

"Using Technology Tools for Classroom Planning and Instruction" Scavenger Hunt: Finding Resources on www.Curriki.org

Overview of Curriki:

Curriki is a social entrepreneurship organization that supports the development and free distribution of open source educational materials to improve education worldwide. The online community gives teachers. students and parents universal access to a wealth of peer-reviewed primary and secondary curricula, and powerful online collaboration tools. Curriki is building a unique web site that offers complete, open courses of instruction and assessment. Founded by Sun Microsystems in 2004, the organization has operated as an independent nonprofit since 2006.

Curriki originated from the idea that technology can play a crucial role in breaking down the barriers of the Education Divide - the gap between those who have access to high-quality education and those who do not. The initial focus is on primary and secondary curricula in the areas of literacy, mathematics, science, technology, language arts, and foreign languages. The site has already been translated into Spanish, French, German, Hindi and Indonesian Bahasa. Moving forward Curriki aims to become a vital resource of Arabic language reading and curricula materials as well. For further information, please visit www.curriki.org.

1. Visit www.Curriki.org.

2. Find a resource on Curriki.

- a. Click the orange "Find" button on the homepage of www.Curriki.org.
- b. Click on the "math" link under "access top-rated curricula in core subjects".
- c. Find the resource titled, "Brainpop videos". Before clicking the "Brainpop videos" resource link, fill out the following information about the "Brainpop videos":
 - i. Instructional type:
 - ii. Contributor:
 - iii. Rating:
 - iv. What is Brainpop? (See the orange description box that appears when you move your cursor over the resource title.)
- d. Click on the resource link for "Brainpop Videos".
 - i. What are 3 ways that you can use Brainpop videos in the classroom?
- e. Look at the Table of Contents on the "Brainpop Videos" page and click "Math Videos".
 - i. Click on one of the video links (e.g., Division, Geometry or Metric vs. Imperial).
 - ii. Watch the video and answer the following:
 - 1. What is the video about?
 - 2. How can you use this video in your classroom?

3. Become a member of Curriki

- a. Return to www.Curriki.org.
- b. Click on "Become a Member"
- c. Complete the form and click "Save Information and Register".



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- 4. Find a lesson for your classroom and add it to "My Favorites".
 - a. Return to www.Curriki.org.
 - b. Click the orange "Find" button on the homepage of www.Curriki.org.
 - c. Click "Browse Resources".
 - d. Select the subject you teach or a subject your students are interested in.
 - i. Using the dropdown boxes at the top of the page, find a resource that is suitable for your classroom.
 - ii. Once you've identified a resource, fill out:
 - 1. Instructional type:
 - 2. Contributor:
 - 3. Rating:
 - 4. Description of resource:
 - 5. Describe how you can use this resource in your classroom.
 - e. Click "email" at the top of the page. Email yourself a copy of the resource.
 - f. Click "Favorite" at the top of the page.
 - i. When the white "folder added" box appears on your screen, click "Go to My Favorites".
 - ii. Confirm that the resource was added to the "Favorites" tab of your profile.

5. My Curriki

- a. Click on "My Curriki" on the left-hand side of www.Curriki.org.
- b. Click "My Profile". If you have not already done so, create your profile on Curriki by clicking "Edit Profile".
- c. There are 6 tabs at the top of your "My Curriki" profile page. Name them here:
- d. Click on the "Blog" tab. Write a brief blog entry answering the following question, "How can you use Curriki in your classroom?"

6. Curriki Tutorials

- a. Curriki allows users to not only find resources, but to create resources and collaborate with other users as well. To learn about other ways you can use Curriki, return to the homepage of Curriki.
- b. Click "Help" on the left-hand side of the page. Then click "Tutorials".
- c. Select "Contributing to Curriki".
- d. Watch the video to learn how to add content to Curriki.

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