

Celebrating 10 Years with Teachers' Top 10 Choices

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IN CELEBRATION OF CANADA'S SCHOOLNET'S 10th anniversary, we asked teachers from across the country to submit their picks for the 10 top educational Web sites. Thanks to your input, we've compiled a list of truly great Canadian and international Web sites that will amaze, entertain and inform both you and your students!



KINDERART (www.kinderart.com/about.shtml)

KinderArt features more than 155 free art lesson plans that teachers and parents can use in the classroom or at home. The site includes lessons in drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and textiles.

VIRTUAL MUSEUM OF CANADA (www.virtualmuseum.ca/)

With the click of a mouse, you can visit hundreds of museums across Canada. This site features an image gallery organized by topic, and extensive virtual exhibits. This resource will take you on a tour of Canadian history without ever having to leave the classroom.

MEDIA AWARENESS NETWORK (www.media-awareness.ca/)

We are bombarded by media messages every day. The Media Awareness Network is dedicated to educating youth on the influences and motivations of the media. This award-winning site hosts more than 300 lesson plans for educators, professional development resources for librarians and teachers, as well as tips, information and practical tools for parents on safe surfing and emerging media issues.

CREATIVE WRITING PROCESS (www.nzcal.com/hp/adk/)

Creative writing is a process. It starts with brainstorming for ideas, then outlining and writing a draft, and then

preparing a final copy after many proofreads and revisions. The Creative Writing Process is a handy site aimed at youth that outlines the steps in creative writing, and features exercises and helpful tips.

THE TEACHER LIST (www.theteacherlist.ca/)

Possibly the most extensive list of teacher resources on the Internet, The Teacher List divides its vast archive of useful Web sites by age group and subject. Whether you're looking for learning resources, teaching aids or Web sites for your students to explore, you'll find what you're looking for at The Teacher List.

CBC4KIDS (www.cbc4kids.ca/)

Are you looking for a way to share the news with your students in a fun and interactive way? Check out CBC4Kids, a news site designed for youth.

GRADE 12 MATH PROBLEMS (<http://juliet.stfx.ca/people/fac/pwang/mathpage/grade12.html>)

If you are a math teacher preparing your Grade 12 students for their provincial math exams, this site offers exam-style questions, with hints and explanations of how to solve mathematical problems.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA KIDS PAGE (www.nlc-bnc.ca/kids/index-e.html)

With more than 50 unique sites on everything from the Canadian history of hockey to the creation of a book for children, teachers will find learning resources kids love at the National Library of Canada Kids Page.

UN CYBER SCHOOLBUS (www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/index.asp)

With more than 180 members, the United Nations brings together countries of different origins, cultures and political beliefs to work together for the betterment of citizens across the globe. The UN Cyber Schoolbus provides lesson plans, activities and games perfect for educating students about the UN and the ideals it represents.

GEOMETRY STEP BY STEP: FROM THE LAND OF THE INCAS (<http://agutie.homestead.com/files/index.html>)

Using the fascinating history of the Inca people as a backdrop, this in-depth Web site teaches the concepts of geometry in a fun, accessible manner.

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