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Virtual Field Trips

- Virtual Field Trips can have three main focuses.
 - ☞ They can be created and viewed prior to an actual student trip. This will enable teachers to prepare students before boarding the bus and allow the teacher to focus on particular points of interest. (Preparatory set or focus of sorts.)
 - ☞ Students can participate in the creation of a virtual trip after having taken an actual trip. This type of activity would reinforce the concepts taught and can act as a type of scrapbook of the adventure.
 - ☞ The purely virtual field trip facilitates the students' visit to a destination via the Web – without the yellow bus. When well composed it can make the students feel as though they are actually at the location through the use of online videos, graphics, and sounds.
- How do we begin?
 - ☞ Determine the topic and/or destination that might be of interest.
 - ☞ Use an Internet Search Engine to research sites with relevant content that might have web cams, videos, and/or pictures to reinforce the lesson - they should make you feel like you're really there.
 - ☞ Determine your sub-topics within the main topic and categorize your finds accordingly.
 - ☞ Compile your finds in a Web-page editor (i.e., Netscape Composer, Dreamweaver, FrontPage, etc.) and have your webmaster post it to the Internet when you're done (sounds too easy, right?).
 - ☞ Prepare your lesson to integrate the activity into your classroom.
- Trip Collections
 - ☞ HCISD Virtual Field Trip Collection
<http://www.harlingen.isd.tenet.edu/virtualtrips.html>
 - ☞ Utah Education Network, listed by content area or theme, includes tutorials
<http://www.uen.org/utahlink/tours/>
 - ☞ Ibiblio Internet Library and Digital Archives
<http://www.ibiblio.org/cisco/trips.html>
 - ☞ Fortune City
<http://campus.fortunecity.com/newton/40/field.html>
 - ☞ The OOPS Virtual Field Trip Page
<http://oops.bizland.com/vtours.htm>
 - ☞ SEDS Teacher Resources
<http://sesd.sk.ca/teacherresource/virtualtour/virtualtours.htm>
 - ☞ Education & Computer Connection
<http://www.nvo.com/ecnewsletter/virtualfieldtrips/>
 - ☞ Virtual Field Trips
<http://www.virtual-field-trips.com>
 - ☞ Oswego City School District Web Resources
http://www.oswego.org/staff/cchamber/webdesign/virtual_fieldtrips.htm
 - ☞ Education World
http://www.education-world.com/a_tech/tech071.shtml#resources