



Welcome Back to a New School Year

Why not bring your students up to date on today's latest news by watching CNN Student News?

<http://www.cnn.com/studentnews/>

Challenge your students to earn 10,000 grains of rice every day by completing vocabulary quizzes on their own time on:

<http://www.freerice.com>

Have your students find and share a video with the class from any of the following web directories of videos that, in their opinion, is the best teaching/learning lesson on the topic you are studying.

<http://www.teachertube.com>

<http://www.youtube.com>

<http://www.teachertopia.info/video.html>

ART HISTORY

http://www.academicindex.net/art/art_history.html



For secondary and college students, explore art history, art by region, form, and movement, as well as famous artists from A to Z.



<http://www.teachertopia.info/langdict.html>

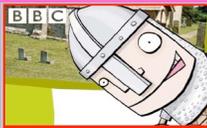
Reverso is a wonderful tool for language learners. You can take any word and find the major ways it is used, find synonyms, translate it into other languages, and see how that word is used in idioms in other languages.

As an experiment, try the word "house" and find the synonyms, different ways of using it, and translate it into a variety of languages. Do the idioms that use "house" in English also employ the translated word for "house" in other languages?



Web Site of the Month from Kidtopia.info

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/>



Explore ancient civilizations, meet famous people and discover fascinating facts by exploring historical games and activities on this web site.

Coming Next Month

Next month, complete our online survey about topics that your students will be researching so we can work on new web/research guides and add them to Infotopia.info, Kidtopia.info, or AcademicIndex.net. You are our collaborators!



Make an Avatar!

Have you ever wanted to make an Avatar of yourself to announce the units of study for your classes? It's very simple, takes about five minutes, and can easily be posted to your class web site for your students to watch on their computers or iPads! Students can make their own avatars as well. A really easy Avatar can be made in various languages at the following:

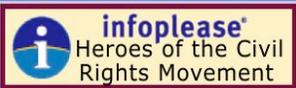


Here's my avatar! Oh la la!



http://www.infotopia.info/civil_rights_movement.html

Explore our new web guide to the Civil Rights Movement, with 12 web sites about this important topic, including the following examples.



Election 2012 Infotopia

http://www.infotopia.info/presidential_election_2012.html

Check out our new web links to the Presidential Election of 2012. You will find 15 web sites with balanced viewpoints about the candidates, issues, surveys, tracking polls, and more. Get your students involved in the 2012 Presidential Elections!

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<http://www.teachertopia.info>

<http://www.virtuallrc.com>

<http://www.academicindex.net>

Send us suggestions or research topics that need to be added to Infotopia or Kidtopia.

What's New in Infotopia?

http://www.infotopia.info/audio_files.html

Do you ever need sound files for presentations or student projects? Try out this link to nine different web sites where you can find FREE creative commons sound files for projects. This includes links to at least six additional web sites with animal sounds. Doesn't that sound like a fun idea to add animal sounds to some of your student Power Point presentations?

