

Below are some features of the Partner sites that trainers may use to guide each Partner site tour. Begin with the first ThinkByte and allow attendees to explore for a few minutes. Then interject the second and third ThinkBytes appropriately to maintain a high level of interest and exploration. Allow approximately 10-15 minutes of exploration at each Partner site.

ThinkBytes are listed below with either a brief description of what the feature is or how the feature can be showcased during the Partner site tour.

#### **ARTSEdge**

- ☆ 1. Lessons – Showcase themes and grade level combinations for targeted searching.
- 2. Look•Listen•Learn – A variety of multimedia interactives.
- 3. Art Quotes – A searchable database of quotes pertaining to the arts, printable in poster format.

#### **EconEdLink**

- ☆ 1. Current Events – Click on the link to Current Events and explain that specific lessons may be showcased to reflect these events.
- 2. Student versions – Each lesson has a corresponding student page that contains only the information your students need to complete the lesson. Navigate to any lesson and showcase the link to the student version.
- 3. Quick Search – Comprehensive list of keywords to search lessons.

#### **EDSITEment**

- ☆ 1. Subject Catalogue – Choose subject, and then subcategory and grade level. Showcase the two tabs for lesson plans and Web sites.
- 2. Calendar – Web sites and lesson plans highlighting events from the current month.
- 3. Literary Glossary – Definitions of common literary terms and links to EDSITEment lessons that correspond to each term.

#### **Illuminations**

- ☆ 1. Activities – Click on *View All Activities* for a comprehensive list of interactives – Clickable dropdown instructions are available. Note the box on the right-hand side of the page that may contain corresponding lesson plans.
- 2. Standards – E-examples and video clips addressing standards are available from the *Standards* link.
- 3. Lesson Plans – Select grade level, standard, and search term. Note that the computer icon denotes an associated online activity.

#### **ReadWriteThink**

- ☆ 1. Student Materials – From launch page for each student material, look for accompanying printable materials to support the activity. Example – ABC Match has a *print version* of the cards and *Tips for Using ABC Match*.
- 2. Calendar – Find classroom activities and online resources associated with events in literacy and literature.
- 3. Lesson Plans – Lesson plans can be sorted by title, grade, or date by clicking on the column headings.

#### **Science NetLinks**

- ☆ 1. Lessons and Tools – Sort the *Lessons* and *Tools* by clicking on the column headings to find resources aligned to the benchmark, title, or grade level.
- 2. Weekly Science Updates – Science related podcasts available in daily or weekly versions.
- 3. Resources – Choose a benchmark and grade level range to list related Web sites.

#### **Smithsonian History Explorer**

- ☆ 1. Lessons/Activities – Enter a search topic and click on the Go button. Filter the results by grade band, resource type, or historical era. Click on the title of the result and then on View link on the right side of the screen.
- 2. Interactives/Media – Filter resources by grade band and historical era.
- 3. Museum Artifacts – View artifacts from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History collection.

#### **Xpeditions**

- ☆ 1. Standards Bar – Showcase the standards bar that remains consistent throughout the *Lesson Plans*, *Activities*, *Xpedition Hall*, and *Standards* links, to assist in easily locating resources.
- 2. Atlas – Tool that creates a variety of maps for printing and copying or inserting into other documents.
- 3. Resources – *Kids Stories* are cool features and fun stories - as reported by National Geographic Kids.