Jordan School District Elementary Library Media Curriculum Grade 5: World Book Databases Part 3

Online Encyclopedias (Part 3 of 3) World Book Databases

Skills Category World Book's Other Databases

Grade Level 5th

Time Required 15 minutes

Objectives Students will become aware of all the World Book Databases.

Materials Needed Projector

(Locate some old shoes. Have a very, very large pair, and a very tiny baby pair. Have these in a bag so that students do not see

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them until you present the lesson.)

Preparation Become familiar with the databases before you present this lesson.

Locate two pairs of shoes and a bag

Procedure 1. Introduction:

"Guess what I've got in this bag! (Pull out the large size of shoes as you say that.) Look around. "It doesn't appear that these would fit anyone in this room. They are much too big. Let's see if anyone can fit in my other pair of shoes. (Pull out the tiny pair of shoes.) No, these don't fit anyone in this room either."

"Not everyone can wear the same size, can they? Today I am going to show you all the World Book Encyclopedias. Some are for high school students, some are for preschool students, and some are just right for us. Let's see if we can decide which ones fit elementary students "

2. Lesson

Let's go to worldbookonline.com

Look at all the databases. How many are there? (twelve)

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Let's take a peek at each one and try to decide who it would fit the best

Lead a discussion with the students in which you open each database and decide who it is for. Ask students, "Who do you think could use this encyclopedia? (high school students, preschoolers, elementary students, teachers, are some choices)

- World Book Kids (elementary)
- World Book Student (elementary)
- World Book Advanced (high school)
- World Book Discover (middle and high school)
- L'encyclopedie Decouverte (French speakers)
- Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos (Spanish speakers)
- Hispanica Saber (Spanish speakers)
- Living Green (people interested in ecology)
- Inventions and Discoveries (people interested in this topic)
- Early Peoples (Sixth graders for sure)
- Dramatic Learning (Teachers who want to put on plays)
- Early World of Learning (preschoolers)

Not all of these encyclopedias fit everyone. Choose what works for you. "If the shoe fits, wear it!"