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ESOL TAPAS

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Web Resources

African-American History Month

Visit this Awesome Stories site for tons of classroom activities.

<http://www.awesomestories.com/topics/african-american-history-month>

The Best Sites to Learn About the Recession

Once again Larry Ferlazzo provides a thorough list of websites to use with your students about the economic situation in the US.

(<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2009/02/12/the-best-sites-to-learn-about-the-recession/>)

Cambridge Dictionaries -The top 40 words of the month, word of the day and loads of activities to coincide with your Cambridge Dictionary. Dictionaries can also be purchased at dictionary.cambridge.org.

Learning Strategy: Free Voluntary Surfing (FVS)

Similar to Free Voluntary Reading, FVS refers to second language learners surfing the internet in their second language on topics of their own interest.

Dr. Stephen Krashen presents research showing the popularity of surfing although few do it in their second language. The research also shows that those who surf also read more and better (*International Journal of Foreign Language Teaching*, 2007, ijflt.com).

Do your students exercise FVS? Please share your stories with tapas@neable.org.

NERC Library Resources

African-American History Month

The Underground Railroad
History Channel DVD

Celebrating American Heroes: Plays for Students of English featuring the story of Jackie Robinson

LeBron James, King of the Court
Easy reader class set available with audio tape and teacher's guide.

To access these resources, go to www.neablelibrary.org, choose the title search, type in the title, reserve the book and we will send it to you. We'll even send return postage. If you have any difficulty with this process, please call the resource center at 1-800-361-7076.



Family Literacy: Please Share Your Ideas

The Ohio Family Literacy Task Force wants to know how ESOL teachers include their students' families in their learning process. Do you have special events or regular activities that involve your students' children? Please share your ideas with Dianna Baycich of the Ohio Literacy Resource Center at dbaycich@literacy.kent.edu. Thank you for your help.

Upcoming PD Opportunities

Research-based Strategies and Models for Adult Transitions to Postsecondary Education
March 19-May 13, 2009 or April 2-May 27, 2009

Online courses through ProLiteracy and World Education at www.professionalstudiesae.org

ABLE Spring PD Day - BEST Plus, Learning Disabilities, Portfolio Connection and Transitions
April 2, 2009 in Columbus, Ohio

Register on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org.

COABE Conference

April 18-22, 2009 in Louisville, KY

Register at <http://coabe2009.org>

BEST Plus Training

June 26, 2009 in Euclid, Ohio

Register on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org.

Online courses and webinars offered regularly at the following sites:

- AEPro - www.aeprofessional.org
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) - Webinars
www.cliniclegal.org/Trainings/Webinar2009Schedule0109.pdf
- Heinle *ELT Advantage* - eltadvantage.heinle.com
- New Readers Press www.newreaderspress.com/Items.aspx?hierId=6500
- ProLiteracy and World Education - www.ProfessionalStudiesAE.org
- TESOL Events and Educational Programs - www.tesol.org
- Thinkfinity Literacy Network of the Verizon Foundation - literacynetwork.verizon.org/tln/courses