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Collaboration Corner: Nervous System Disorders

Karen Fournier approached me about tweaking an Anatomy and Physiology Project that she and Erin South wanted to use this year. The topic for research was on nervous system disorders that affect our senses. Karen realized that these disorders were generally of high-interest to the students, yet the pacing guide doesn't allow for *all* of them to be discussed at length. We decided that what made these disorders so interesting was trying to imagine how those afflicted with the disorders would perceive or interact with the world.

The results of our collaboration was a two part project.

- First, every student had to preliminarily research the variety of disorders and select one. To force them to do more rigorous research, they had to write a research question that began with How or Why and get teacher approval. Once a topic was approved, students then created a Noodletools annotated bibliography to document their research.
- Second, each student had to create a presentation of his/her disorder. The presentation options were left open to the students, and they were encouraged to make the class feel as if they had the disorder using visuals, audio or any other tools at their disposal.

The students are turning in their annotated bibliographies and giving their presentations as this newsletter goes to press, so we'll be able to evaluate the collaboration in the coming weeks!



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see me for more info!



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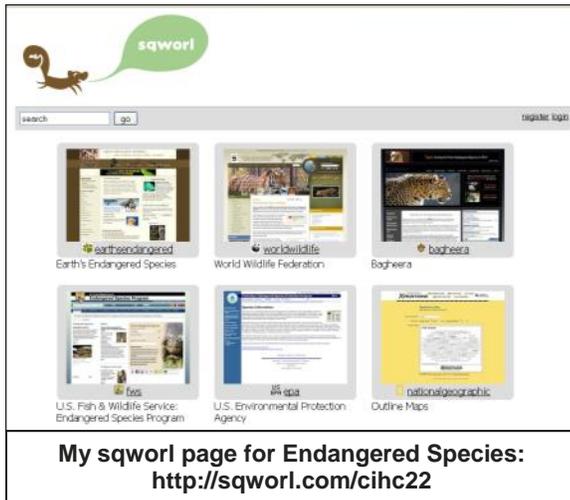


Website Monthly Pick

www.sqworl.com

Sqworl is a visual way to collect and share groups of websites. You can create groups of website links from any online computer and share them easily with your students with one short link.

To get started, go to sqworl.com and create your an account. I highly recommend adding the bookmarklet to your toolbar. When you are ready to add a page to your account, click on the bookmarklet, add a description (optional), and choose a group to add it to. That's it! Once



you've created the group, the website provides you with a short web address that is easy to share with your students. This way, you can ensure they find the websites you wanted them to use for the

assignment.

Why I like this site:

- (1) It is easy to add categories and websites
- (2) It has a screen shot of each website—great for when you forgot what the website was called, but you remember what it looked like.
- (3) Whenever you add new links, they show up for your students too!

New Books

Sister Wife
Shelley Hrdlitschka

Celeste, a member of The Movement, where polygamy is the norm and women are often married off to much older men, is repulsed by her community's practices and struggles to find a way to break free of their rigid rules and expectations without bringing shame to her family.

Bait
Alex Sanchez

Diego keeps getting into trouble because of his explosive temper until he finally finds a probation officer who helps him get to the root of his anger so that he can stop running from his past.

Traitor
Andy McNab

(Published in Great Britain as: *Boy soldier*) A boy who believes his grandfather to be a traitor, a spy who turned against England and then disappeared, tracks down his grandfather and finds out the truth.

Zombies vs. unicorns
(various authors)

Forget vampires vs. werewolves; the hottest feud is between fans of the fiercely magical horses and the shambling, brain-eating undead. Adopting tones from humorous to haunting, tender to terrifying, and settings ranging from the fairy-tale past to modern suburbia to dystopian day-after-tomorrow, twelve YA authors (both up-and-coming and superstar) explore the mythic potential of each otherworldly creature.

This Month's Q&A Technology Tips

Q: Janet, How do you learn about all of these neat techie tools and websites?

A: One of the ways I stay on top of emerging technology trends in education is through my Twitter account. Yes, I am a twitterer (or is it tweeter?). At first, I merely stalked celebrities and tried to win contests, but in the past few months, I have learned the power of something called a "hashtag." A hashtag in Twitter is the number symbol (#) followed by a phrase. The hashtag is



included in a tweet to index it so that anyone interested in that topic can find it. For instance, #TLchat is the hashtag for Teacher-Librarians. Whenever a tweeting librarian reads a good article or finds some new fun technology, they'll tweet about it and I can scroll through all of the tweets looking for things relevant to me and/or BEHS. Other Hashtags include #musiced, #biology. See me if you want to learn more about this great educational use of Twitter (or Twitter in general).