

# WHAT ARE WEBQUESTS?

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The Ministry of Education now demands of all of us that we integrate info-tech skills across the curriculum. We want to help you facilitate this process in CAPP and social studies (and at the same time give you interesting labour-friendly material to use). To this end, we recommend the use of WebQuests.

WebQuests are internet-based projects for use in classrooms. Directly relevant to the curriculum, and interesting and motivating to both teachers and students, they add spice to a unit and demand responsible and well-constructed use of the internet. WebQuests are demanding of students, who are asked to go beyond fact-finding to analysis of a variety of resources, and creative and critical thinking to derive solutions to a problem.

Check out these links to get a clear idea of the scope of WebQuests today. WebQuests templates help you create your own, perfectly designed for your students.

## **WebQuest Page**

This is the definitive page, created by Dr. Bernie Dodge.

<http://edweb.sdsu.edu/webquest/webquest.html>

## **Ozline Page**

Created by Dr. Tom March, this page provides what WebQuests are and why they are so sound.

[www.ozline.com/learning/index.htm](http://www.ozline.com/learning/index.htm)

## **Disney Learning Partnership Site**

Very cool demo site for what WebQuests are all about with excellent examples. Thanks to Ken White for this one.

[www.thirteen.org/wnetschool/concept2class/month8/](http://www.thirteen.org/wnetschool/concept2class/month8/)

## **WebQuest template**

[www.ozline.com/templates/webquest.html](http://www.ozline.com/templates/webquest.html)

## **Filamentality**

A user friendly template for designing your own WebQuests, includes a topic based search list for WebQuests created using this resource. Tips at each step to guide you.

[www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/](http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/)

Check out these links to learn about what leaders in the WebQuest field have to say about using internet resources in education.

## **Eduscapes**

Dr. Annette Lamb's site.

<http://eduscapes.com/>

### **Kathy Shrock's Guide for Educators**

Excellent page for general resources integrating technology.

<http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/webquest/webquest.html>

### **WebQuest Resources**

A great page for the intermediate to advanced use of WebQuests. An excellent location for designing online learning modules. Fantastic resources!

[www.biopoint.com/WebQuests](http://www.biopoint.com/WebQuests)

See these links to review WebQuests that are already created. You can use them as they are or use their ideas to create your own perfectly designed WebQuest for your curricular outcomes.

### **San Diego City Schools**

These WebQuests are exemplary units ready for implementation in the classroom. This site is categorized by grade level and has a great search feature. Model your WebQuests after these and you can't go wrong.

<http://projects.edtech.sandi.net/projects/>

### **Memphis Teachers**

Excellent selection of K-12 here.

[www.memphis-schools.k12.tn.us/admin/tlapages/web\\_que.htm](http://www.memphis-schools.k12.tn.us/admin/tlapages/web_que.htm)

### **Secondary WebQuests and Curriculum Resources**

An excellent site that categorizes webquests into subject areas or multi-disciplinary areas. Also provides the length of time of the project.

[www.dps61.org/START2/Currresources/](http://www.dps61.org/START2/Currresources/)

### **List of WebQuests**

Over 1200 examples from K-12 in many subject areas.

<http://sesd.sk.ca/teacherresource/webquest/webquest.htm>

### **Cool Teaching Lessons, Units and Resources**

All grades all subjects represented here.

[www.coollessons.org/coolunits.htm#WEBQUESTS](http://www.coollessons.org/coolunits.htm#WEBQUESTS)

### **Secondary Integrated Projects**

A collection of Grade 6 - 12 projects

[www.esc20.net/etprojects/exemplary/secondary.html](http://www.esc20.net/etprojects/exemplary/secondary.html)

The WebQuests specifically designed for the BCTF curriculum project have already been posted online (we hope you like them) through the BCTF webpage. [www.bctf.ca](http://www.bctf.ca)