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Section updates

Welcome to our last newsletter for 2007. It has been a pleasure to share in your provision of quality information resources for your staff and students. We wish you and your school community a successful end of year and a refreshing holiday. Already we are planning for another busy year in 2008.

Philosophy and Ethics

China: Philosophy and Religion

Students of history as well as philosophy will find this topic valuable as these ideas and points of view have underpinned the political attitudes of rulers in China for centuries. After a lengthy list of general sites, the topic is divided into sections dealing with Buddhism, Confucianism, Mohism, Daoism and Legalism.

Social Sciences

Wildlife conservation: Africa

This fascinating topic looks at a variety of African national parks, reserves, conservation areas and sanctuaries and the work done in those places to protect and manage the wildlife populations. The parks currently featured are as follows:

Botswana: Chobe National Park, Moremi Wildlife Reserve, Okavango Delta.

Kenya: Masai Mara National Reserve

Namibia: Etosha National Park, Okonjima and the AfriCat Foundation, Namib-Naukluft National Park.

Rwanda: Parc National Des Volcans

South Africa: Kruger National Park and Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park.

Swaziland: Milwane Game Reserve.

Tanzania: Lake Manyara National Park, Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area, Mount Kilimanjaro National Park, Serengeti National Park.

Uganda : Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

Zimbabwe: Hwange National Park, Antelope Park, Gweru, Matobo National Park.

Other areas may be found in the opening section which deals with the topic comprehensively. Lessons plans are found in the last section.

Life Sciences

Australia: Flora

This beautifully illustrated topic deals with several of the most common flower families in Australia: Asteraceae: Daisies, Fabaceae: Pea Flowers, Goodeniaceae: Leschenaultia, Haemodoraceae: Kangaroo Paws, Mimosaceae: Wattles, Myrtaceae: Myrtles, Bottlebrush and Melaleuca, Orchidaceae: Orchids, and Proteaceae: Banksias, Grevilleas, Dryandras and Hakeas. Botanists and native gardeners will find this resource of great value and interest. Lesson plans and worksheets can be found in the final section.



Hospitality: Special dietary needs

With so many in our society requiring special diets due to health concerns, ethical beliefs or religious affiliations, caterers need to use suitable ingredients and provide acceptable menus for guests whether they are operating in a commercial or domestic setting. Failing to accommodate guests' dietary needs can lead to serious physical reactions, cause emotional distress, and for the commercial operator, it is also bad for business. The first section of the topic deals with the issues in a general way. This is followed by sections dealing with catering for people with distinct needs, beliefs or illnesses: children, coeliac disease and food allergies, diabetes, Halal, Kosher and vegetarian. The section *For Teachers* concludes the topic.

Chemistry and Earth Sciences

Chemistry of wine

All the mystique and romance will be removed after studying the chemical changes that take place in the creation of wine. The sections deal with acidity, fermentation, sulphur dioxide and yeast. Comprehensive sites are found in the opening section and teachers can find notes on experiments and projects in the last section.

Arts, Music and Sports

Art as social commentary

The contemporary artists featured in this topic have used their art to shock, to comment upon, and to satirise the society in which we live. These artists, from a variety of nationalities, are Nam

June Paik, Peter Blake, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Mierle Laderman Ukeles, Anselm Kiefer, Juan Davila, Laurie Anderson, George Gittoes, Cindy Sherman, Gordon Bennett, Zhang Xiaogang, Tracey Moffatt and Damien Hirst. Each in his/her own way has opened the eyes of viewers to aspects of our modern lifestyles and attitudes which need closer examination. The final section, For Teachers, has a selection of lesson plans and activities for classroom presentation.

Artists: 20th century

This topic is a selection of various artists who gained prominence, or notoriety, in the 20th century. More will be added as time goes on. At present the list includes Frida Kahlo, Andy Warhol, Richard Killeen, Shigeo Toya and Rosslynd Piggott. Sites with ideas for the classroom are in the final section.

Graphic design

After a comprehensive look at graphic design, from its history to its central influence in our modern lives, the elements of design are examined. The sections after that feature some of the major exponents of graphic design in a variety of countries, viz. Australia, Britain, France, Japan, Netherlands, Switzerland and other European countries, and the United States. Teaching plans and assignment items are available in the final section.

Photography and Photographers: Black and White

In the age of digital photography and electronic manipulation of images, it is easy to forget the complexity of creating black and white photographs in earlier years. This topic revisits the stunning images which were created by photographic artists who set the standards for those who follow. Australian/NZ photographers include Max Dupain, Olive Cotton, Harold Cazneaux and David Moore. American artists are represented by Ansel Adams, Alfred Stieglitz, Emmanuel Radnitzky (Man Ray), Dorothea Lange, Arthur H Fellig (Weegee) and Wolfgang Sievers. Henri Cartier-

Bresson is also featured. The For Teachers section has worksheets, lesson plans and activities.

Dance: Folk

Knowledge of the cultural and historical background of folk dancing brings an added dimension to our understanding and enjoyment of this age-old yet still popular art form. The nations represented are England, Ireland, Scotland and various mainland European countries such as Greece, Spain, Turkey and Cyprus. Teaching notes and advice are included in the For Teachers section.

Geography

Wonders of the World

In 2007, seven new wonders of the world were selected by an online poll. Only one of the ancient wonders remain standing, viz the Great Pyramid at Giza. This topic looks at the ancient wonders, the new wonders selected by the online poll and other examples of architecture, engineering, monuments and natural features which continue to amaze and enthrall everyone who sees them. The *For Teachers* section contains webquests, worksheets and lesson plans to introduce students to examples of extraordinary human creativity and genius and breathtaking natural geographical features of the world.

France: Geography

This topic gives students an overview of the geographical, economic and cultural features of each region of France. The first section covers France in a comprehensive manner and the ensuing sections on Alsace, Aquitaine, Auvergne, Basse-Normandie, Bourgogne, Bretagne, Centre-Val de Loire, Champagne-Ardenne, Corsica, Franche-Comté, Haute-Normandie, Languedoc-Roussillon, Limousin, Lorraine, Midi-Pyrenees, Nord Pas de Calais, Paris Ile-de-France, Pays de la Loire, Picardie, Poitou-Charentes, Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur and Rhone-Alpes are covered in detail. A section devoted to maps will assist students in finding outlines and political

and topographical representations of the country. The section for teachers has some imaginative ideas for lesson plans.

Modern History

Iraq War 2003-

The topic opens with two sections which deal with the weapons of mass destruction and the initial invasion, Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003. It then moves on to examine the differing motives and reasons behind the involvement of various nations, viz. Australia, Britain, China, France, Germany, Iraq, Russia and the United States. The role of the United Nations is also covered. A long list of lesson plans and assessment items is available for teachers at the end.

New Sections

Cold War

Political cartoons
USA: Senator Joseph
McCarthy and McCarthyism
Space Race
Propaganda
Arms Race

Religious orders

Mary MacKillop

Australia to Federation

Gold Rushes: Eureka Stockade

Australia: Environmental issues

Murray-Darling River:
Federal Takeover

Medieval World

Medieval Kings, Queens and Rulers
Medieval Music

Weather and Climate

Global climate change:
For Teachers

Aboriginal Australians:

Contemporary issues

Aboriginal Peoples: Child Abuse

