Hands On Activities

Focus on the activity highlighted on your page. Answer all questions and be prepared to give a 2-3 minute overview of what you learned and what you thought of it. Pick one person in your group to be the spokesperson and another to do any keyboarding that might be required to show this to the rest of the group.

If you finish your highlighted activity, feel free to try any of the other activities on the page as time allows.

Evaluate a Learning Object

Use the NLII observation tool and evaluate the following:

Critical Appraisal
http://www.psych.ualberta.ca/~ITL/InformationLiteracy/WebPages/WebAppraisal.htm

Information Literacy Exercise
http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/mlx/slip.php?item=1014 (click on the "web links" url in the description)

Evaluate a Repository

Use the attached list of questions to compare/contrast the following repositories. Be sure to try several types of searches, view results, and examine some of the items retrieved.

Compare/contrast:

Or, compare/contrast:
PRIMO Database (ACRL) http://cooley.colgate.edu/dbs/acrlprimo/showrec.html and Gateway to Education Materials http://www.thegateway.org/

Evaluate a LO Creation Tool

Use the attached list of questions to compare/contrast one of the following types of software tools. Be sure to look at online product demos, feature lists, samples for each tool as you complete this activity.

Simulation Builders:
- ViewletBuilder http://www.qarbon.com/
- Camtasia Studio http://www.techsmith.com/products/studio/

Game Development:
- Hot Potatoes http://www.halfbakedsoftware.com
- Quia Web http://www.quia.com/web/

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Questions – Evaluate a Repository

1. Compare/contrast the two repositories in relation to these features:
   a. Search features
   b. Level of metadata
   c. Presence of comments/feedback/user community
   d. Tracking (what does “tracking” mean in this repository?)
   e. Quality/type of objects included
   f. Overall ease of use

2. Which is your favorite repository of the two? Why?

3. How might use of these repositories support your own instructional needs? For what sorts of projects might you use them?

Questions – Evaluate a LO Creation Tool

1. Compare/contrast the two applications in relation to these criteria:
   a. Cost
   b. Operating systems/platforms that it runs on
   c. Standard features
   d. Extras/special features
   e. Ease of learning to use program (look at demos and tutorials on the site to estimate this)

2. If you could obtain one of these tools, which one would you select? Why?

3. Describe one or more projects that you might create with the selected tool to enhance instruction in your library.

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