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1. Minnesota Online Museum Encourages Art Appreciation

If looking at a famous Picasso painting makes you tingle with glee, the ArtsNet Minnesota online museum is the place to visit. This web-based museum is a joint project that combines over 50 art works from the collections of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Walker Art Center, the Weisman Art Museum, and the Minneapolis Museum of American Art. Each group of art works are thematically arranged to focus on areas such as the Environment, Inner Worlds, Identity, and What is Art? The ArtsNet Minnesota project is sponsored by a grant from the Blandin Foundation.

<http://www.artsnetmn.org>

2. Free Piano Lessons Available on the Net

Paying for piano lessons is not an expense that everyone can afford. Now, thanks to a special public education service, anyone can become a piano virtuoso free of charge. This free online service is designed to help visitors learn to play the piano from beginning to advanced levels. Each lesson takes about 35 minutes but encourages users to learn at their own pace.

<http://www.artdsm.com/music.html>

3. Virtual Field Trips Website Provides Learning Experience from the Classroom

Ever want to take your students to Istanbul but cannot afford the cost? The Virtual Field Trips website can eliminate the price of such a field trip by letting the class travel via

Internet. Each online field trip covers a single topic such as salt marshes or volcanoes. As the class explores the site, experts on the subject of the field trip provide other website links to further study in that particular area. These sites have been arranged in sequential order to build a story to follow as the trip progresses. Every field trip has a set of prepared documents that can be printed for each person on the trip. Teacher's guides and other curriculum aids are provided.

<http://www.field-guides.com/>

4. Millennium Challenge Allows Exchange with Students Around the World

The Millennium Challenge website, developed by the World Bank, offers visitors a chance to communicate with students around the world about lifestyles, culture, and what's worth keeping. Complementary links give personal accounts of how people are striving to overcome social exclusion and take charge of their own lives

<http://www.worldbank.org/html/schools>

5. Art Learning Network Offers Free Drawing Classes

The Art Learning Network allows art lovers the opportunity to develop their art side in the privacy of their own home. Classes offered will change to provide more learning experiences. A free drawing class is offered now.

<http://www.artlearn.net/centre/courses.asp>

6. Educators Create Website to Teach Shakespeare's Julius Caesar

A team of two high school teachers, two college professors, two education majors, and a technology mentor worked for ten months to create a website dedicated to showing other educators how to teach Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. Read how this team used various techniques and approaches to finding resource material on this subject.

http://www.techlearning.com/db_area/archives/WCE/archives/hinman2.htm

8. Educational News Service Offers K-12 Resources

Educast offers a free education news service for for K-12 teachers and school administrators. Features lesson plans, contests, news, grants information, educational resources, links and more.

<http://www.educast.com/>

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