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Keystone Assignment

The Teacher Tap: A Professional Development Resource for Educators

<http://eduscapes.com/tap/#1>

“The *Teacher Tap* is a free, professional development resource that helps educators address common technology integration questions by providing practical, online resources and activities.”

Authority:

The information and links on this site are reliable. The author's credentials and affiliation are listed at the bottom of the page. The author, Annette Lamb, is also available to be contacted for any clarifications. I would consider the author to be an expert in her field. [Her bio](#) states that “Annette has conducted nearly 1000 state, regional, national, and international presentations, keynotes, and workshops.” The site has the support of University of Toledo and the Indiana State Education Department. There is no evidence of organizational or author biases.

Scope:

The material on this site is useful, unique, and accurate, and it does give resources available in other formats. The purpose of this Professional Development Resource is clearly stated and it does fulfill its purpose. The resource includes topics ranging from Technology Rich Learning to a wide variety of Internet Resources to Libraries, Literature and Information Literacy. All information is information factual and is available through links to other sites. The site was created in May 2000 and was last updated in January 2006. It is updated monthly and a 🔥 denotes the new information.

Format and Presentation:

All the information on this site is easy to get to. For the most part it takes only one click to get to something useful. The quality of the graphical images leaves a little to be desired but they do not distract the user from the content of the site. The target audience or intended users are clearly indicated. The site states that this site is a “great resources for teachers, students, and life long learners.” The arrangement of links is organized and uncluttered. However, the site does not have its own search engine but, it is easily browsable and searchable.

Cost and Accessibility:

The site available on a consistent basis and the response time is fast. It does not have a text-based alternative. There were little to no links that led to a dead-end. It is not a fee-based site. And, there is no member registration sign up for the site.

Teacher Tap is an excellent time-saving resource for teachers. The site hosts a wide variety of useful topics. Teachers can visit this site for all types of how-to's as well as technology tips. Teacher Tap's learning outcome is to encourage educators to make productive use of the Internet as a tool for teaching and learning. The site is designed to support learning outcomes by introducing two new topics are each month. The topics, which are updated regularly, help build the Professional Development resources over time. The diversity of topics is definitely something that should be kept on this site. While the visual appeal to the site could be improved. Overall this Professional Development Resource is valuable to “teachers, library media specialists, and technology coordinators who need starting points for integrating technology into their classroom.”