

Thinkquest.org



A 21st Century Skills development tool!

BUT WHAT IS IT??

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What is ThinkQuest?

ThinkQuest is a protected, online learning platform that enables teachers to integrate learning projects into their classroom curriculum and students to develop 21st century skills.

AND...IT'S FREE!!

21st Century Application

Critical thinking:

Ability to use multiple perspectives to analyze an issue or problem, create an intervention plan, and evaluate the results of the intervention

Creativity:

Ability to demonstrate the process of generating new ideas or concepts

Teamwork:

Ability to work cooperatively with others to achieve a shared goal

Self-direction:

Ability to demonstrate work behavior characterized as self-starting and proactive

Cross-cultural understanding:

Ability to recognize and correctly react to people or situations that are open to misunderstanding due to cultural differences

Communication:

Ability to demonstrate the process of exchanging information and ideas

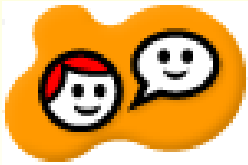
Technology:

Ability to use a range of technologies to create, store, analyze, and transmit information

Protected Environment

- The Oracle Education Foundation offers K-12 schools a safe environment at no cost. ThinkQuest is password protected, teacher monitored, and includes no advertising.
- Restrict Participation
 - **Anyone on ThinkQuest.org**- This is the default setting and allows any user to participate on your page, including the ability to leave you a sticky.
 - **Members of my school only**- This restricts participation and the posting of stickies to only teachers and students who attend your school.
 - **Students selected in my student list**- This allows you to select the students you want to participate on your page. See more information regarding Student Lists at the bottom of this page.

Student Accountability



- **Keep it Clean**

Do not swear or use inappropriate language or pictures that glorify violence or racism.



- **Do Not Share Personal Information**

Never share your full name, home address or email, phone number, or a picture of yourself.



- **Beware of Strangers**

Never agree to meet a new online friend in the real world unless you are with a parent.

How it Works:

- Enroll
- Create a Project
- Add Members
- Start Creating
- Communicate
- Explore

Why Integrate into the Classroom?

Projects provide a flexible framework for engaging students in exploring curricular topics and developing important **21st century skills, such as communication, teamwork, and technology skills.** In addition, students are motivated by the fun and creative format and the opportunity to make new friends around the world. For teachers, a school portal enables quick and easy management of student accounts and review of project work.



Webpage Builder

- Text, Lists, Pictures
- Hyperlinks
- No HTML knowledge needed

Create and Manage Pages



The Create Tools

WRITE	UPLOAD	INTERACT
Text Tool: Add text to a page	File Tool: Upload a file to a page for visitors to view or download	Vote Tool: Allow visitors to vote on a question or topic
List Tool: Add a list to a page	Multimedia Tool: Upload a multimedia file, such as an audio or video file, to a page for visitors to view or download.	Message Board Tool: Allow visitors to discuss a topic or leave messages.
	Pictures Tool: Upload pictures to a page.	Debate Tool: Allow visitors to choose a position on a topic and explain why they support that position.
		Ask Me Tool: Allow visitors to ask you questions.
		Brainstorm Tool: Allow visitors to share ideas about a topic.

Projects



A **project** is a space where ThinkQuest Projects members use simple tools to co-author web pages and share ideas on a specific topic. Members can collaborate on projects within their classroom or with other schools globally.

Why Integrate Projects into the Classroom?

Teachers can use projects to engage students in developing vital 21st century skills, helping to prepare them for success in life and work outside of school.

Project Ideas

The following are some basic project ideas to get you started:

School Newspaper - Students create project pages containing articles and photographs about interesting people and events in their school.

Travel Brochure - Students create mini travelogues about the cities where they live, including digital photos and information on fun things to see and do.

What's for Dinner? - Students from around the world describe a typical meal in their home countries. Project pages can include content on nutrition as well as local customs, markets, and agriculture.

Nature in My Neighborhood - Students collect digital photos and facts about local insects, birds, and other animals for comparison with students in other communities.

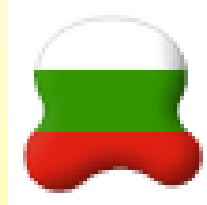
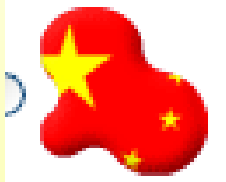
How Do You Say Hello? - Students create audio files and tutorials to help one another learn basic phrases in their different languages.



How do I Join?



- Enroll if you are a teacher at an accredited school
- Primary or Secondary Schools
- Not-for-profit
- ThinkQuest.org around the world! (60 countries)



A Visit to Our ThinkQuest.org

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BRIDGEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL
United States

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Trades of the People! Slideshows!

Brickmakers at work

My Pages

- Careers of Colonial Williamsburg
- Important things in my life
- Mrs. Frenzel's Page
- 6th Grade BioPoems
- Related Arts Research
- Parents Page

My Projects

Click **New Project** to start a project or join an existing project.

New Project

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Mrs. Frank
BRIDGEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL
United States

Mrs. Frank's Page

New! | Today

Pictures

The blacksmith shop. The blacksmith shop. The blacksmith shop

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The Colonial Blacksmith

The colonial blacksmith was one of the most important people in colonial blacksmith. The term blacksmith included the jobs of several specialists: making locks (locksmith), making gun barrels (gunsmith), shod horses (ferrier), but if one person performed all of these tasks, he was known as the village smithy or blacksmith. If the village lacked a dentist, the blacksmith could be called upon to pull teeth since he was certain to have a pair of pliers. The blacksmith was also responsible for making wheel rims, knives and tools, nails, and door hinges. He was also called upon to repair most anything made of metal.

The blacksmith worked by heating the metal bars to 3000 degrees until yellow-hot in a forge with a raised brick hearth outfitted with bellows to feed its coal fire. With the help of his apprentices and journeymen, the smith then used sledge hammers weighing as much as 12 pounds to hammer the bar into shape. His other tools included smaller hammers, anvils, pliers, tongs, gloves and a heavy apron.

Write a Message

Add to My Buddy List

Pages

- Mrs. Frank's Page
- New Pictures
- Parents Page

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