

Interested in Jazz?



123 VC! Jazzing Up Your Curriculum with Videoconferencing

Videoconference (VC) connections between classes open up a whole new world of collaborative learning for students! Immerse yourself in videoconferencing communication. Come learn about structures/templates for projects with other classes and other educational uses of videoconferencing. This class is team taught with VC colleagues in Ohio, New York, Missouri, Michigan, and Texas. Team up with another teacher to create a VC project for next year. Along the way, learn about and use other collaborative technologies such as blogs & wikis.

You're in for a wild ride! Here are some questions to ask yourself first:

- Are you really comfortable with videoconferencing? Do your schools have room in the curriculum for project based learning?
- Do you have access to a training facility with the ability to do **at least two videoconferences at the same time?** 3-4 is even better.
- **Are you a training/facilitator?** This workshop isn't a spectator sport. If you participate, you are part of the development team, part of the presentation team, and highly involved in facilitating the workshop at your site.
- **Are you comfortable with technology?** Knowledge of a course management system (we use Moodle but if you know what one is, it will help you a lot!), blogs, wikis, and collaborative online tools will help you facilitate the workshop.
- **Do you believe in constructivist learning?** This workshop is not a "telling" "sit and get" workshop. We immerse the participants in videoconferencing throughout the week and you'll need to assist them as they are swamped in the learning.
- **Are you mainly interested in collaborative projects via VC?** This workshop is designed to immerse participants in collaborative projects. While there are a few times where we mention content providers, it isn't the focus of the workshop.
- **Are you a team player?** This workshop is more work than if you were to put on the same workshop locally on your own. The value is in the networking and connections between the participants across the sites and the constant videoconference experience they get throughout the class. So while the collaboration makes it more work for you, it is worth it for the participants' experience. Are you ready to contribute your best materials and ideas and dive in and contribute and do your share of the work?

Steps to Participate

We highly recommend the following previous experience before facilitating a session at your location.

1. Be a participant in a Jazz workshop at another site.
2. Run a project that you created with at least 8 or more classes participating.

When you are ready to host at your site, be willing to give up your life for the week before and week of the workshop. Usually you will work 50-60 hours the week of the workshop. Still interested? Then check your calendar and email one of the lead facilitators.

2008 Session Dates

June 16-20, 2008
July 28 – August 1, 2008

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JAZZ Quick Glance Schedule

EST	CST	MT	Monday What is VC? Exchange Projects	Tuesday Academic Challenges	Wednesday MysteryQuests	Thursday ASK	Friday Class Projects
Local Activities			Readings, Introduction, Volunteer Jobs, VC Zone Video, Icebreakers Listservs	Readings, Icebreakers, Local scheduling procedures, Science Seekers Video	Readings, Volunteer Sheet, Content Providers, MysteryQuest Video	Readings, Icebreakers Local work	Readings, Icebreakers Local work
9:30- 9:45	8:30- 8:45	7:30- 7:45	Roll Call Exchange intro	Roll Call Academic Challenge intro	Roll Call MysteryQuest intro	Roll Call ASK intro	Group Work (9:30- 10:00, 8:30-9:00, 7:30-8:00)
9:45- 11:45	8:45- 10:45	7:45- 9:45	Exchange simulation (Community Exchange, Monster Exchange, Read Across America, Science Exchange)	Math Marvels simulation	MQ simulation	ASK simulation (develop questions, interview)	Roll Call Group Presentations (10:00-12:00, 9:00- 11:00, 8:00-10:00)
11:45- 12	10:45- 11	9:45-10	Debrief	Debrief	Debrief	Debrief	
12- 12:30	11- 11:30	10- 10:30	Lunch/Local	Lunch/Local	Lunch/Local	Lunch/Local	Lunch & Quit, BIG BANG, Wrap up & reflection
12:30- 1:30	11:30- 12:30	10:30- 11:30	Videoconferencing Game Show – Paul Hieronymous, Elyria, Ohio	Teacher Feature – Teachers sharing their VC experiences based on targeted areas	Crucial Conversations, Trial by Wire, and Poetry Slam	Global Connections – Global Nomads Group, UKERNA, United Kingdom	
1:30- 2:00	12:30- 1:00	11:30- 12:00	Lunch/Local	Lunch – Online Environment (Moodle, Wiki) Overview	Lunch/Local	Lunch/Local	
2:00- 3:15	1:00- 2:15	12:00- 1:15	Group work	Group work	Group work	Group work	
			Wrap up & reflection	Wrap up & reflection	Wrap up & reflection	Wrap up & reflection	

Green: All 8 sites connected together. Purple: 2 sets of 4 sites connected together. Orange: Small groups connected.