

Script to Accompany 6-Pioneer PowerPoint:

(Numbers correspond to slide numbers.)

Slide 1. What is the #1 Internet site for Utah students to find trusted information?

Slide 2. PIONEER of course! Pioneer dot Utah Educational Network dot Organization is the Internet address. The address and the logo tell us that this site is for students in Utah schools.

Slide 3. Pioneer is for all Utah students. It is available from schools and public libraries. We can reach Pioneer from home computers using a login name and password. The password changes every summer. The password for this year is _____. (Have the students write the password on their PIONEER bookmarks.) Let's take a look at some of the databases: First: CultureGrams.

Slide 4. Notice all the information available in this database: Where would you go to find information for kids on Zimbabwe in Africa? Let's try the Kids Edition.

Slide 5. OK, here's Africa; now let's find Zimbabwe

Slide 6. There it is, now let's see what we can learn about Zimbabwe.

Slide 7. Name some of the types of information on Zimbabwe. Good, now let's go back to the PIONEER home page to see what else we can find.

Slide 8. Let's take a look at SIRS Discoverer.

Slide 9. Let's focus on science for this database. Type "astronomy" in the textbox and click "Search."

Slide 10. Ah ha! Pictures! Let's click the camera icon.

Slide 11. OK, but we want to look at a larger version of the picture of a total solar eclipse, so we click on the picture.

Slide 12. Here's the eclipse, along with a picture of a nebula. You can access the complete article by clicking on the link. Isn't this a great database! Back to PIONEER.

Slide 13. Our final database for today is Soundzabout. Here we find music and sound effects for presentations.

Slide 14. The music and sounds on this site are free for schools to use. Let's look at some of the 57 "Sound Effects."

Slide 15. Notice the topics on the list. Let's see if we can find a sound effect for wind. Type the word in the box, and click "search."

Slide 16. There it is at the top of the list. Now let's see how it sounds. I'm sure you can see how sounds can make your presentations more effective. Please always remember to use this site with courtesy at school.

Slide 17. Now everyone is sure of the answer to this question.

Slide 18. PIONEER of course! Ask your teacher if you can do a research project using Pioneer. Be sure to take the bookmark home to remind you how to access PIONEER from your home computer, and remember that the password from home will change again next again next summer.