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1. Find Theme-Related Resources at Gander Academy

Gander Academy has a wide assortment of resources centered on various themes. Some of the subjects include bats, Vikings, ancient Egypt, the human body, and much more. Click on any of the themes for an impressive listing of online resources in that area.

URL: <http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/CITE/themes.html>

2. Newsletter Provides Weekly Online Lesson Plans

If you're interested in lesson plans, visit Lesson Stop and sign up for their free newsletter that highlights several new online lesson plans every week. The site provides seven subject area pages with over 500 links to Web sites organized by topic and grade level, which adds up to thousands of lesson plans.

URL: <http://www.youthline-usa.com/lessonstop/>

3. Blue Web'n Learning Sites Library

Visit Blue Web'n Learning Sites Library for tutorials, projects, and activities in categories such as foreign languages, health and physical education, and vocational education. Visitors may do a quick keyword search for specific topics. Also, a free weekly newsletter announces updates to the site as additional information is added.

URL: <http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn/>

4. About.com Provides Tips for Secondary Educators

About.com has now dedicated a web site specifically to junior high and high school teachers. The site called Secondary Educators Homepage is a place where teachers can access a lesson plan archive, learn how to improve students' motivation, or gain tips for writing a grant.

URL: <http://7-12educators.about.com/education/7-12educators/mbody.htm>

5. Enhance learning with DiscoverySchool.com

DiscoverySchool.com offers “fresh ideas to enhance learning,” with a place where teachers can create and save quizzes and puzzles, or design a glossary out of any vocabulary words. Teachers can access lesson plans by age level from grades K through 12 or choose from hundreds of original clip art to illustrate their handouts.

Related URL: <http://school.discovery.com/>

6. Handbook for Beginning Teachers Available

This Beginning Teachers Handbook is a database called “First Steps” meant to supplement on-site support by providing tips and strategies for beginning teachers and the professionals who support them. Categories include Physical Environment, Classroom Management, Professional Educators, Advice from the Field, and Resources.

URL: <http://www.learnnc.org/newlnc/carepak.nsf>

7. NASA Sponsors Student Space Writing Competition

The NASA Student Involvement Program is a national competition to link students in grades 3-12 with various NASA projects. To enter this contest, a student must prepare a news report for the general public on a newsworthy current event or ongoing story about aeronautics or Earth and space exploration. Awards differ according to the age group entered. Contest deadline is February 1, 2001.

URL: <http://www.nsip.net>

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