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MichaelH: Welcome to tonight's social studies forum session

MichaelH: Tonight's our last session for 2007, so we are going out in style

MichaelH: it's our annual Christmas party

JenniferNK: WHOOO ..I mean.. *clears throat*

JenniferNK: hehe.

MichaelH: I've volunteered David to play Santa, and so if you have been good little boys and girls, he's the one you want to talk to :)

MichaelH: otherwise, you should probably keep on talking to me...

JenniferNK: Davviiidd lol.

MichaelH: what we normally do in the Christmas party is share some resources and websites that we think others might be interested in and want to use with their students

MichaelH: however, we always start off first with introductions

MichaelH: would everyone take a moment to tell us who they are, where they are located and what they teach?

DavidW finds himself out of uniform at the moment

EmilyW: I am Emily, a helpdesk volunteer

MichaelH is a social studies teacher in southwestern Indiana

JenniferNK: Texas...junior music education major @ Texas A&M- Kingsville

MaureenB: Maureen fourth grade Putnam County, NY

DavidW: I'm in New Jersey, near NYC, and I'm one of the HelpDesk volunteers as well

MichaelH looks to see if BJ and Jeff are still around...

BJB2: I am in Pennsylvania and teach remedial communication

MichaelH: We probably have a lot of great resources to share tonight (and if we all don't... I have plenty to share :))

MichaelH: Do you all know what primary historical sources are?

MaureenB: yes

JenniferNK: ermm... not really

DavidW . o O (definition?)

MichaelH: Maureen, do you use them in 4th grade?

MaureenB: yes

MichaelH: Jennifer, Primary sources come "direct from the past"... from an eyewitness

MaureenB: they are on our state test

JenniferNK: oh ok that makes sense.

MichaelH: cool... do you have sites that you get primary source materials from, Maureen?

MichaelH: The reason I asked...

MaureenB: give me a minute to look through my bookmarks

MichaelH: I did a concurrent session presentation at the NCSS conference in San Diego a couple of weeks ago, and I was going to share my Power Point presentation and related handout...

MaureenB: <http://ushistory.org/>

MichaelH: oh, yes, I've seen this site before.

MichaelH: do you print the sources out for the kids, or do you let them surf online for things?

MaureenB: I print things out

MaureenB: create questions and just discuss meaning

MichaelH: I do too... I just don't have enough computers for every kid to go online and look.

JenniferNK: yea that's usually the case...

MichaelH: I'll share the handout and power point. The handout has about 30 various primary source sites...

MaureenB: I have a book created by the New York Archives on the Erie

MaureenB: with primary source docs

MichaelH: BTW: Maureen, you should check the Learning Page at the Library of Congress... a lot of great materials there... most created by a good friend of TAPPED IN and all of us.

MichaelH: anyway, here's the link to the handout:

MichaelH: <http://www.socialstudies.com/pdf/usingvisualprimarysources.pdf>

MaureenB: I have been there

MichaelH: I have been to DC many times, but never actually inside the LOC

MaureenB: I have done some local archival research and gotten the records of local one room school (my house is one of them) and used that in class

MichaelH: here's the Power Point

MichaelH: that's great Maureen... have you used the Learning Page?

MaureenB: have to go there to refresh my memory :)

MichaelH: I'll give you that url in a second...

MichaelH: here's the power point
<http://www.socialstudies.com/pdf/usingvisualprimarysources.ppt>

JenniferNK: ah

MichaelH: <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/>

JeffC: 32 megs... hope no one here is on dial up!

JenniferNK: not me

MichaelH: hey its' a hog even on broadband

MichaelH: it's the social studies teacher in me... why say something in 10 words when you can say it in 10,000

MichaelH: Maureen, Leni Donlan used to do regular sessions here on resources from the Learning Page

MichaelH: so I didn't know if you were familiar with it, or knew of her...

MaureenB: then I am sure I have been there

BJB2 . o O (if you go to the Westward Ho group room you can access a lot of the resources)

MichaelH: that's right, thanks BJ

MichaelH: if you have resources you'd like to share... please feel free... I don't mind playing Santa, though

MichaelH . o O (Sorry, David)

DavidW is lighting the last Chanukah candle

BJB2 <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/97/dream/index.html>

MaureenB: yes have definitely been on the Learning Page

MichaelH: cool, Maureen. We did a retrospective on Leni and her work last week in the Westward Ho group room

JenniferNK passes around the starbucks

JenniferNK: mmmmmmmmm

MichaelH: David, just an FYI... XM Radio has a Chanukah channel going right now

BJB2: <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/community/index.html>

MichaelH: Maureen, I don't know if this site works well for 4th grade but take a look at this:

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

JeffC: opening open office now...

MichaelH: Jeff, there's a couple of video links on the ppt that won't load. sorry

MichaelH: Jennifer, you could easily use that PBS site for music... maybe have kids analyze popular music of the period as to the hopes, dreams, and fears they had about the future

EmilyW: I don't think I have anything to share, but let me check my bookmarks and see

MaureenB: We don't get to World War

DavidW: Michael, I went into the New York Historical Society for the first time over the summer

MichaelH: A lot of great stuff, David?

MaureenB: We just study New York history from colonial to the industrial revolution

DavidW: They are having an exhibit currently on Lafayette and his relationship to Washington and the US

MichaelH: a lot of primary source stuff?

DavidW: They seem to have a lot of activities for teachers, too

DavidW: Here's the main education page:

DavidW: <https://www.nyhistory.org/web/default.php?section=education>

MichaelH: I think Maureen's from NY, David (am I right?)

DavidW: PS (public school) 3 is one of the oldest schools in Manhattan

DavidW: yes, she's just north of NYC

MichaelH: maybe she's been to the Historical Society, too

MichaelH: as for me, I've never been to NYC, even

DavidW: There's a wonderful plaque on the building indicating that Lafayette was shown this school as an example of US public education when he visited in 1824

MichaelH: wow

MichaelH: how close is PS 3 from Ground Zero?

MichaelH: I kept hearing about a school that was almost next door to the WTC, and how

they were affected

MichaelH: hey, here's another resource under the tree:

MichaelH: http://www.pbs.org/thewar/downloads/al_mcintosh.pdf

MichaelH: Al McIntosh was played by Tom Hanks in the PBS series, "The War"

DavidW: He was the newspaper editor, right, Michael?

MichaelH: that's right, David

MichaelH: There's a book of his columns which was released at the same time the film came out

DavidW: Hanks' reading of those newspaper columns was wonderful

MichaelH: I thought it added a tremendous amount to the film

MichaelH: I think I am going to hunker down over Christmas break and watch the whole series again

MichaelH: all 14 hours

MaureenB: . o O (great to get through a snow storm)

JenniferNK: Awe man I want snow

MichaelH: we are expecting some snow this weekend, but we don't get all that much in southern Indiana

MaureenB: getting here tomorrow

MichaelH: oh yeah, you guys are going to get socked bigtime

JenniferNK: awe

MichaelH: here's another resource...

MichaelH: I'm just going down memory lane for this year...

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/thewar/downloads/censorship.pdf>

DavidW: Michael, do you ever see "Cold Case" on CBS, Sunday nights?

MichaelH: Believe it or not, David, I've never seen it

MichaelH: I know of the show, though

DavidW: They try to solve cases from the past

MichaelH: I've seen the commercials for it, but we've never watched it

DavidW: The setting on Sunday (I don't usually see it) was Japanese relocation camps during WW2

MichaelH: We are finally going to get DVR here, so maybe I can TiVo some stuff like that and watch it whenever

DavidW: That caught my attention because in 8th grade I did a big report on Executive Order 9066

DavidW: Just thought it might be interesting to see if anyone was connecting history lessons to the show

MichaelH: I did a lesson on Japanese Relocation for Social Studies School Service once

DavidW: I remember first learning about it and just being amazed that we had done that to US citizens

MichaelH: a lot of kids don't have any idea what went on

MichaelH: there's a lot about the Nisei in the Burns film.

MaureenB: we read a picture book about that experience in 4th

MichaelH: we touch it briefly in 11th grade US history, but not too much

MichaelH: Daniel Inouye's story is really amazing

MichaelH: . o O (I think I misspelled his name)

DavidW: . o O (Inouye)

MichaelH: yeah... that's it

DavidW: I think what's always surprising is what is left OUT of school textbook history

MichaelH: Medal of Honor winner... came from a relocation camp

MaureenB: the victors write them

DavidW . o O (the question of WHO is writing the history, telling WHICH stories)

MichaelH: that's frame of reference...

BJB2 looks at the clock on the wall

MichaelH: oh, yeah...

BJB2 . o O (not chasing you out...just a heads up)

MichaelH: hey we have a couple of great sessions coming up in January...

MichaelH: and February

MichaelH: a couple of PBS sessions... one on Jane Austen... it's not really a SS session, but Jenny B. at PBS asked if we could do one

MichaelH: and then PBS is coming out with a new African American Lives series...

MichaelH: and we'll do a session on that as well

DavidW: sounds super, Michael

MichaelH: BJ, I have totally forgotten the dates we agreed on with that...

MichaelH: January 9 and?????

MaureenB: thanks for the info Michael

MichaelH: you're welcome, Maureen

BJB2: January 9 and 30

MaureenB: nite all

BJB2 waves goodnight

MichaelH: thanks, BJ

MichaelH waves goodnight, also