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Updates

At the start of this new school year, the Library Webs team wishes you and your students success in the year ahead. We are looking forward to working with you again, offering many new topics and making your job as an educator easier. In this newsletter are summaries for eight new topics and an update on new sections to existing topics. Already there are new topics in preparation as subscribers make their requests for 2006.

New Topics

IT, Reference



English Language Newspapers

News from English speaking countries all over the world is available here. The first section, Online Newspapers, covers everything, but for those who want more immediate access, newspapers from the

following countries are listed separately: USA, Australia, Britain, Canada, India, Ireland, New Zealand and South Africa. Teachers will find all sorts of ideas for teaching about newspapers in the classroom in their section at the end.

Religions

Christian Denominations in Australia

It can be quite difficult to find print material on the history and beliefs of the various Christian denominations in Australia. This topic will solve that problem. After a general section, Christianity in Australia, which looks at religion and spirituality in Australia in a social context, the major mainstream Christian churches each have a section devoted to themselves. They are listed in alphabetical order: Anglican Church, Baptist Church, Churches of Christ, Lutheran Church, Methodist Church, Pentecostal Churches, Presbyterian Church, Roman Catholic Church, the Salvation Army and finally, the Uniting Church of Australia.

Social Sciences

Endangered Cultures

Just as the encroachment of development endangers the plants and wildlife of the planet, so it also endangers the lifestyles and cultures of the remaining indigenous tribal societies in various parts of the world. Some of these tribal groups have become famous as a result of conflicts with developers, but many continue to struggle to maintain their traditions with very little recognition or help from the outside world. Students will be fascinated by the

diversity of cultures presented in this topic. Currently the list includes the tribes of the Andaman Islands and of Brazil, the Kalahari Bushmen, the Maasai of Kenya and Tanzania, the Pygmies of Central Africa, the Sami of the Arctic, the Tarahumaras of Mexico and the Yanomami of Brazil. The final section contains lesson plans and ideas for classroom activities.

Pure Sciences

World Biomes

This topic will be useful to students of Biology, Social Sciences and Geography. It covers all the terrestrial and aquatic biomes on Planet Earth. There is a wealth of very fine resources here for students (including a section with maps), as well as a fabulous collection of online teaching materials. The biomes are listed in alphabetical order as follows: coasts, deserts, freshwater, grasslands, mountains, oceans, polar regions, rainforests, taiga or boreal forest, temperate forest, tundra, and wetlands.

Endangered Species

This is a companion topic to Endangered species in Australia. Here students will find a global perspective on a variety of species which are threatened with extinction. The species which are highlighted are elephants, the great apes, the giant panda, marine turtles, the rhinoceros, tigers, whales and zebras. If students need other species, they will find material on them in the sites listed in the first section entitled Endangered species. There are many links there which cover the topic comprehensively.

Teachers will find webquests, worksheets and lesson plans in the last section.

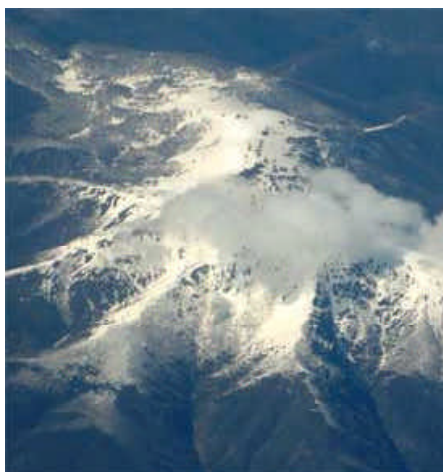
Plant Physiology

This beautifully illustrated topic will appeal to biology students of all levels. There are ample sites here which will be accessible by Middle Schoolers as well as more advanced students of botany. In between the General section on Plants and the final section, For Teachers, which contains a host of wonderful teaching ideas, the following sections are found: Roots, Stems and trunks, Leaves, Flowers, Fruits and seeds, Photosynthesis, Transpiration and translocation, and Plant reproduction.



Plant Habitats

Another site for botany students. This topic covers the various habitats where plant life of all kinds is found. Students will be fascinated by the information dealing with the specific adaptations which plants have made to the differing climatic and soil types. A list of comprehensive sites opens the topic and the various plant types covered are Alpine plants, Chaparral plants, Coastal plants, Desert plants, Grassland plants, Marine plants, Savanna plants, Rainforest plants, Taiga plants, Temperate forest plants, Tundra plants, Wetland plants. The customary section with lesson plans and classroom activities is the last.



Highest Mountains

The Highest Mountains topic was designed especially for one of our client schools and it is sure to fascinate students, especially those with a penchant for adventure. There is some dispute about whether Kosciuszko should be included, so there are eight sections instead of just seven. The list includes Aconcagua and the Andes, Carstensz Pyramid and Irian Jaya, Denali and the Alaska Range, Elbrus and the Caucasus Mountains, Everest and the Himalayas, Kilimanjaro in Africa, Kosciuszko and the Australian Alps and Vinson in Antarctica. The For Teachers section has worksheets, lesson plans and classroom activities to spark some brilliant ideas.

Applied Sciences

Nutritional Disorders

Dreadful things can happen to our bodies when we don't eat properly and this topic proves it. The terrible diseases and disorders listed should be enough to make us all reconsider our diets. The opening section gives an overall view of how poor nutrition and disease are linked. This is followed by sections which focus on anaemia, anorexia nervosa and bulimia, beriberi, circulatory heart disease, cirrhosis of the liver, coeliac disease, constipation, diabetes, gallstones, hypertension, obesity, pernicious anemia, rickets, scurvy and tooth decay. Lesson plans on

the topic are found in the last section, For Teachers.

UPDATES

Legal Issues in Australia

Anti-terror laws

Multiculturalism in Australia

Racial violence in Sydney

Australian Scientists

Barry Marshall & J. Robin Warren

Earthquakes

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Thank you to subscribers for your continuing support of Library Webs. We value your requests for new topics as this develops a collection which is tailor-made for subscribers' needs. We will always endeavour to co-operate fully with you to deliver our best service and assistance to keep you up-to-date and assist your students to achieve their full potential

