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Course Title:

"Using Research Skills in the Development of Student Newsletters"

Content Area:

Language Arts/Social Studies

Grade Level:

Grades 2 through 9

Goal:

Teacher Objectives:

- Teachers will learn to use MarcoPolo as a resource to guide students through research on a specific topic.
- Teachers will develop clear guidelines geared to the development of individual student newsletters.
- Teachers will develop a rubric designed to aid students in assessing their work.
- Teachers will learn to use Microsoft Publisher or Microsoft Word in order to guide students in the development of student newsletters (final product).

Student Objectives:

- Students will develop new research skills and hone existing skills while using MarcoPolo.
- Students will learn the basic components of a newsletter and apply their knowledge in developing their own newsletters.
- Students will synthesize their research results by developing newspaper articles.

Overview:

This course will educate teachers in using newsletters as a vehicle for presentation of student research. At the close of this class, teachers will be fully versed in the use of MarcoPolo as a resource tool. Furthermore, they will be able to create newsletters using Microsoft Publisher and/or Microsoft Word. Clearcut newsletter guidelines will be created by teachers in order to facilitate communication with students. Lastly, teachers will develop rubrics for evaluation of student newsletters, using online resources as a guide.