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Teacher Resources

Learning Sites™ A Resource (Even if you don't Teach Archeology)

Learning Sites.Com offers some unique resources for teachers, even those teachers who don't teach archeology.Link to LearningSites.com

The site provides stunning virtual graphics of archeology sites, lots of virtual places, lots of views, and lots of scientific information.What the Site Offers

Help teacher and students become curious and creative

Help teachers and students visualize and imagine

Help teachers and students empathize with the restraints, customs and realities of ancient people

Classroom Toolkit also focuses on these goals.What a Way to Spend a SummerThis summer is a perfect time to visit sites such as Learning Sites™ and enjoy wandering through the technology thrills. And, this is "free" professional development that you may be able to re-purpose for many classroom activities.

SidebarThe resources on this site remind me of the opportunity that I had when teaching Special Education Resource classes several years ago.The campus had purchased "Laser Disk Players" for about half the classrooms to pilot a science program, i.e., Windows on Science.Unfortunately, many teachers were "more comfortable employing out-of-adoption" textbooks instead of the adopted Laser Disk science curriculum.Fortunately, I found a rejected Laser Disk player and some of the science curriculum materials.And even though I didn't teach science, these disks were outstanding for teaching English/ Language Arts, Math and Reading.

In fact, outstanding is too diminutive a word to describe the flexibility and usability of this resource.

Guess what! Today we have the Internet, and the Internet's capacity, functionality, serviceability and usability for instruction surpasses the Laser Disk players of yesteryear in about the same way as the hare surpasses the tortoise.

So, check out what Learning Sites™ has to offer and determine for yourself if they are "The Leader in Reliable Archaeological Visualizations for Interactive Education and Research" that they claim to be.

And they must might be…for today.

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