Internet Workshop: Exploring Units

Objectives:
This Internet workshop will give you an opportunity to explore helpful resources on the Internet. We also ask that you think about two other aspects of these resources:
* Integration of Technology: Which units demonstrate good use of technology? And, what does “good” use of technology mean?
* Principles of design: Is the site accessible? What has the designer done to help or hinder your easy use of this information?

Looking for units that might be helpful to your teaching:
Go to the bookmarked sites and explore. Keep track of sites that share curriculum ideas that appeal to you and that you might be able to use (parts or the entire design). Be ready to share in Caucus the three or four best ideas you find.
Integration of technology:
You may find that the units you like best may use little technology. That’s fine, as we continue to emphasize the authentic use of technology. Please look for, though, units that do demonstrate a good use of technology. In Caucus you will share a very brief description of the unit and how and why you think the unit uses technology well. As we read each other’s responses, we will begin to form criteria to help us decide what is good use of technology. You may also want to share some poor uses of technology.

Principles of Design:
Is the site accessible? What has the designer done to help or hinder your easy use of this information? Think about William’s principles of design. How have these been used well or ignored? Be ready to share the best and the worst of the sites you visit, in terms of their design.