

# Creating a Window to the World

Collaborative teaching across  
geographical boundaries

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# How are you collaborating?



# Conference ideas in action

- Essential questioning
- Flip Teaching
- Screen Capture
- Podcasting
- Digital Portfolio
- Flash Video
- Twitter/social media

# Objectives

- Share stories and examples of collaboration between teachers
- Share stories and examples of collaboration between students
- Share examples of collaborative projects
- Show how one teacher can change the atmosphere of a school



# How our collaboration started

- 2005 pre-student teaching...and again in Spring 2006
- Separate districts
- Teaching American History Conference



# The New World



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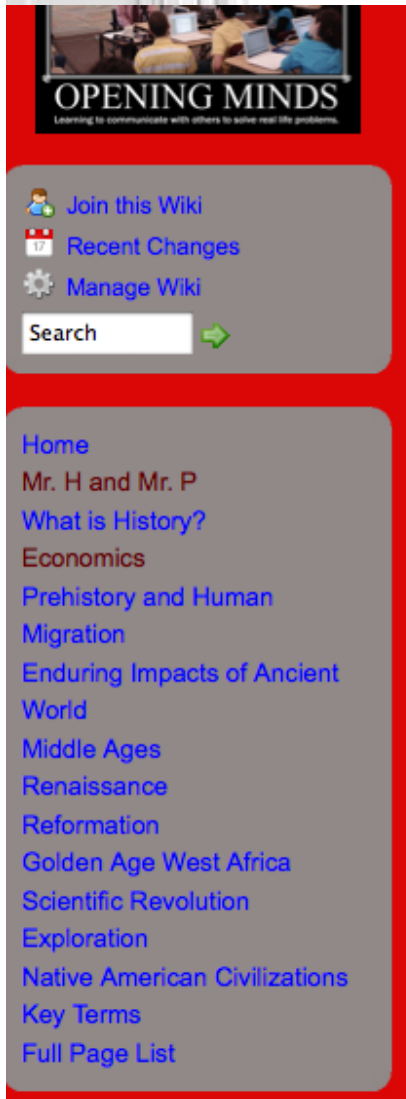
# First Collaboration

## The Students' History

**A digital History textbook created by students, for students!!!**

**A collaboration between Two Middle Schools.**

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- Purchased domain through a grant
- November 15, 2009
- Went live on [April 1, 2010](#)
- Web show airs [summer 2010](#)
- Over 20,000 page views
- Collaboration around the nation

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## Professional Collaboration

- 2 Schools: [1 blog](#)
- Teacher to parent communication
- Teacher to student communication
- The beginning of student-to-student communication

The screenshot shows the website's layout. On the left is a dark sidebar with a list of navigation links: Home, Mr. Pennington's Blog, Mr. Holman's Blog, BMS Homework, Ms. Daugherty's Blog, The Wall, Live Help, World History Search Engine, Videos, Parents, CMS Downloads, Middle Ages Webquest, Middle Ages Video, CMS Track, and Renaissance Clips. The main content area has a dark background. At the top, it reads '7th GRADE WORLD HISTORY WITH MR. PENNINGTON AND MR. HOLMAN' followed by a welcome message. Below the text is a video player showing a classroom scene with a play button overlay. At the bottom, there is a search bar with the text 'Our Very own Google search engine. Only uses sites approved by Mr. Holman and Myself.' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar is a link to 'Create your own Custom Search Engine'.

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**7th GRADE WORLD HISTORY WITH MR. PENNINGTON AND MR. HOLMAN**

Welcome to 2010-2011!! I am hoping this is a great school year filled with collaboration, creative thinking, problem solving, and new ways of engaging in learning. As you can see, this blog is running between myself and Garth Holman who teaches at Beachwood Middle School. Our goal is to allow students to collaborate between schools, districts and cities. It is also a great way for Mr. Holman and myself to reflect on how we teach our students. Our goal is to help students gain more from this class than the traditional linear education. Life is organic and we must change as the circumstances insist, education should be personalized and I should be a facilitator for students to show me what they know. Good luck to everyone!

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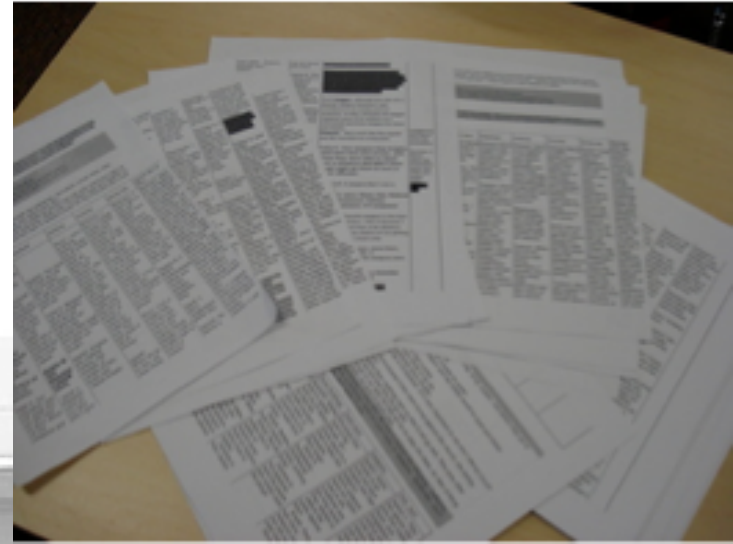
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# Student Collaboration

- Skype
  - [Classroom](#) to [Classroom](#)
  - Classroom to [Expert](#)
- GoogleDocs
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# Collaborative Projects

- [WebQuest](#)
  - Completely built through Skype and GoogleDocs
  - 9 week [project](#)
- Flip Teaching
  - Scott [Sibberson](#)
  - Computer-side chats
- Engaged learning
  - Mastery
  - First-person history
  - Evaluation
- Conference
  - [Learning](#) outside the [classroom](#)

## Essential Questions

1. What do governments do? What makes a government a just government?
2. What does government provide which we cannot provide for ourselves?
3. Why live together? What holds us together?
4. What does it mean to live in a Just society?
5. What does freedom mean?
6. Were the Dark Ages really Dark?
7. Describe how you see the Dark Ages in today's society?

## Collaborative Documents

Google doc Links: Use these links to ask other members in your social class from different classes and other schools for help, to provide cool links for learning, images or comments. Please only use your social class link and provide your first name and school only (Example: Bob, CMS or Lisa, BMS)

[Kings](#)  
[Nobles or Lords](#)  
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[Merchants and or Artisans](#)  
[Peasants](#)

Computer-Side Chats Collaboration with GoogleDocs:



## Quests for this project

# Teacher-Leaders

- At-risk reading [project](#)
- 8th grade [blogs](#)/wikis
- [Glogster](#) & L.A. project
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- 7th grade experience
- Tech course curriculum
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