



# Absolutely the Best Education Resources Online

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**Closing the Achievement Gap with  
Technology**  
Technology Conference

# Little Introduction



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# Conference Resources

✓ <http://twi.classroom.com/workshops/lskelly>

The screenshot shows a profile page on Classroom Connect. At the top, there is a header with the Classroom Connect logo and the text "Connected Workshops" next to a colorful bar. Below this is a navigation menu with tabs for "Welcome", "Workshops", "Conferences", and "Online Resources". The main content area features a large "Welcome" heading, a paragraph of text, a photo of Ladd M. Skelly, and several links. The text reads: "Welcome to my professional development website. I am a member of the Classroom Connect team. Since 1994 Classroom Connect has been the leader in helping teachers use technology to improve learning. The company's high quality professional development programs and online instructional materials meet the changing needs of K-12 school districts nationwide. This site provides access to my conference handouts and materials as well as links to teaching and learning resources on the Net. Enjoy." To the right of the text is a photo of Ladd M. Skelly, a man with a beard wearing a pink shirt. Below the photo, his name "Ladd M. Skelly" is displayed in blue, followed by his title "Director of Instructional Services", the Classroom Connect logo, and his email address "lskelly@classroom.com". To the left of the photo are two file folder icons labeled "Contact Info" and "Portal Sample". At the bottom left, there is a "QUOTE CORNER" section with two quotes: "The Internet is a great way to get on the Net. --Bob Dole" and "If it's green, it's biology, if it stinks, it's chemistry, if it has numbers it's math, if it doesn't work, it's technology. --Unknown". At the bottom right, there are two more links: "My Cartoons" and "My Top Ten Lists", each accompanied by a small icon.

@ Classroom Connect Connected Workshops

Welcome Workshops Conferences Online Resources

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**TOP 10 LIST**  
My Cartoons  
My Top Ten Lists

# Did you know?



**McDonald's**

10 billion hamburgers

**In just 10 years!**

**iTunes**

10 billion downloaded  
songs

**Less than 3 years!**

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DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT



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ANYTHING...  
ANYTIME!!!

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iTunes >>](#)



# You know you are old when...

- ✓ Remote meant a secluded spot off the beaten path
- ✓ Cable was something that supported a bridge
- ✓ A video game was trying to make out what the fuzzy images were on a snowy, black and white 10-inch TV screen
- ✓ A cell phone was what you used to make one phone call from jail.
- ✓ A calculator was the accountant who did your taxes.
- ✓ Digital computing was counting on your fingers.
- ✓ High speed access was an on-ramp on the free-way.
- ✓ Surfing was something done on a board in the ocean.



# TOP TEN SIGNS YOU MAY BE TECHNOLOGY “CHALLENGED”

- 1) If you think “broad band” is the elastic in your underwear...
- 2) If you still use your CD-ROM tray as a cup holder...
- 3) If you think a PDA is your tax man...
- 4) If you think a “blog” is something that clogs your toilet...
- 5) If you think WWW stands for the World Wide Wrestling association...
- 6) If you think “an attachment” is part of your vacuum cleaner...
- 7) If you are still using a VCR and it is still blinking 12 o'clock...
- 8) If you think "uploading" is pumping your septic tank...
- 9) If you are using a mouse with your laptop...
- 10) If you're still mastering the Apple IIe...

# Absolutely the Best?



- ✓ My Criteria
  - Interactive?
  - Informative?
  - Interesting?
  - Investigative?

# Online Tools



# Brainboost

- ✓ Answer engine

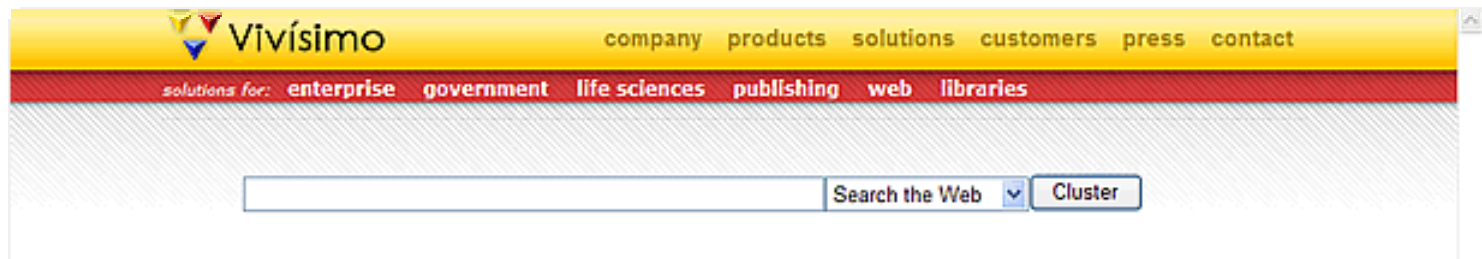
- finds answers to your questions posed in plain English as opposed to directing you to pages that simply mention the questions

- ✓ URL: <http://www.brainboost.com>



# Vivísimo

- ✓ Search engine
  - Clusters information
- ✓ URL: <http://vivísimo.com/>



# Teacher Resources



# Rubistar

- ✓ Online rubric generator
- ✓ URL: <http://rubistar.4teachers.org>



# 4teachers.org

- ✓ Teachers' resources and tools site
- ✓ URL: <http://4teachers.org/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of 4teachers.org. The header includes the logo '4teachers.org' and the tagline 'The Online Space for Teachers integrating Technology into the Classroom'. Navigation links include Home, Tools, Integrating Technology, Professional Development, ALTEC, Contact Us, and 4Teachers en Español. The main content is organized into three columns:

- 4Teachers:** A brief description of the site's purpose: to help teachers integrate technology into their classrooms by offering free online tools and resources. It also mentions that there are tools for student use and professional development resources.
- Integrating Technology:** A section for resources to help with technology integration, including links to policies, Spanish resources, success stories, and technology assessments.
- Professional Development:** A section for resources related to equity, bilingual education, grants, and educational journals, including links to assessment, assistive technology, grant resources, bilingual education, professional journals, special needs, technology planning, and tutorials.

The right sidebar contains 'Google Links' (Why we use Google links), 'Ads by Googlecode', and 'Teaching Resources' (Animated Educational Movies, Quizzes, Lesson plans, Activities! with a link to www.BrainPOP.com). Below that are 'HiClass SW: Remote Control Classroom Management SW, Remote Control in Networked PC Lab, CMS' (www.ikcnet.com) and 'Teaching Degrees Online' (Programs designed for working professionals: M.S. or Ph.D. with a link to www.capeella-degrees.com). At the bottom of the sidebar are 'Classroom Management Tips' (Free 5-part report helps eliminate misbehavior, promotes learning).

The 'Tools For Teachers' section in the middle features several tools with icons and descriptions:

- Equity Index:** Locates resources and tools to help meet the needs of a diverse classroom.
- RubiStar:** Create customized rubrics in English and Spanish.
- TrackStar:** View thousands of online lessons or quickly create your own.
- QuizStar:** Construct online quizzes that can include multimedia.
- Assign-A-Day:** Post your own online class calendar with hyperlinks and projects.
- Casa Notes:** Assemble take-home notes in English and Spanish.
- FBI Checklists:** Make custom checklists for multiple projects.
- R\*TEC Teacher:** Locate top-rated Tracks, WebQuests, and ThinkQuests for your subject.
- Web Worksheet Wizard:** Make and post a simple Web page within minutes.

# Landmarks Citation Machine

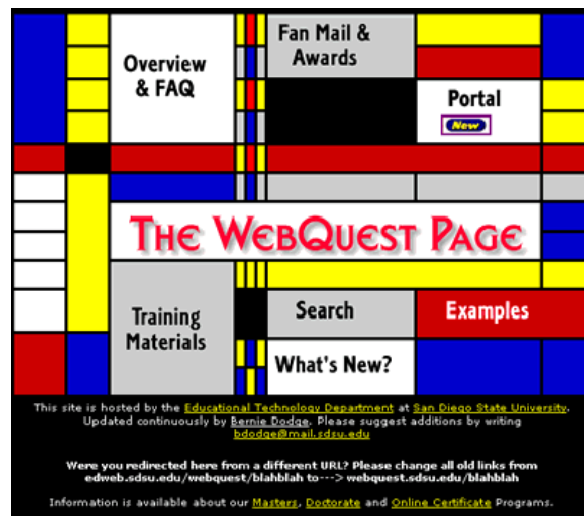
- ✓ Web-based citation generator
  - standard MLA & APA citations

✓ URL: <http://citationmachine.net/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Landmarks Citation Machine. At the top left is the logo "Landmarks Citation Machine". To the right, a banner states: "THIS IS A FREE SERVICE OF DAVID WARLICK'S LANDMARK PROJECT AND IS FUNDED BY THE PUBLIC SPEAKING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSULTING ACTIVITIES OF THAT ORGANIZATION." Below this is the "The Landmark Project" logo. The main content area has a blue header with the text "Click the type of resource you wish to cite!". On the left, there is a yellow sidebar with the following sections: "Learn More about Citation Machine", "Read the Growing FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)", "Print Resources" (listing Book, Work in an Anthology, Encyclopedia Article, Journal or Magazine Article, Newspaper Article, Published Interview, and Presentation), and "Electronic Resources" (listing Web Page, Encyclopedia (CD-ROM), Internet Journal or Magazine Article, Internet Newspaper Article, Online Subscription Database, Recorded Interview, Interview Conducted by Researcher, Online Forum Posting, and Broadcast & Multimedia Productions). The main content area is titled "About Citation Machine" and contains the following text: "Citation Machine is an interactive Web tool designed to assist teachers and students in producing reference citations for crediting information from other people. You merely..." followed by a numbered list: "1. Click the type of resource you wish to cite, 2. Complete the Web form that appears with information from your resource, and 3. Click Make Citations to generate standard MLA & APA citations." Below this is a paragraph: "The principal goal of this tool is to make the proper crediting of information properly so easy that it becomes a habit, not a laborious task that we stop doing outside of school. This is a literacy issue, because SOMEDAY THE INFORMATION THAT THE TEACHER, STUDENT, OR OTHER INFORMATION USER IS CITING WILL BE YOURS." At the bottom of the main content area, there is a note: "If you find that any citation formats appear to be incorrectly assembled, please let me know, telling me which source and citation style is problematic and in some detail, the nature of the problem. Send your fix request to the e-mail address below. Also, if there is a type of source that is not included here that you frequently use, please let me know." At the very bottom of the page, there is a red line of text: "If you have a question about how to cite a particular resources that is unique in some way, consult your teacher or the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th Edition* or *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 5th Edition*. There will be copies in your school or public libraries."

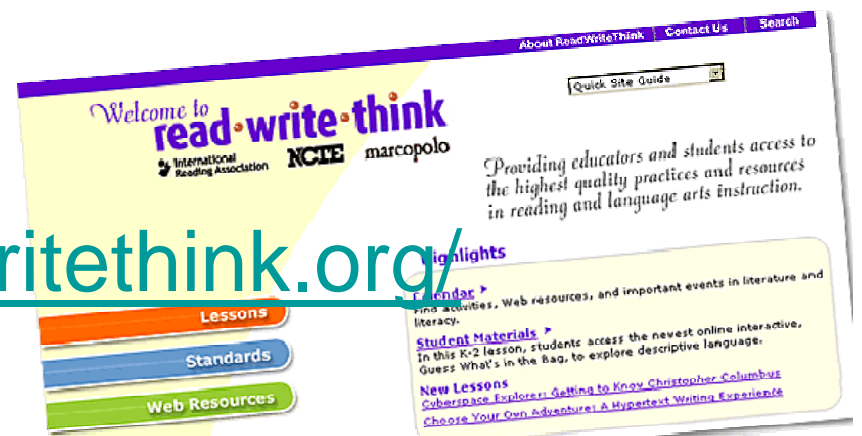
# QuestGarden

- ✓ Bernie Dodge's QuestGarden 1.0
  - New WebQuest generator
  - <http://webquest.org/questgarden/index.php>



# Read Write Think

- ✓ Practices and resources in language arts and reading instruction
- ✓ Components
  - Lessons
  - Standards
  - Web Resources
  - Student tools
- ✓ URL: <http://www.readwritethink.org/>

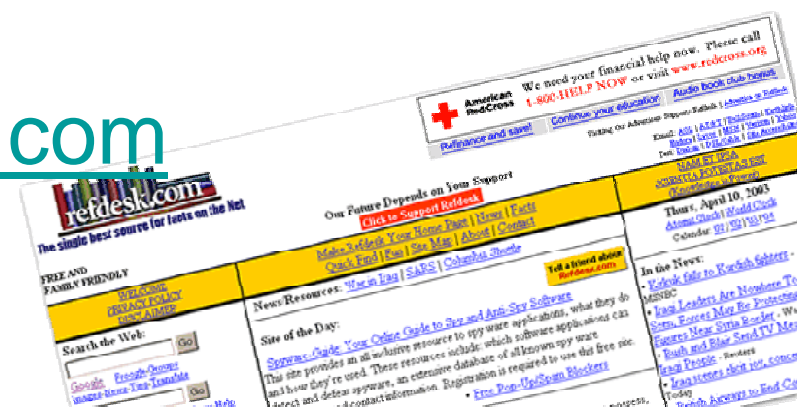


# Student Resources



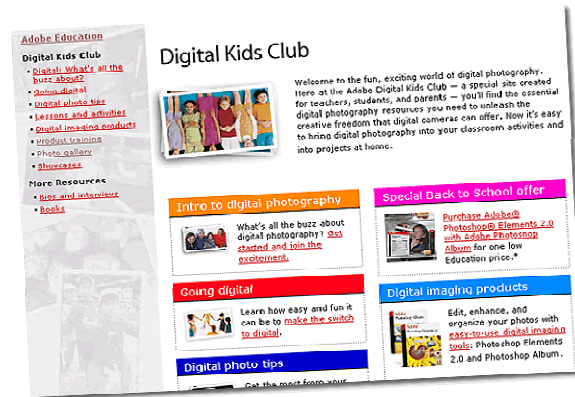
# Refdesk.com

- ✓ Hundreds of online reference resources
- ✓ Such as
  - Encyclopedias
  - Atlas
  - Dictionaries
  - Government information
- ✓ URL: <http://www.refdesk.com>



# Digital Kids Club

- ✓ A special online site created for teachers, students, and parents
  - Digital photography resources
- ✓ URL: <http://www.adobe.com/education/digkids/main.html>
- ✓ Resources include:
  - Tips
  - Tutorials
  - Lessons and activities
  - Software updates



# Interactive Mathematics

- ✓ Online interactive math tools
- ✓ URL: <http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html>

National Library of Virtual Manipulatives for Interactive Mathematics

Utah State UNIVERSITY

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Number & Operations				
Algebra				
Geometry				
Measurement				
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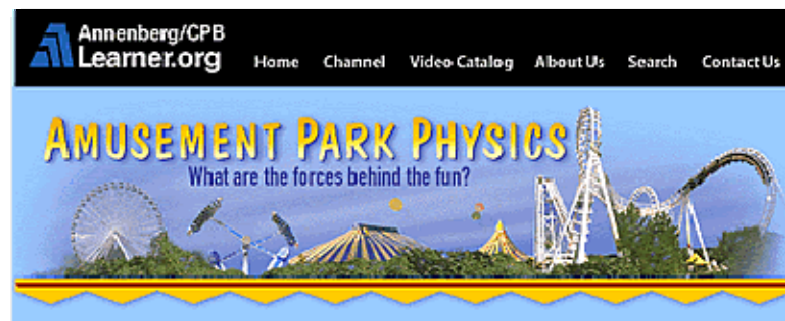
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# Amusement Park Physics

- ✓ How do physics laws affect amusement park ride design?
  - Physics and math in a real world situation

✓ URL:

<http://www.learner.org/exhibits/parkphysics/index.html>



# BBC Languages

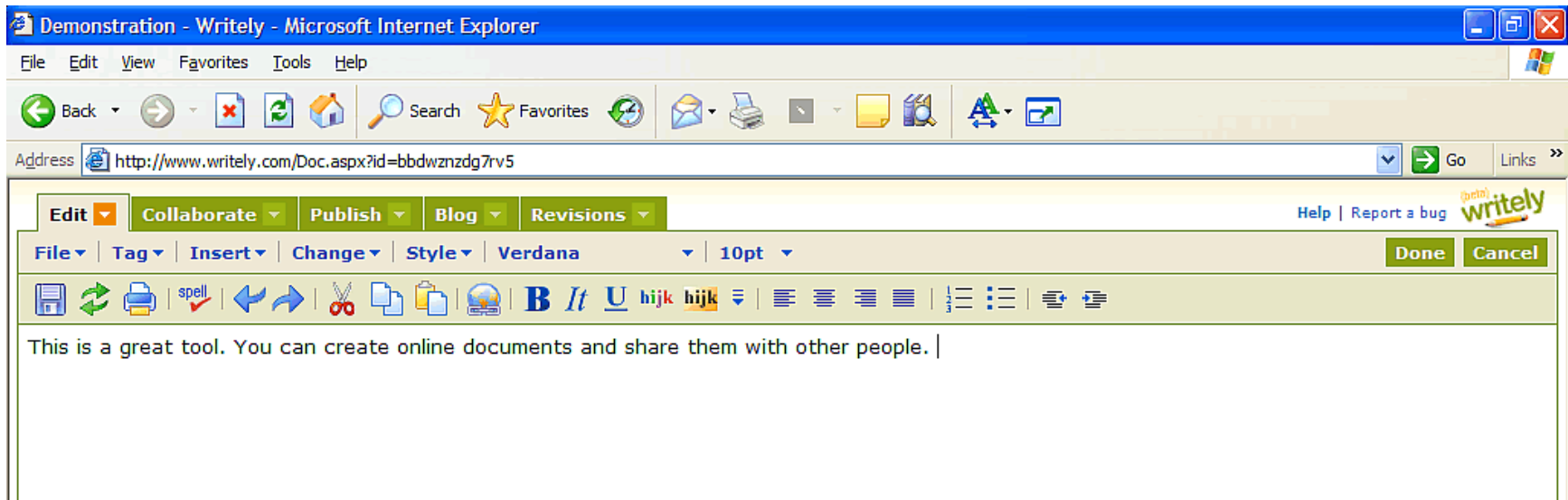
- ✓ Foreign Languages website
  - French, German, Spanish, Italian and more
  - Components
    - Steps courses
    - Online courses
    - Holiday phrases
    - Pre-assessment-gauge your understanding
    - Travel phrases
  - For beginners, intermediate and tutors
- ✓ URL: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/>



# Writely

## ✓ Web word processor

- <http://www.writely.com/>
- Components
  - Edit, collaborate, publish, blog, revisions



# HP Digital Camera Activity Center

## ✓ HP Activity Center

- Create Digital Photography Projects
  - Examples
    - Albums and snapshot
    - Calendars
    - Covers
    - Picture frames
  - Online Project Generators
    - Creates the projects online
- Photo Central
  - Personalized projects

# Simulations on the Internet

✓ Variety of computer simulations

✓ URLs:

<http://www.kented.org.uk/ngfl//subjects/science/simulations.htm> or

✓ <http://www.kented.org.uk/ngfl//software/simulations/index.htm>



# Thank you for attending



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