

Creating a Web Quest

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Why Use a Web Quest?



- A web quest can enhance research skills
- It can help keep your students on task
- Students will only go to web sites you have chosen for them
- A web quest allows students to gain in depth knowledge of a topic not covered in traditional texts
- It can provide a very focused up to date study of a complicated subject



Before Constructing the Web Quest

- Choose a topic that is very significant in your curriculum
- Create a list of aspects related to this topic that are most important for students to learn
- Locate web sites that are relevant, informative, and that cover the important points



Start with an Introduction

- The introduction should be a brief paragraph that covers the context and background information the students need in order to proceed
- Terms should be defined
- Difficult concepts explained





The Assignment

- The next paragraph should be an explanation of the assignment
- Students should be divided into groups that would share the responsibility for locating information

- Each member of a group would be given one section of the assignment (the relative questions along with the web addresses where they will be able to locate the answers)
- The number of students in a group would vary depending on the assignment and number of students in a class

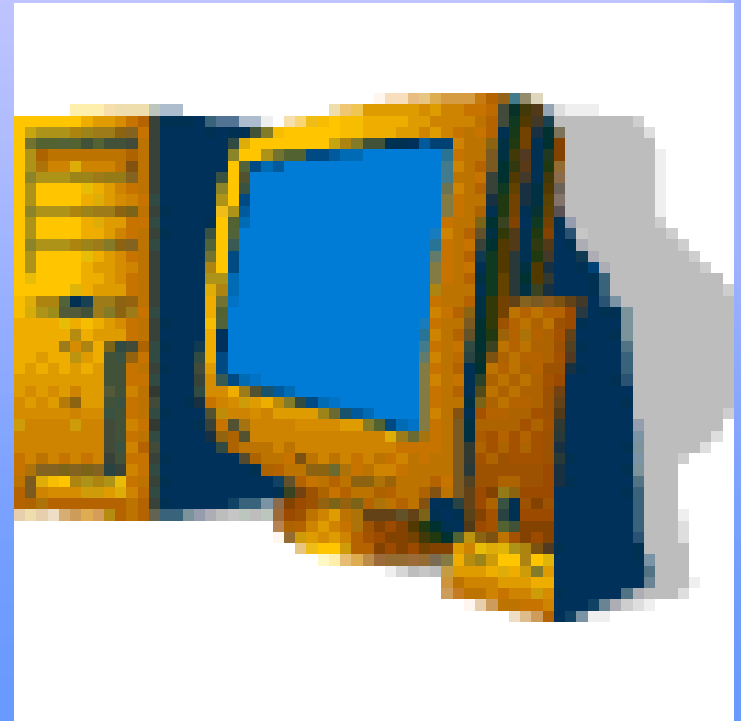
The Mechanics

- Create a new “Word” document
- Give each group member a title
- The title should appear on the web quest and be linked to a specific set of questions related only to the section for which that student is responsible.

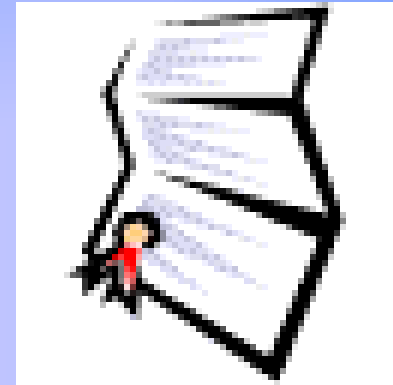


Linking the Student Title to a Set of Questions

- Highlight the text where you want your student to go
- Go to insert
- Go to Bookmark, click
- Type in the text, hit add



- Go back to the spot where you want to place the hyperlink
- Highlight
- Go to insert
- Go to hyperlink, click
- In the box that says “Named location in File” type in the word or words you used for the bookmark



The Hyperlink should be a different color.

When you click on it you should go directly to the book marked section.



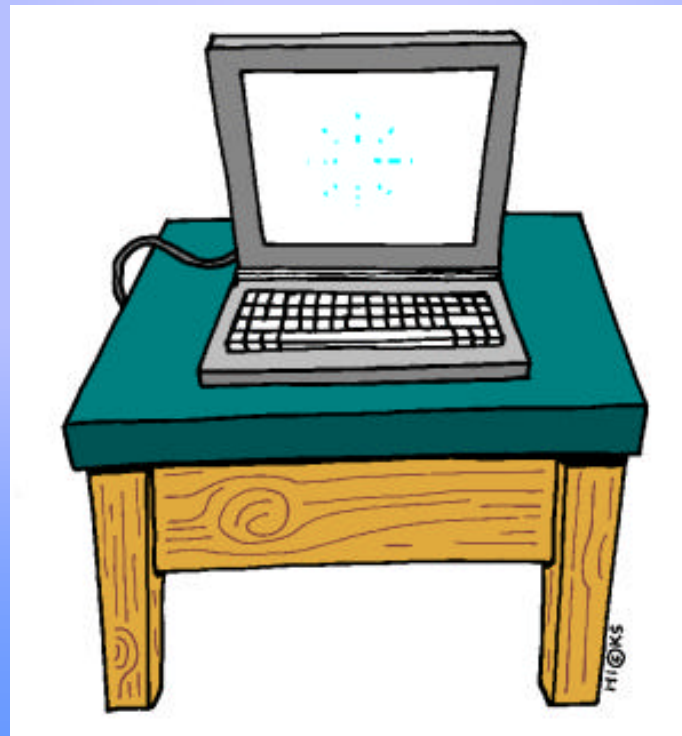
Adding & Hyper Linking Web Sites

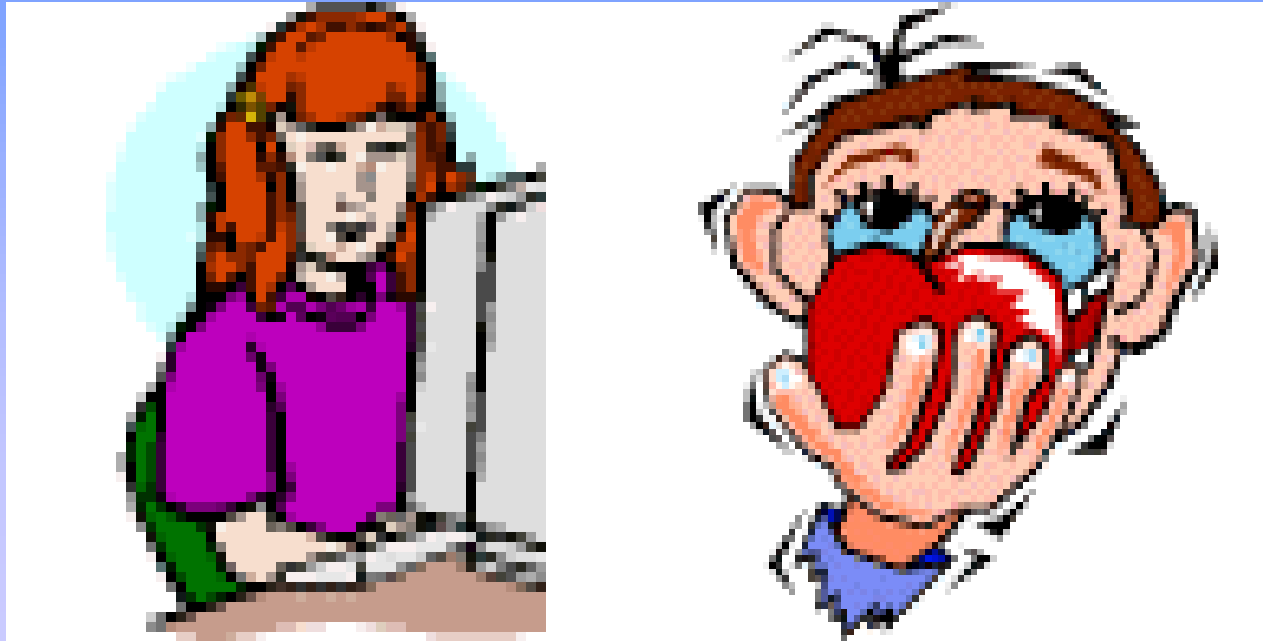
- Below each set of questions place the appropriate hyper linked web sites with the explanation that the students will find all answers to that set of questions in the following web sites
- Have the Internet open to the web site you want to import
- Right click on the address bar



- Copy
- Shrink the Internet
- Paste to the desired location on the “Word Document (Your web quest)”
- Hit enter
- The address should become another color indicating that it has been hyper linked

- When you click on that address it should take you directly to the web site
- Continue this process until all desired web addresses are hyper linked into your web quest
- For younger students consider including graphics to illustrate your point





Students locate information over the course of one or two class periods

Sharing Information

Students should then share their information with the members of their group. All students should be responsible for having all information.

The information then should be shared and discussed with the whole class.

