



November 2004 Newsletter

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New Resources

The latest additions listed provide resources for SOSE, HPE and Art. We are currently working on a very detailed topic covering the wars in Vietnam. If you have any other early topic requests for next year, please feel free to give us some advanced notice as we prepare new topics for next Semester.

Social Sciences

Multicultural Australia looks at the history of immigration to Australia and the contributions and social conditions of various ethnic groups within Australian society. The White Australia Policy is covered in depth. The nationalities currently listed are Aboriginal Australians, Chinese, English, Greeks, Irish, Italians, Pacific Islanders, Vietnamese and Former Yugoslavs. Information on nationalities other than these can be found in the section, Other nationalities in Australia. Lesson plans, web quests and other teaching materials can be found in the For Teachers Section at the end.

Applied Sciences

Health issues for young Australians looks at various problem areas for adolescents today. The first section deals with general health matters such as food, exercise, puberty and risk-taking. The rest of the topic is devoted to more specific issues such as acne, alcohol, anorexia nervosa/bulimia, dangerous driving, drugs, inhalants/solvent abuse, mental health, obesity, sexual health, smoking, sun safety, tattooing and body-piercing and teen pregnancy. The topic concludes with a For Teachers Section which contains

web quests, lesson materials and professional reading. This topic provides essential information for students, either for HPE assignments or for general life skills, and helpful information for teachers trying to assist students in their care.

Art, Music, Sport Australian Art Series

Australian Art: Colonial Artists
The topic opens with a general section on art in the early days of the colony, dealing with a variety of artists and the manner in which they portrayed the landscape, flora, fauna and indigenous inhabitants of this strange and exotic land. The sections which follow specialise in several of the more prominent artists of the time, namely The Port Jackson Painter, John Glover, Augustus Earle, Conrad Martens, Eugene von Guerard, Louis Buvelot, Samuel Thomas Gill, and William Strutt. The topic concludes with a section containing lesson plans, exhibition notes and education kits for teachers. This topic forms the foundation of the series on the history of Australian art.

Australian Art: The Heidelberg School

The first section of this topic gives an overview of the establishment of this famous group of Australian artists in Melbourne in the late 19th century. Several of the group are given special coverage, viz. Walter Withers, Frederick McCubbin, Tom Roberts, Arthur Streeton, Charles Conder. The topic is illustrated with scenes from Heidelberg and the Yarra River which were the favourite haunts of these artists.

Australian Art: 20th Century Painters

This topic looks at a broad spectrum of artists who made significant contributions to art last century. The first section gives an overview of art in Australia and is followed by separate sections on the following artists: Margaret Preston, Ian Fairweather, Grace Cossington-Smith, Lloyd Rees, William Dobell, Russell Drysdale, Albert Tucker, Donald Friend, James Gleeson, Sidney Nolan, Arthur Boyd, John Brack, Jeffrey Smart, John Coburn, Fred Williams, John Olsen and Brett Whiteley. The For Teachers Section contains teaching materials from various art galleries and educational bodies.

Update/Upgrade

The latest update/upgrade will be completed by the end of November. New sites have been added to nearly every topic and many new sections have been added as well, particularly the sections for teachers which contain lesson plans, activities, worksheets and other ideas for using online resources in the class room.

Seasons Greetings

Thank you for your support throughout the year. It was great to catch up with teachers who enjoy using Library Webs resources at the recent History Teachers Conference at Melbourne University in September.

We wish you all the best for your end of year break and a happy and safe Festive Season.

Best wishes from the
Library Webs Team