Yankees

MichaelH: ah, the Bronx Bombers...

MichaelH wonders if David is listening

BJB2 . o O (a reminder that all urls will be included in your transcript so you can check them out later)

MichaelH: nobody here is a Mets fan?

MaggieEB: sorry, can't help you

MichaelAT ponders the fact that all of the NYIT people must be driving the other people crazy

MichaelH: nobody likes National League? God's chosen league?

MaggieEB thinks she is sure we are among the most annoying

MichaelAT Believes in a separation of Church and State and that God was a Yankees fan

MichaelH: Hey, I have no doubt if the Almighty played baseball he'd demand a contract with a National League team

MaggieEB: Sorry, but I don't even know which league the Yankees belong to.

MichaelH: Let's face it, Mike, he'd get out the lightning bolts over the designated hitter rule

MaggieEB: Suzanne, what about you? You're awfully quiet! Are you grading papers or something?

MichaelAT: That's b/c God can't hit a curve ball

MichaelH: oh.... God won't like that one, Mike

BJB2 rolls her eyes

SuzanneK: Trying to learn/do social studies

MichaelH: ok, Suzanne, this one's for you

MichaelH: what if you could tie baseball with history and American culture?

SuzanneK: Jackie Robinson

MichaelH: or, Maggie, if you could tie baseball with foreign language

MaggieEB: sounds great.

MichaelH absolutely Suzanne

SuzanneK: sooo....

SuzanneK: Spelling is the tough part.

MichaelH: so my brother in law met Jackie Robinson

SuzanneK: Wow - must have been amazing

MichaelH: all you guys would need would be some good lessons where you could tie the National Pastime with what your kids are doing, right?

SuzanneK: We teach racial inequality with a book about Jackie Robinson and PeeWee Reese

MichaelH: ok, let me show you a couple of lessons... first something you could do in Spanish class.

MichaelH: BJ, I think you sent me some ringers tonight... they have more connections with baseball than I do

BJB2 nods solemnly

MichaelH: you guys know baseball... but do you know Baseball?

DavidWe saw a lot of Yankee fans on the subway this evening heading towards the Bronx

MaggieEB: honestly, I don't know much about either.

CiroG: No world series from 40-45

MichaelH: well, Maggie, just remember, you don't have to know baseball... just know Baseball

SuzanneK: Why not?

MichaelH: . o O (55, Ciro)

MichaelH: do you know what the difference between baseball and Baseball is?

MaggieEB: no

SuzanneK: Explain

SuzanneK: Please

MichaelH: two words....

MichaelH: Ken Burns

SuzanneK: Ok - Who is Ken Burns?

MichaelH: David, BJ, wanna tell her?

BJB2: . o O (uh, oh, Suzanne. Now you're in for it!)

MaggieEB comes to Suzanne's defense, considering she has no idea who he is either.

MichaelH: Ken is just the greatest documentary filmmaker in the US today

JeffC: Ken Burns Effect: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ken_Burns_Effect

SuzanneK: OOOoohhh

DavidWe: Well, Ken Burns is a rather impressive filmmaker

MichaelAT: I did a video teleconference with the Baseball hall of fame for an Econ. class

MichaelH: "The Civil War", "Jazz", "Horatio's Drive",

DavidWe: . o O ("Civil War", "Baseball")

DavidWe: . o O (mostly for PBS)

MaggieEB: Oh That Ken Burns!

MichaelH: his PBS works are masterpieces

DavidWe agrees with Michael

MichaelH: don't miss "The War" this September

MichaelAT wishes he had Ken Burns voice

MichaelH: do you all know what you and Ken Burns have in common?

MaggieEB: no

DavidWe thinks

JeffC: Could be worse Michael... you could have Montgomery Burns' voice.

DavidWe . o O (George Burns?)

SuzanneK: We are all brilliant!!!!???

JeffC: and pithy!

CiroG: Which war would that be The one to end all wars or the one after that?

MichaelH: someone once thought I sounded like Kermit the Frog

MaggieEB: I know... we both own video cameras! (mine doesn't work, but still...)

JeffC gives up on Michael's question... uh... we're all "effective" in our own ways?

DavidWe can vouch that Michael DOES NOT sound like Miss Piggy on the phone

MichaelH: no, Ciro. He is doing a very superb documentary on World War II. Comes out in late September

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/thewar>

DavidWe: Channel 13 in Yonkers, New York

MichaelH: You all as well as Ken have participated in a Social Studies forum

CiroG: Thank You I love his films.

MichaelH: I forget... anyone here language arts?

MaggieEB: What does this have to do with Baseball?

MichaelH: getting there, Maggie

DavidWe smiles

SuzanneK: 4th grade - ALL subject areas

MaggieEB: I think I'm the closest to Lang. arts. (sorry, didn't mean to rush you)

MichaelH: ok, class, would someone do a favor for me, if you don't mind speaking to the whole class?

MichaelH: here's what I want you to do... tell me your memories of the very first baseball game you went to

MichaelH . o O (major league game)

MichaelH: who took you... what do you remember?

MichaelH: how old were you?

SuzanneK: I was at Fenway Park and there was a drunken man behind me that I found very entertaining. I was in 3rd grade - went with my parents, brother, and sister.

MaggieEB: I'll let someone else take this one. Baseball isn't my thing. I've only been to a couple games in my life and I mostly remember the beer.

MichaelH wants to go to a baseball game with Maggie

JeffC: It was a foggy day... but that was to be expected. It was San Francisco and I was there along with the rest of Colin Sax's birthday party. It was the Giants against St. Louis... and we were behind home plate about 20 rows or so... and really, I don't remember if I could see all the way out to center field. A ball was fouled straight back! It hit in the row in front of me... there was a scramble for the ball and I could *see* it... but as I reached for it... someone else grabbed it away. The Cardinals won.

MichaelH: don't you all think it's interesting that going to a baseball game is a major memory from your childhood?

MichaelH . o O (even if it was the beer you remember?)

MichaelAT: Montreal Expos v. Cardinals- at Olympic Stadium... Ozzie Smith did a backflip and I caught one of his foul balls

MichaelH: and on top of it, two of you mentioned a couple of the most celebrated ballparks in America... Fenway and Candlestick

MichaelAT thinks that the moderator is going somewhere with this... wait for it wait for it

MaggieEB: that's very true since it is sooo much a part of our culture. Even if it isn't YOUR pastime, it is to many of the people around you. It affects you

MichaelH: anyone ever been to Wrigley?

CiroG: 1963 World series game 3, I was 11 my father got tickets we arrived late in the the third inning (we could not find a parking space. we sat in the upper level and I never saw so many people in one spot before. Mickey Mantle hit a homerun that almost went out of the Stadium Never forget it.

DavidWe: Cool, Ciro!

MichaelH: ok, so these are all important memories to you all, right? (they should be)

SuzanneK: not really - sorry

MaggieEB: yes

MichaelH: do you think your students would like to do is as a fun little lesson?

CiroG: Yes for me!

MaggieEB: could be...

MichaelH: I'm going to show you a link. Take a second and look at it, but hurry back, ok... remember it's in the transcript

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

DavidWe looks

CiroG: why can't I activate these links?

MaggieEB: that's a great idea!

MaggieEB: I would imagine you could do the same type of activity with any topic!

MichaelH: Ciro, you can always go back to the transcript later.

MaggieEB: Collecting oral histories sounds interesting. My parents recorded theirs as part of the Oral History project through the

MaggieEB: Smithsonian (the booth at Grand Central Station)

DavidWe: Very cool

DavidWe: Lots of people have added to that

MaggieEB: My Dad is turning 92 this summer, so he's got a lot of history to record!

MichaelH: here's one for you folks who want a geography lesson

CiroG: Thanks

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

MichaelH: By the way, on the "Baseball Memories" lesson, the author is honored that his lesson actually includes a link to an essay written by Doris Kearns Goodwin

DavidWe . o O (Dodgers/Red Sox fan)

MaggieEB: One idea for oral histories was what my daughter (2nd grade) did. They had to interview a female relative as part of Women's History month... just an idea

MichaelH: well, as you all mentioned, you can easily adapt the premise of the lesson to about anything you wanted to do

DavidWe: yes, that's the idea, Maggie

MichaelH: for example, maybe something with a veteran?

BJB2 checks the clock on the wall

MichaelH: By the way, just so I feel a bit better... did anyone notice who wrote the lessons I shared?

MaggieEB: Ken Burns!

MichaelH: oh, geez... it's top of the hour

MichaelH: nope, he didn't

MichaelH . o O (didn't)

BJB2 cheers ...Michael wrote those lessons!

DavidWe cheers for Michael

MaggieEB feels slightly like a heel.

MichaelH: nah, it's no big deal

MichaelH: hey, I've got a whole slew of activities, lessons, project links that you are welcome to use and adapt

JeffC moves away from baseball for a minute and continues to help his son with his "Africa" assignment. He's having to identify all the countries (yippee... boring as hell... right?)... so... I'm taking him to a site where he might actually turn the assignment into a global project based learning moment... <http://www.nabuur.com> ...this could actually work in conjunction with Real Lives btw... maybe he'll get involved with a village over there... at least he can find out what some of the current issues are.

MichaelH: would you like the URL for that before we quit for tonight

MichaelAT: try this as well www.darfurisdying.com

MaggieEB: I assume there are a bunch of other lesson plans on the PBS site? And yes, I would love the URL for the other.

MichaelH: well, have a couple things for you, Maggie.

MaggieEB: great!

MichaelH: BJ is it ok to go overtime for a few?

SuzanneK: I can only live for one day in Darfur Is Dying.

MichaelH: check <http://www.vcsc.k12.in.us/staff/mhutch/ice2000>

BJB2 nods to Michael. You're just taking time from my session

MichaelH: that's my page. You'll find a lot of stuff in the PROJECTS and CURRICULUM Pages

MichaelH: just take a minute

MichaelH: be sure to also check <http://www.pbs.org/teachers/>

MichaelH: that's it, BJ

MichaelH: glad you all could join us this evening

MichaelAT: Thank you to everyone who put up with the NYIT crowd and esp. me

MichaelAT: It was informative and refreshing

MichaelH: glad you could stop by, Mike

DavidWe cheers for the crowd from Westchester County, New York

SuzanneK: Thanks everyone!

MaggieEB: Thanks Michael! You were great. I learned a lot. I can't wait to check those things out.

MichaelH: thanks for joining us

MichaelH: feel free to use anything there, Maggie

CiroG: Thank you and good night.