Online Encyclopedias (Part 2 of 3)
World Book Browsing

Skills Category  World Book Student Browsing
Grade Level  5th
Time Required  15 minutes
Objectives  Students will become familiar with the browsing feature in WB Student
Materials Needed  Projector

Preparation  Become familiar with the browsing feature before you present this lesson.

Procedure  1. Introduction:

“Who has been to a store in the past week? Did you know exactly what you wanted to buy when you went in the store? Or, did you just look around? It can be fun to just look around in the store. It can also be fun to just look around in encyclopedias. We call this ‘browsing’ and World Book Student has a great section just right for this.

2. Lesson

“Let’s go to worldbookonline.com Student Encyclopedia (we’ve been here before)”

“This time, let’s do some ‘browsing’… Find “Other Ways to Find It.” (In the light green shaded area to the right of the search box)

“Let’s click on by subject. Wow, look at the cool topics we now have to browse. Let’s try ‘recreation and sports’. When we click on that, we get several articles. We can click on one of the articles, or go to the left hand side and ‘dig deeper’ into one of the more specific topics about sports. Let’s try________________.”
Demonstrate- Click on one of the articles and one of the ‘dig deeper’ topics

“We could spend a lot of time just browsing all of the different articles about sports.

Let’s try another topic. How about history? We can dig deeper on this topic. Let’s try Australia. (or pick another category) and explore that a little deeper.”

Demonstrate-Click on a couple of the articles that come up and also show students some of the articles under “dig deeper.”

“How many of you have learned something new today that you did not know about? Whether we are just looking in a store or browsing a database, it can be fun to find something new.”