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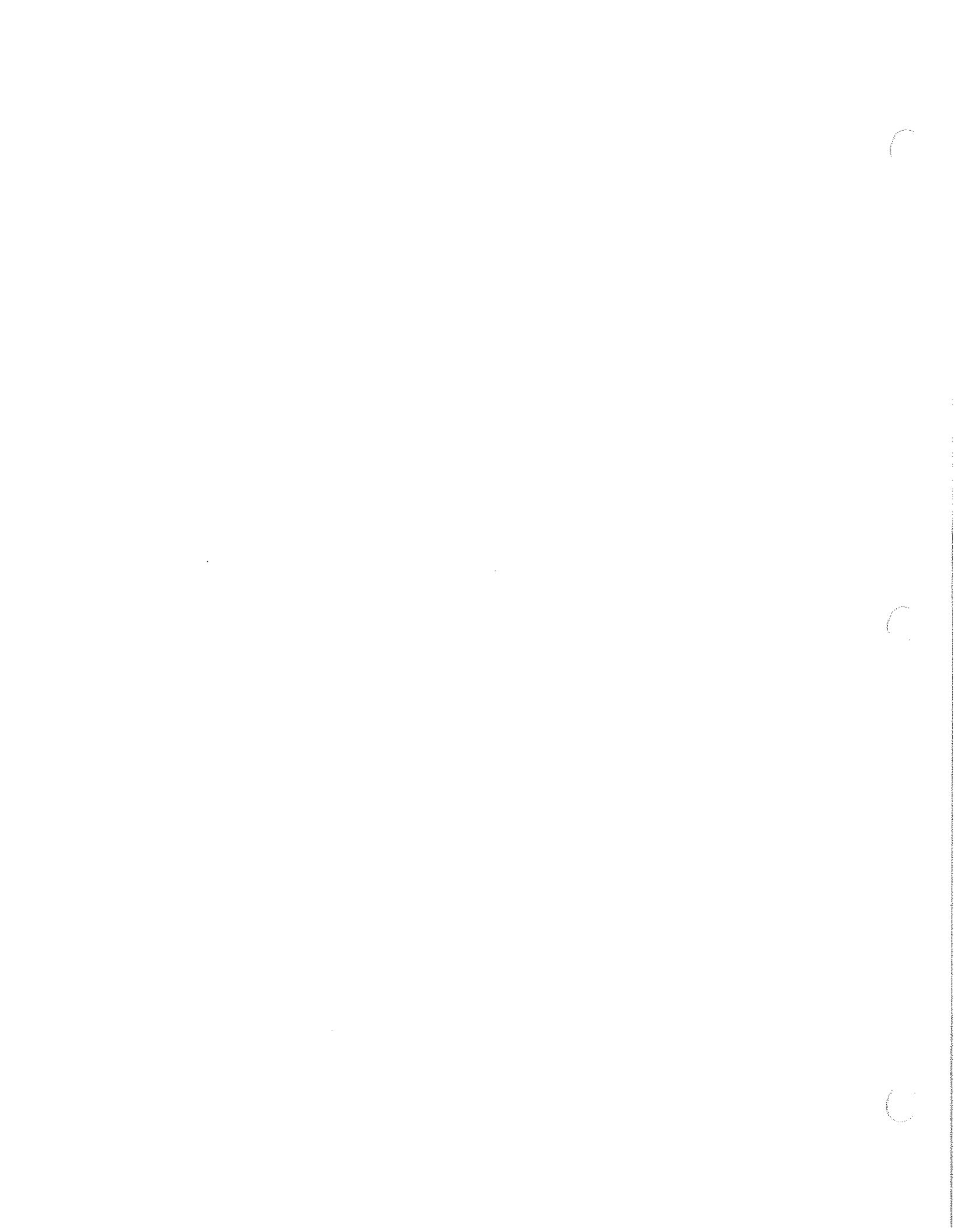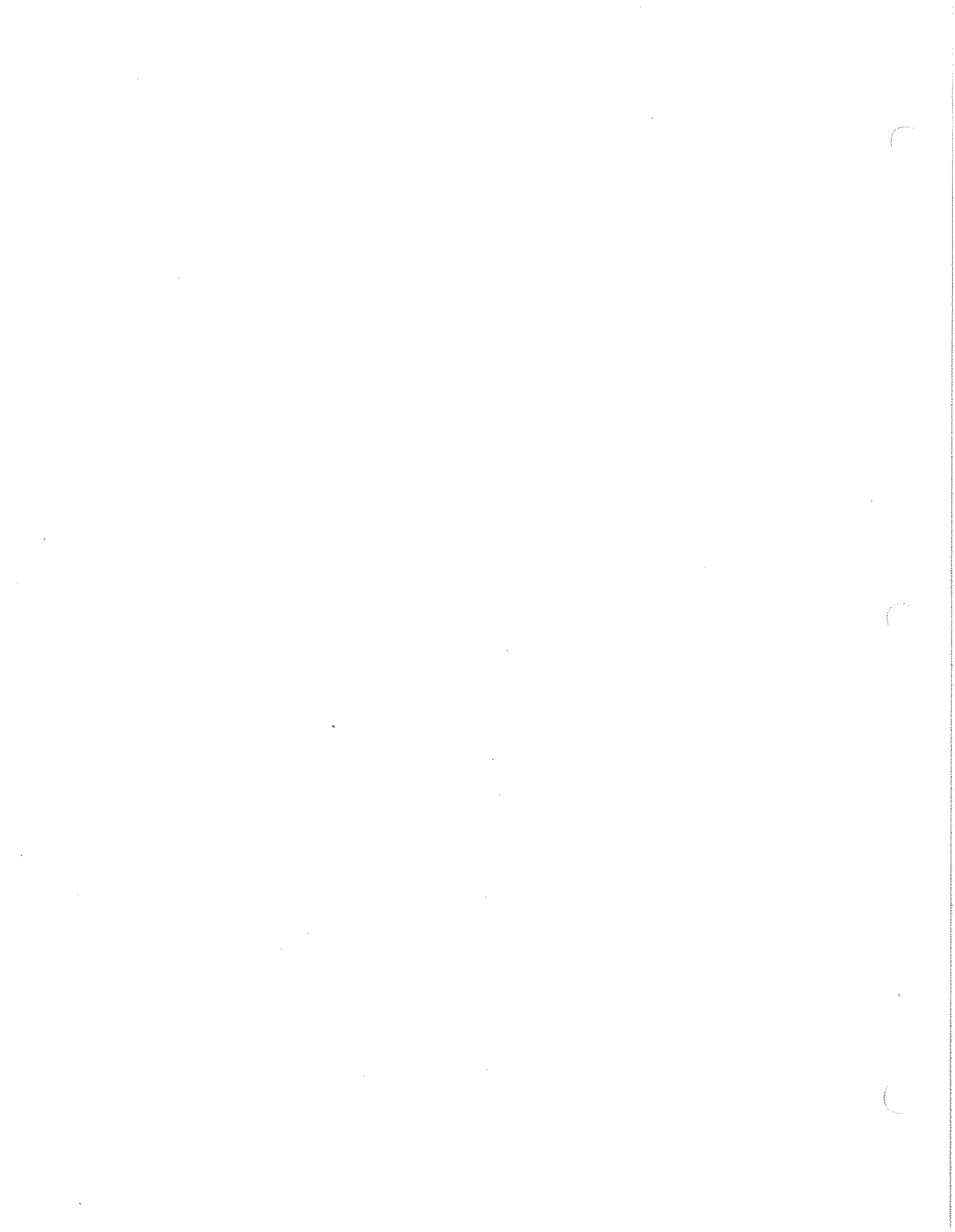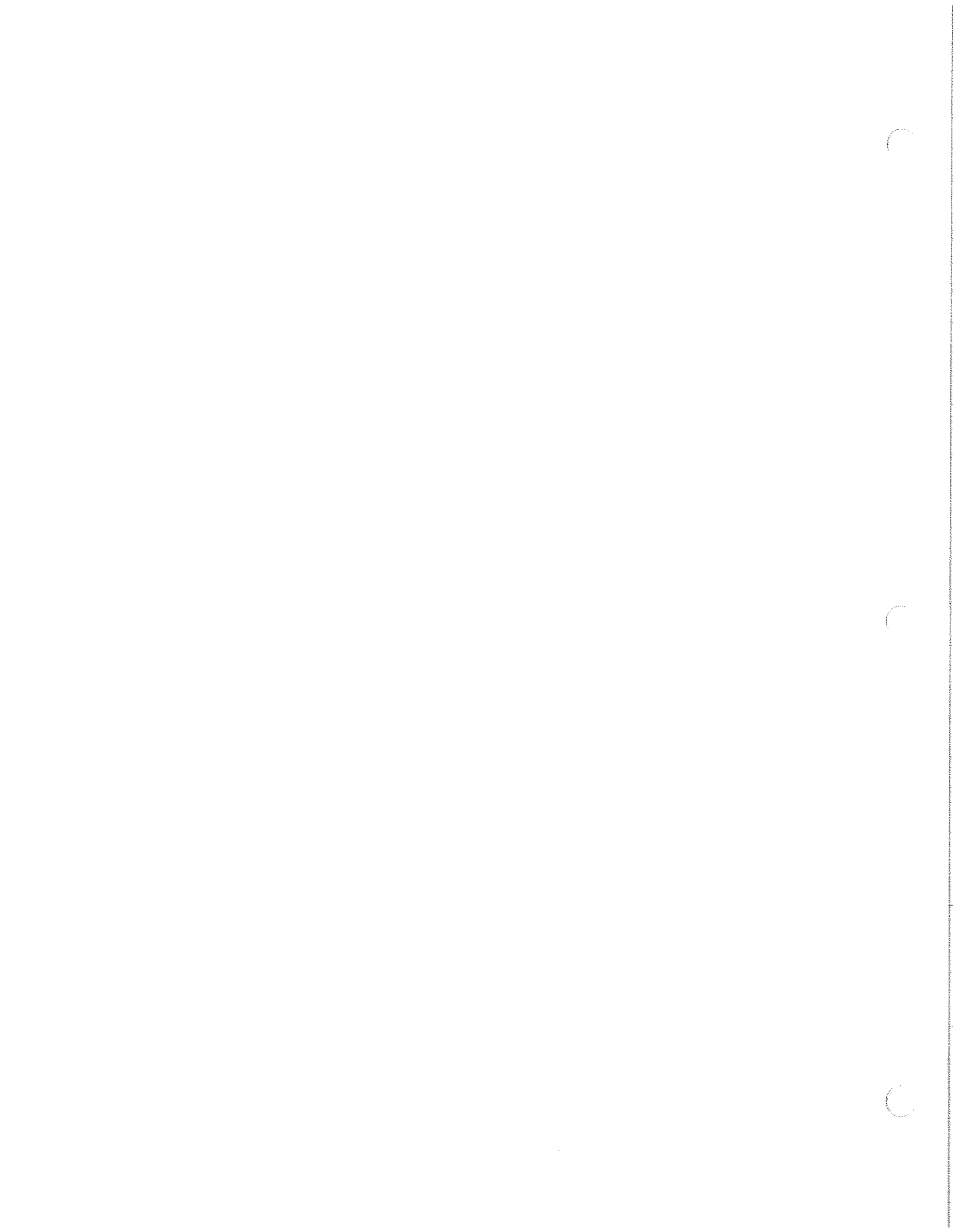
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Technological Resources

In an effort to expand engaged learning in English Language Arts, this guide will be updated yearly with current technological resources including on-line curriculum and interactive web-sites for daily classroom use. The chart below is designed for the classroom teacher to add informative web sites upon discovery.

Name of Web Site	URL Address	Description of Site
		Home page for this agency

The Internet Helps To Tame Those Tedious Teacher Tasks

The Internet has wonderful resources for instructional delivery and student learning, but one of its greatest benefits to teachers is with its "time-saving" Teacher Tools. For the teacher who is just beginning to feel the urge to try the computer, using the Internet to help make life a little easier will be a real motivator! Teacher Tools enable teachers to make it once and have enough for the entire class. Teacher Tools enable us to create a worksheet, puzzle, or quiz and to store it on the Internet for students to complete now or at any time in the future. Teachers can create lesson plans and rubrics, charts, graphs, and graphic organizers and store them all on the Internet and retrieve them when needed. Taming those tedious teacher tasks with the Internet has never been easier!

Here are some websites that you are sure to love! These websites give teachers the opportunity to utilize these wonderful "tools" that are free on the Internet:

A Real Favorite - Personal Educational Press
http://www.educationalpress.org/index.asp

Discovery School – Make and Store Quizzes, Lesson Plans, Puzzles and Worksheets – you will want to register at this website, but it is free.
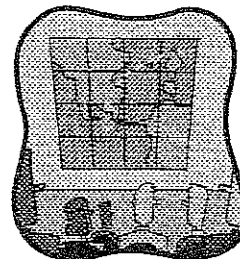http://school.discovery.com/teachingtools/teachingtools.html

Teacher Tools and Templates from Education-World
http://www.educationworld.com/tools_templates/index.shtml#lang_arts

Web Worksheet Wizard – posting the websites you choose for your students to the Internet.
http://wizard.hprtec.org/

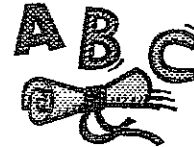Math Worksheet Creator:
http://www.aplusmath.com/Worksheets/index.html

Outline Maps:
http://www.stjernberg.com/maps/mapguide.htm

Rubrics and Assessment Tools:
http://rubistar.4teachers.org/

Project Based Checklist Generator
http://www.4teachers.org/projectbased/checklist.shtml

Word Search Generator:
http://www.genuineclass.com/games/wordsearch.html

Alphabet Books/Bulletin Boards – For You To Print:
http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/wil/home.html#Alphabet

Graphic Organizers You Can Edit and Print
http://www.education-world.com/tools_templates/index.shtml#november

Graphic Organizers For Content Instruction
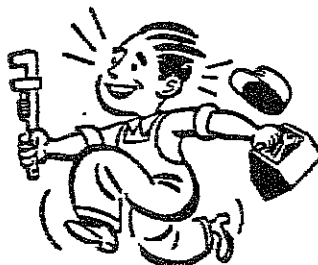http://www.everythingesl.net/inservices/graphic_organizers.php

Shape Books – Some of these are free and some have a small subscription price.
http://www.abcteach.com/directory/shape_books/

Alphabet Letter Cartoon Characters (For you to download and print)
http://www.tampareads.com/alphabet/cartoon-index.htm

Bulletin Board "Hang Ups" from Teachers First
http://www.teachersfirst.com/hangups.html

Free "Already Made" Timelines
http://www.canisius.edu/~emeryg/time.html

"Why reinvent the wheel?"

Websites That Promote Beginning Reading Skills

The Internet should never be a replacement for obtaining meaning from a book, or "hands on" activities for learning a skill. However, some games have been developed on the Internet that help to develop skills necessary to decoding and comprehending the printed word and they are worthwhile. The ability of the computer to provide interactive stimulation for students as they learn to identify the sounds and the symbols of reading help to enhance literacy development. When using the "online games", it is suggested that students go to the computer with a task to complete and verbalize what they have accomplished when they are finished. In this way, they see these interactive activities as learning tools rather than "computer games".

Ideally, two students working together or an adult volunteer provides additional human interaction. These would be excellent websites to suggest to parents for "at home" computer time.

StarFall – This is the website for the emerging reader! Each vowel sound, diagraph, and word family has an animated story and a little book that goes with it. The book can be downloaded and printed.
http://www.starfall.com/

Online Interactive Phonemic Awareness –Providing students animated feedback
http://www.tlt.ab.ca/projects/Div1/kindergarten/alphabetmatch/alphabet/A.htm

Game Goo – Learning That Sticks!
http://www.cogcon.com/gamegoo/gooey.html

PBS KIDS websites that have stories – many of the TV Show websites have games and stories appropriate for the beginning reader:
http://pbskids.org/stories.html

Words and Pictures from the BBC (This website is so good, you will hardly noticed the British accent)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/index.shtml

Alphabetical Order
http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/online/alphaorder1.swf

AlphaBits
http://www.thinkalphabits.com/index.html

Seussville University
http://www.seussville.com/seussville/university/reading/

Sadlier-Oxford Internet Activities Center
http://www.sadlier-oxford.com/index_phonics.htm

Little Fingers, Play, Learn, and Discover
http://www.little-g.com/shockwave/frame.html

Look, Cover, Write, and Check – A Spelling Activity
http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/toftwood/lcwc.html

Spin and Spell – Another Spelling Activity
http://www.spinandspell.com/

Little Animals Activity Center –Digby Mole has the word games.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/menu.shtml

Primary Resources (Literacy Activities)
http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/online/
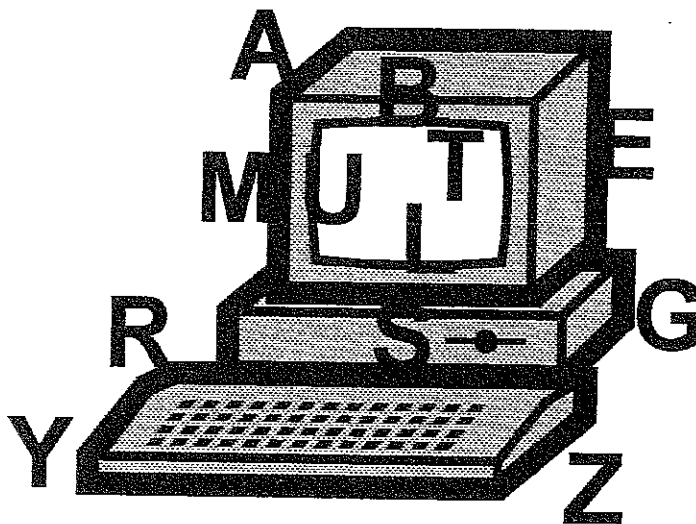
Helping Students Develop Information Literacy

There are those who worry about student reading habits if they spend too much time on the Internet. However, the truth is that in order for students to get the most from Internet content, there needs to be a higher level of literacy developed – **Information Literacy**. Students who are *information literate* know how to evaluate web content and determine what websites are authentic and useful to them.

Websites that will encourage students to evaluate web content for authenticity, teach an understanding of the point of view of the author, and encourage students how to get the most from the Internet are:

From the Media Awareness Network of Canada comes some very helpful sites that you can use to help your students to learn to evaluate websites:

The Five "W's" and One "H" of Cyberspace
http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/resources/special_initiatives/wa_resources/wa_shared/tips heets/5Ws_of_cyberspace.cfm

Deconstructing WebPages
http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/resources/special_initiatives/wa_resources/wa_shared/tips heets/deconstructing_webpages.cfm

Media Awareness Network Also has a wonderful game. On the Index Page, look for <u>Jo Cool or Jo Fool for Kids</u>
Media Awareness Network Index Page:
http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/index.cfm

From Cornell University:
Evaluating Websites: Criteria and Tools
http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/webeval.html

From Loogootee Elementary School in Loogootee, Indiana
Evaluation Rubrics For Websites
http://www.siec.k12.in.us/~west/online/eval.htm

The Student /Writing Connection On The Internet

As in the development of reading skills, opportunities for writing that are available on the Internet both motivate the student and provide so many more reasons for writing. There are also some websites on the Internet that have been created by educators who are both proficient and interested in students developing writing skills. These are helpful to teachers who are looking for strategies that will foster better organization and sentence and paragraph format in their student's writing. Combining the many opportunities that the Internet provides for students to want to write and the opportunities for students to reach a broader audience, the writing skill development websites provide what many teachers are looking for.

Try some of these websites when you want to develop good writers:

The Biography Maker
http://www.bham.wednet.edu/bio/biomaker.htm

The Writing Process – A Web Tutorial
http://www.psesd.org/technology/writeprocess/default.html

Professor Pen's –How To Get An "A" In Writing
http://www.geocities.com/fifth_grade_tpes/

The ABC's of The Writing Process
http://www.angelfire.com/wi/writingprocess/

Story Writing Graphic Organizer from Read, Write, and Think
http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/storymap/

Wacky Web Tales from Kids Place
http://www.eduplace.com/tales/

The Guide To Grammar and Writing
http://cctc2.commnet.edu/grammar/

Paradigm Online Writing assistant
http://www.powa.org/

Folktale Writing With Alma Flor Ada
http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/folk/index.htm

Descriptive writing With Virginia Hamilton
http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/diary/index.htm
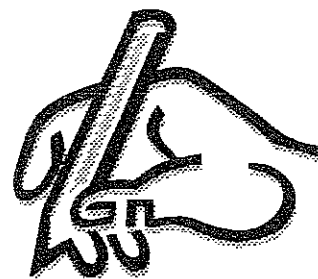
Curl Up And Read A Good Children's Literature Website

Technology has so much to offer the teacher who uses literature as the basis for an entire Language Arts Curriculum, the teacher who wants to find a particular novel to fit in with a theme, the teacher who wants to incorporate non-fiction reading into their science and social studies content, or the teacher who wants to provide extension activities for literature that students in her class are reading. Teachers from around the world are sharing their literature collections and the activities that they use for vocabulary development and to further the learning from reading.

The following are websites full of literature resources:
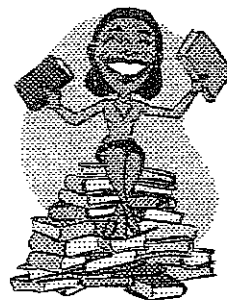
The Children's Book Council Online
http://www.cbcbooks.org

The Children's Literature Web Guide
http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html

Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Site – The "Guru" who has combined literature and technology
http://www.carolhurst.com/

African Children's Literature
http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/cm/africana/children.htm

Frank Rogers' Guide To Children's Literature On The Web
http://frankrogers.home.mindspring.com/

Children's Literature
http://www.childrenslit.com/

A Database of Award Winning Literature
http://www2.wcoil.com/~ellerbee/childlit.html

Finding "Age Appropriate" Content For Your Students

> Looking for content to use directly with your students or to use as background information for yourself, you will have much more success if you use a Search Engine that has been designed for students. In this way, you will be assured to get information that is written at an age-appropriate level and that the found resource will contain wonderful age-appropriate images, charts, and graphs. The following search engines will direct you to content appropriate for your students and your instructional needs:

The following are some of the best "kid-friendly" search engines:

Yahooligans
http://www.yahooligans.com

KidsClick (Results will provide the Reading Levels)
http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick!/

The Internet Public Library For Kids
http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/

Little Explorers Picture Dictionary
http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Dictionary.html

Ask Jeeves For Kids
http://www.ajkids.com/

CyberSleauth Kids
http://cybersleuth-kids.com/

ITHAKI
http://www.ithaki.net/kids/

Teachers Who Share On The Web!
How Lucky We Are That They Do!

In addition to the wonderful teacher resources provided on the previous pages, there are websites that have been developed and maintained by classroom teachers. Many of them provide the websites for the parents of their students., however, we as teachers from all over the world, get to benefit. These websites, developed by the men and women who share the interests, desires, and time restraints of teachers everywhere have produced some of the most useable websites. We are all grateful to them!

Web sites for gaining new ideas and benefiting from the resources of "tech savvy" teachers are:

Laura Candler's Teaching Resources –Pull up a chair and make you at home right inside Laura's file cabinets!
http://home.att.net/~teaching/

MIKIDS
http://www.mikids.com

Divernon
http://www.divy.net/gklab.html

KidsKonnect -
http://www.kidskonnect.com/

Early Childhood Thematic Units
http://www.sbcss.k12.ca.us/sbcss/specialeducation/ecthematic/index.html

Integrating Technology Into The Curriculum
http://www.cyberbee.com/intclass.html

Theme Related Resources On The Web
http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/CITE/themes.html

Busy Teacher's Cafe:
http://www.busyteacherscafe.com/

Jerrie's Curriculum Hotlists – Technology Resources for Thematic Units
http://webtech.kennesaw.edu/jcheek3/curriculum.htm

Smith Virtual Media Center
http://home.comcast.net/~smithhq/

Themes
http://www.alphabet-soup.net/theme.html

Lelia's Links
http://www.communityschool.net/leliaslinks.htm

The Teacher's Desk for Grades 5 & 6
http://users.stargate.net/~ackley/

5/6 Connections Websites
http://www.expage.com/page/connectionwebsites

The Adventures of Cyberbee
http://www.cyberbee.com/

2nd. Grade Treasure Trove
http://www.occdsb.on.ca/~proj1615/gradetwo/index.htm
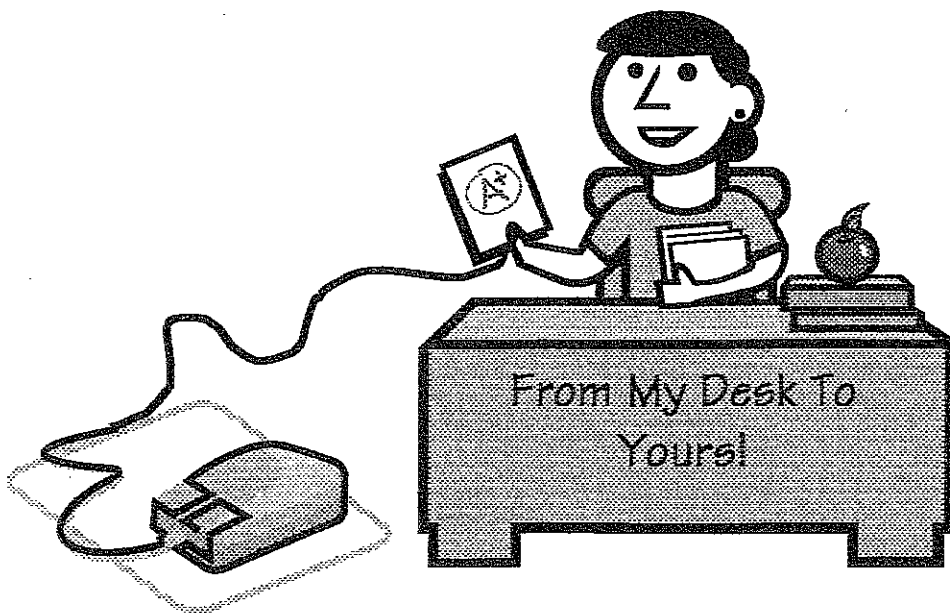
Finding The Internet Resources That Will Allow Technology To Enhance Instruction

Most teachers are familiar with the goals and objectives of their curriculum. They have many tools that they have used to develop the skills and concepts needed to meet those objectives. Now, there is the Internet loaded with resources that can enhance the instructional delivery. The problem is finding the right resources in the time allotted for planning an instructional unit. The content, graphs, charts, images, and other resources from the Internet have to be age appropriate, fit within the scope and sequence of the curriculum, be motivating to the student, and be much more than electronic worksheets. Finding the websites that will work for you and actually enhance student learning is a challenge. Knowing where to start can really help!

The following web sites will help teachers to find Internet resources that will enhance their instruction and enrich student learning:

The Marco Polo Home Page – presently developed and maintained by Worldcom and partnered with the top Professional Organizations in each content area.
http://www.marcopolo-education.org/

Annette Lamb's Eduscapes –Themes, Activities, Primary Sources, Extensions – so much! Look at 42Explore:
http://eduscapes.com

The Scholastic Network – This a "one stop" resource for teachers. This website only features authors who publish with Scholastic, but has so much more!
http://teacher.scholastic.com/index.htm

PBS Teacher Source – There are many lessons and resources specific to grade level and subject:
http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/

Blue WebN' Learning Sites Library – an online library of 1900 outstanding web sites categorized by subject, grade level, and format:
http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn

Copyright & Fair Use Issues In The Classroom

The technologies we as educators have today bring new challenges when it comes to copyright laws. The Internet and availability of computers and their ability to digitize information all provide ready access to great sources of information, images, charts, graphs, etc. Newer technologies also allow teachers to transfer, copy, and digitize learning materials faster and easier than ever before. Text and images can be copied instantly, and then easily saved in computer files. Teachers just do not know what can or cannot be used in the classroom when it comes to materials from the Internet. The issue of copyright law enforcement, meanwhile, receives little public attention. While education institutions have begun to protect themselves from liability, some teachers, either from a false sense of security or lack of awareness, engage in illegal use of materials, often unknowingly.

It is also important for students to understand the social and ethical implications of using content from the Internet.

The following websites will help teachers to understand the copyright and fair use policies that apply to the classroom and also contain information for helping students to understand that they must have permission to use content from the Internet.

Hall Davidson's Copyright Resources – Includes Quizzes and Charts
http://www.mediafestival.org/downloads.html

What Every Teacher Should Know About Copyright
http://www.2learn.ca/copyright/copy.html

Copyright With Cyberbee
http://www.cyberbee.com/copyrt.html

Learning Resources: Copyright Issues
http://eduscapes.com/tap/topic24.htm

K-12 primer About Copyright Laws
http://www.edu-cyberpg.com/Teachers/copyrightlaw.html

Landmark For Schools Teacher Permission For Use Template –submit Online
http://www.landmark-project.com/permission1.php

Landmark For Schools Student Permission For Use Template – Submit Online
http://www.landmark-project.com/permission_student.php

Copyright On The Web – From The American Memory Collection
http://www.cyberbee.com/cb_copyright.swf