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## Teachers' Domain: A Powerful Tool

February 26, 2010 — glmaguest

Perhaps our greatest contribution to media specialist/teacher instructional design is sharing our knowledge of the vast repertoire of resources available for educators. And if, during these tough economic times, those resources are free, all the better!

I would guess that most teachers are aware of how to access top quality videos through United Streaming, but another tool that bears presenting to faculties is found at [www.teachersdomain.org](http://www.teachersdomain.org) : **Teachers' Domain**. This is a resource that is designed for classroom use and professional development and links to video and audio segments, Flash interactives, images, documents, lesson plans, and student activities on virtually any topic desired. It is an online library of more than 1,000 free media resources from public television (WGBH). Such programs as NOVA, Frontline, American Experience, and others are included and are related directly to (some) state and national standards.

There are many features to Teachers' Domain. Folders can be set up to organize chosen media, including notes of explanation with each item. Folders can then be shared with other educators who have been invited into a group that you can establish. So, you can share access to resources you've saved and notes you've assigned to resources with any other members.

Teachers' Domain is divided into two main areas, one for K-12 teachers and one labeled College Edition. The area for teachers hosts public television resources and provides sections for retrieving video, images, lesson plans, and various other resources, follow up activities, connections to related resources, and a link to relevant standards (such as NCTM for mathematics materials). Ratings and reviews are given for items, and they can be saved to a folder or recommended to a colleague. Also, proper MLA citation is included as well as a downloadable transcript of each video. All topics are searchable by word, grade level, or format.

Within the College Edition, there are staff development components as well as selected videos available to "enhance lectures, course assignments, and student research."

All in all, this is an awesome tool with high quality content. I strongly urge you to check this out and see if it useful in your staff development sessions and collaboration meetings with faculty. (Thanks to James McLendon for sharing information about this site with our group.)

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