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New Sections:

We hope that the new school year has commenced well for you and that Library Webs will assist your students to achieve their academic goals for 2008. We look forward to an ongoing and productive partnership with you in education this year.

For Australian subscribers there is a new toll free phone number if you wish to call: 1300 737 774. Our fax number is 07 3395 1503.

The new topics in the collection for the beginning of this term and extra sections in existing topics are described below.

Social Sciences

Inuit



After the introductory section which deals with Inuit society in a general

way, the topic focuses on the traditional arts and crafts, clothing, food, hunting and fishing practices, language, shelter, society and transport of the Inuit. Other sections cover the history of this people and the problems they face in the broader contemporary context. Teachers will find various ideas for classroom activities in the final section.

Tort Law

After a large introductory section which covers tort law comprehensively, the topic focuses on particular aspects: defamation, privacy, trespass to land, trespass to the person, trespass to goods/chattels, and negligence. Lesson plans are found in the final section, For Teachers.

Australian Society

Australia: Social stratification



Australia...an egalitarian society? Not so. This topic exposes the myth of the

“fair go” for everyone and the reality of the wide disparity between the various levels of Australian society. The first two sections give students the theoretical base for a sociological study of Australia, and the topic then branches out to deal with social classes in Australia both generally and specifically, looking at the ruling/upper, middle and working classes. The problem of poverty in Australia is addressed together with the conditions of homeless people, refugees and asylum seekers. Teachers’ resources are included.

Chemistry and Earth Sciences

Batteries: Chemistry



Designed for senior students, this topic begins with an extensive list of sites giving a general view of electrochemical cells. Two sections are devoted to scientists who were

instrumental in the early development of batteries, Alessandro Volta and John Frederic Daniell. These are followed by sections on the Daniell cell, electrochemical series, redox reactions in batteries, the Nerst equation and modern batteries such as are used in mobile phones, cameras and heart pacemakers. The teachers' section at the end has a wide range of sites useful for all year levels.

Life Sciences

New Zealand: Wildlife



Although New Zealand boasts no native land mammals, there is still a fascinating array of wildlife to be seen throughout the islands. The topic commences with a general section before branching into specific sections on the following : gecko, kakariki, kea, kereru, kiwi, seal, tuatara, tui and weka. Ideas for classroom activities are at the end.

Arts, Music and Sports

Film Genres

A selection of specific genres and sub-genres are covered here after the introductory section which looks at the topic more broadly. The genres currently highlighted are action/adventure, avant-garde, Bollywood, comedy, crime/gangster, epics/historical, fantasy/science fiction,

horror, musicals, war and westerns. Classroom activities and sites giving guidance on teaching film genres are listed in the final section.

Literature

Lee, Harper:

To Kill a Mockingbird



The world famous novel and its author are covered comprehensively in this topic. Opening with biographical sites, it progresses through sections which look at the novel in general and specific ways, viz. the social/historical context, characters, themes and the renowned adaptation starring Gregory Peck. A section on mockingbirds helps students understand the significance of the title. The topic concludes with an extensive range of teaching resources.

New Sections:

Computers and Society

Artificial Intelligence

Multicultural Australia

New Zealanders in Australia

Sudanese in Australia

Australia: Social Issues

Housing affordability crisis

Air Pollution

United Nations Climate Change Conference - Bali, 2007

Aboriginal Australians: Contemporary issues

Aboriginal Australians: Poverty

Australia: Natural Hazards

Australia: Natural Hazards: Floods 2008

Chemists

Daniell, John Frederic

United Nations

UN: Global warming

Rural Australia

Depression and suicide

Economic decline

Role of Women

Australia: 2000s

Australia: 2007: Equine influenza

Political Reformers: 20th-21st centuries

Bhutto, Benazir 1953-2007

