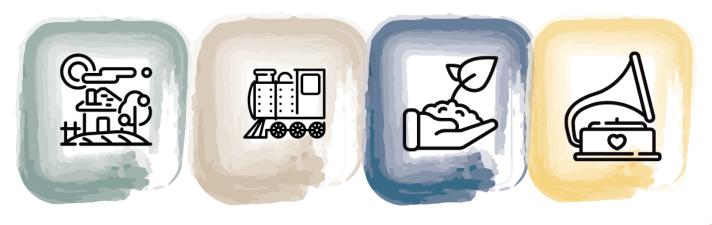
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Online Training

Module 2: How to Develop Webquests

Unit 2.1. Defining a webquest





- Based on some years of experience, some criteria were identified to assessing bestwebquests;
- Although people may use a variety of templates or formats to write their webquests and that not all of these incorporate the same sections, some criteria can be applied;
- These criteria are essentially focused on what's going on in the minds, hearts and values of learners;
- Bear in mind that few webquests come up with a full 24 points. It is not about perfection but about understanding how to construct effective web-based learning.

Source: http://web.archive.org/web/20050623151944/http://bestwebquests.com/bwg/matrix.asp





■ Let's see the criteria and its scale:

Item	Low	Medium	High
Engaging Opening / Writing	No attempt made to appeal to learners.	Honestly attempts to appeal to student interests.	Has that something that compels attention.





■ Let's see the criteria and its scale:

Item	Low	Medium	High
The Question / Task	No real Question and / or a fuzzy Task. Maybe what's asked for is lower level thinking or info retrieval.	There is at least an implicit Question and a Task that targets higher order thinking. All this may not be totally clear.	Clear Question and Task. These naturally flow from the introduction and signal a direction for sophisticated learning.





■ Let's see the criteria and its scale:

Item	Low	Medium	High
Background for Everyone	No attempt to access prior learning or build common background.	Some mention of addressing a common body of knowledge. (May not happen within the activity.)	Clearly calls attention to the need for a common foundation of knowledge and provides needed (Web?) resources.





■ Let's see the criteria and its scale:

Item	Low	Medium	High
Roles / Expertise	No Roles / use of perspectives or Roles are artificial and may lack inherent conflict of interest.	Roles are clear and realistic. They may be limited in scope, but do evoke conflict.	Roles match the issues and resources. The roles provide multiple perspectives from which to view the topic.





Criteria and Scale:

Item	Low	Medium	High
Use of the Web	This activity could probably be done without the Web.	Some resources reflect features of the Web that make it particularly useful such as images, audio, interactivity, current information, etc.	Uses the Web to access at least some of the following: interactivity, multiple perspectives, multimedia, current information, etc.

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■ Let's see the criteria and its scale:

Item	Low	Medium	High
Transformative Thinking	No Transformative thinking. (This is not a WebQuest, but may be a good Knowledge Hunt).	Higher level thinking is required, but the process for students may not be clear.	Higher level thinking is required to construct new meaning. Scaffolding is provided to support student achievement.





■ Let's see the criteria and its scale:

Item	Low	Medium	High
Real World Feedback	No feedback loop included.	The learning product could easily be used for authentic assessment although this may not be addressed or it only happens in the classroom.	A feedback loop connecting learners to the Real world is included in the Web page and an evaluation rubric is probably provided (early on!).





■ Let's see the criteria and its scale:

Item	Low	Medium	High
Conclusion	Minimal conclusion. No mention of student thinking or symmetry to intro.	Returns to the intro ideas. May sum up the experiences and learning that was undertaken.	Clear tie-in to the intro. Makes the students' cognitive tasks overt and suggests how this learning could transfer to other domains/issues. Probably calls attention to the assumptions / hidden agendas inherent in the WebQuest itself. Sophistication keeps increasing.





- The values in the assessment matrix are:
 - \circ low = 1 each
 - \circ medium = 2 each
 - \circ high = 3 each
- And then, it's just sum and get the result:



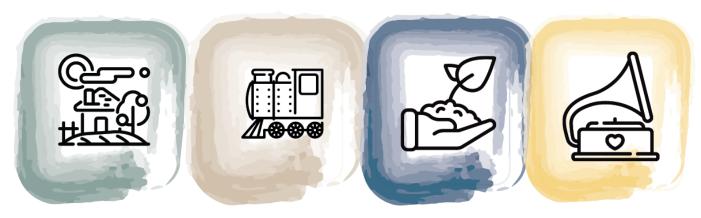


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