

Subject #9: Research

Project #82: Sponge Activities using Webcams, Virtual Tours and Videos. Have students take these virtual tours when they have a few minutes at the end of class.

Higher-order thinking skills	Technology-specific:	Subject Area/ Learning-specific	Standard: NETS-S
<i>Using concepts in new situations, grasping meaning</i>	<i>Use technology to broaden subject matter competency, learn the basics of internet</i>	<i>Reinforce spelling, class word lists</i>	<i>4.d, 6.a</i>

Grade level: 2-8
 Prior knowledge: Project 99: *Internet Basx*
 Time required: 5-10 minutes
 Software required: internet browser
 Vocabulary: sponge, webcams, virtual tours

Lesson Description

- A 'sponge' was originally coined by Madeline Hunter an activity designed to produce learning during a classroom's down time. They stem from Hunter's teaching philosophy that there should be no wasted moments in her classroom.
- Each of these websites offers quick activities for students, taking 5-10 minutes.
- If you purchased the digital version of this book, just Ctrl+click on the blue links to go to the site

Computer Activity

- Give students this list of websites. They can choose between virtual tours, webcams, panoramic views. Because they're visual, they're quick, packed with loads of information.
 - Virtual tours
www.peru-machu-picchu.com/index.php
 - Webcams around the World
www.earthcamforkids.com/
 - More Worldwide webcams for kids
teachtopia.com/webcams.html
 - Nova video programs
www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/programs.html
 - School Tube—learning videos. Organized by topics
sqooltube.com/



Extensions

- Add websites to favorites or class internet start page to be used more quickly

Troubleshooting Tips

- *I get a list of hits—not the site (Did you type the address into the search bar rather than the address bar?)*
- *I can't find what you're talking about (Take a deep breath and a moment to read what's on the webpage. There are probably directions to help you. Try it—it'll be fun!)*