Introduction

As an educator, you have to keep many plates spinning at the same time. You know the Web has unlimited resources, but how can you harness them to support state and federal standards, your subject curriculum, and the teaching of higher order thinking skills that will provide your students with the foundation to develop into responsible adults? Web Quests can be the answer. The links below will help you get started: read about Web Quests, view samples and use the templates and guidelines to create your own.

The Internet Resources

What is a Web Quest?

- Building Blocks of a Web Quest - Learn the components of a Web Quest from the designer himself, Bernie Dodge.
- The Web quest Page - A great site for getting started, from Bernie Dodge, with links, to activities and samples.
- Web Quest Taxonomy - A diagram of possible Web Quest task assignments.
- Web Quests in our Future: The Teacher's Role in Cyberspace - From Kathy Schrock's Guide to the Internet, it includes a PowerPoint presentation and a link for submitting new Web Quests.
- Readings and Training Materials - Articles, guides, samples, techniques for searching and so much more.
• **Web Quests: A Strategy for Scaffolding Higher Level Learning** - Gives definitions, components, tasks, underpinnings, examples and links to other sites.

**Creating a Web Quest**

• **Web Quest Templates** - Use a template to help you develop your own Web Quest.
• **The Web Quest Design Process** - A concept map illustrating the design process, with links for in depth exploration.
• **Put the Title of the Lesson Here** - This Template will guide you as you create your Web Quest.
• **A Road Map for Designing Web Quests** - A PowerPoint presentation, created by Bernie Dodge, that takes you through the process of designing a Web Quest.
• **Filamentality** - Filamentality is a fill-in-the-blank interactive Web site that guides you through picking a topic, searching the Web, gathering good Internet sites, and turning Web resources into activities appropriate for learners. Use it to create your own Web Quest.
• **Web Quest Design Patterns** - Design Patterns make it easier for educators to create their own Web Quest. Each pattern has a different instructional purpose - descriptions and samples are provided.
• **Web Quest** - The Kentucky Department of Education's site about creating Web Quests.

**Sample Web Quests**

• **A Web Quest about Web Quest** - A Web Quest for elementary school teachers to help you understand the possibilities web-based lessons provide.
• **Tuskegee Tragedy - A Web Quest Exploring the Powerful and their Victims** - Filamentality’s sample Web Quest, using their template.
• **Instructional Architect: Building the Dream** - A sample Web Quest.
• **If We Build It, Will They Stay?** - A Web Quest designed for elementary students.
• **Searching for China Web Quest** - A Web Quest that addresses the question: What actions should the U.S. take in its policy towards China?
• **You'll Do As I Say** - An ELA Web Quest for intermediate grades.
• **The Devil Made Me Do It** - An ELA Web Quest for intermediate grades.
• **The Business of the Gods** - An ELA Web Quest for commencement grades.
• **Cloning** - A science Web Quest for commencement grades.
• **To Space and Beyond** - A science Web Quest for elementary grades.
• **Dear King George III** - A Web Quest for 5th graders studying the American Revolution.
• **MarsQuest** - Students team up to create a travel brochure to Mars describing the Martian atmosphere, climate, topography and mythology.
• **Comet Web Quest** - Students team up as scientists to find solutions to the threat of a deadly comet headed for earth.
• **A Quest for Respect with Grouchy Ladybug** - A Web Quest for 1st and 2nd grades - to discover the meaning of respect and to become a ladybug expert.
• **See the Music, Feel the Rhythm** - A Web quest that makes you a member of a band that has an exciting new challenge! You have been invited to perform at the School for the Deaf.
• **Compassion or murder?** - A Web Quest to examine the controversy about euthanasia as mercy killing, murder, or assisted suicide.
• **MoonQuest!** - A Web Quest for grades k-8.
• **Where Will You Go From Here?** - A career Exploration Web Quest for Eighth Graders.
• **Web Quest - Kentucky Derby** - A middle school Web Quest integrating math, technology and language arts to gather information and advertise for the Kentucky Derby Festival.
• **A Web Quest about Web Quests** - A Web Quest for middle and high school teachers to help you understand the possibilities web-based lessons provide.
• **Comic Strip Web Quest** - Assuming the roles of Cast Director, Story Editor and Layout Engineer, your students will hone their artistic and storytelling skills when the follow this quest.
• **Web Quests Created by Warrensburg Teachers** - Web Quests for Grades K-12 with descriptions and even one for teachers!

**Assessing Web Quests**

• **Assessing Web Quests** - A rubric for assessing Web Quests.
• **A Rubric for Evaluating Web Quests** - The original rubric created by Bernie Dodge and now modified.

**Articles, Essential Questions and other Resources**

• **Web Quests in the Middle School Curriculum** - Article by Kenneth Lee Watson, about promoting technological literacy in the classroom.
• **Web Quests for Learning** - An introductory article about Web Quests by Tom March that addresses features of the Web Quest strategy.
- **Process Guides for Students** - Information to help students through the process required of different web quests.
- **eGroups ONElist** - A listserv dedicated to teachers using the Web Quest model.
- **Integrating the Internet into the Curriculum** - A Link to Learn site with information about using the Internet in your classroom.
- **Disney Learning Partnership - Web Quests** - All about Web Quests and their use in education.
- **Readings & Other Training Materials** - Articles, concepts, workshops - everything you might need for teaching Web Quests.
- **Detailed Explanation of an ‘Essential Question’** - An ‘essential question’ can be the focus of your Web Quest and serve as a guide for your tasks.
- **Creating Essential Questions** - This site explains the makeup of a good essential question - and what purpose it can serve.
- **Asking the Essential Question** - With links to samples.

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