

Making your own Hotlist or Webquest

I use the site provided by Pacific Bell (Filamentality) at:

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/>

1. Go to the website, click on “start a new page”, or you can “edit an existing page”
2. Type in the info. requested, then click on “spin this thing”
3. Check the info. to see that it’s correct, then click “add links”. Here you can add as many links as you wish. You can always go back and add more, or change them at any time.
4. Now minimize the page, and open another window on the internet. Having two windows open will allow you to search for webs you want, highlight the web address, and then “copy and paste” the address onto the web site.
5. Once you’ve highlighted the web address you want, click “edit”, then “copy”.
6. Maximize your filamentality page, and click “edit”, then “paste” to put the web address in. You need to delete the “http://, so that it doesn’t appear twice. You can add as many webs here as you wish.
7. Now you might want to check out the choices you have, click on “explore all formats” to see a sample of each, and how they can be used:
 - Hotlist (this is just a list of webs)
 - Subject Sampler
 - Scrapbook
 - Treasure Hunt
 - Webquest
8. Click on the one that is your choice, you will now be able to customize your list by naming it, and dividing it into as many as five different headings.
9. Click on your format selection again at the bottom of the screen, and you’re now on the web! **Click on the web address, and add to your favorites.** Print a copy of this web address, and then check to make sure all your links work the way you want them to. You’re Done!

Favorite websites of mine for teachers

Teaching History Web- a great source for all history related topics

<http://www.teachersdiscoveringhistoryashistorians.com/index.htm>

Little Explorers is a great place for science and social studies printouts for elementary teachers

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Dictionary.html>

Kidsclick is a good search engine for kids, (no ads!)

<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick!>

Time for Kids reproducibles is a good site for DBQ's on many topics!

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/class/reproducibles/0,17589,,00.html>

The History Page (mostly elementary, but could be helpful for middle school too)

<http://www.mce.k12tn.net/history/historypages.htm>

Thinkquest Homepage (sites by students on almost any topic, very good resource)

<http://www.thinkquest.org/>

A-Z Kidstuff (good site for elementary)

<http://www.atozkidsstuff.com/schoolage.html>

Ben's Guide for Kids (excellent site on anything American from K-12, also lots of links to other gov't sites for kids)

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/index.html>