



Going the Distance

Discover the Secrets to Looking Like a Videoconferencing Pro

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What is Videoconferencing?

- A conference between two or more people using a computer interface to transmit audio and video data.
 - Phone-based (Skype, FaceTime)
 - IP Based (GoToMeeting, WebEx, Lync)
 - H.323 Compatability
- What do I need?
 - Traditional equipment...Polycom, Cisco, Vidyo, LifeSize
 - Desktop based software...Realpresence Desktop
 - Ipad/Smart Phone Software...RealPresence Mobile

Why Should I Videoconference?

- To allow your students to practice
 - Critical thinking
 - Problem solving
 - Decision making
 - Digital citizenship
 - Communication skills
 - Collaboration skills
 - Global citizenship
- To provide real life experiences by
 - Interviewing experts
 - Traveling to locations students may never see otherwise
 - To learn about different life styles and view points

Free vs Not Free?

- Free videoconferences provide a wealth of experiences and information
 - Pros:
 - Cons:
- Paid videoconferences provide a wealth of experiences and information
 - Pros:
 - Cons:

How Do I Find Good Videoconferences?

- Local www.esc4.net/vc4u
- State www.connect2texas.net
- State www.tetn.net
- National www.cilc.org
- National www.vccontentproviders.org

Teacher2Teacher, Class2Class

- Debates
- Slams
- Contests
- Monster Matches
- Read-a-thons
- Projects
- Book studies

The Extra Mile...KC3

- Kids Connecting Classrooms, Communities and Cultures

THIRD PLACE (three way tie)

[Andrew Johnson: A Man Whose Faith in People Never Wavered](#)

Kim Rominger, Greeneville, TN

Andrew Johnson, the seventeenth President if from our hometown in Greeneville, Tennessee. We plan to take you on a journey that covers his life and political career. We will be able to take you on a virtual tour of three of his homes, tailor shop, and burial site. Although many people only think about the President that was impeached, he is so much more! Come join us to learn about this President.

[Catch of the Day, Out in Matagorda Bay](#)

Shawna Richter, Palacios, TX

Have you ever wondered what the life of a fisherman is like? In our small community

[Saddle Up and Ride to Better Horsemanship](#)

Smets, Merkel, TX

Do you ever wish you could gallop off into the sunset with the wind in your hair- just your western horsemanship.

HONORABLE MENTION for New Middle School

[Amelia Earhart: Her Legacy Ranger's History](#)

Lindsey Hawvermale, Ranger, TX

Amelia Earhart flew through life with rare courage and unequalled conviction. Though her airplane performance, the barrier of human dreams. One of these dreams brought her celebrated aviators in history, landed a Pitcairn autogyro on Ranger's tiny airfield. In do

