

Think Quest Competition

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Think Quest Competition

ThinkQuest challenges students to create educational websites that are published in the ThinkQuest Library, a learning resource visited by 30 million web learners each year.

ThinkQuest participants develop important 21st century skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, self-direction, problem-solving, and technology skills.



Think Quest Benefits

- Students work on diverse teams.
- Students will explore educational topics.
- Students produce well-designed websites.
- Students become published web-authors

Three Age Divisions

- 12 and under
- Ages 13 – 15
- Ages 16 - 19

NYS Learning Standards

- **ELA 1.1**- Listening and reading to acquire information and understanding involves collecting data, facts, and ideas; discovering relationships, concepts, and generalizations; and using knowledge from oral, written, and electronic sources.
- **Performance Indicator**- Students will select and use strategies they have been taught for note taking, organizing, and categorizing information

- **ELA 1.2** – Speaking and writing to acquire and transmit information requires asking probing and clarifying questions, interpreting information in one’s own words, applying information from one context to another, and presenting the information and interpretation clearly, concisely, and comprehensibly.
- **Performance Indicator**- Students will use the process of pre-writing, drafting, revising, and proofreading (the “writing process”) to produce well-structured informational text.

NYS Learning Standards

- **MST 2.1** – Information technology is used to retrieve, process, and communicate information and as a tool to enhance learning.
- **Performance Indicator**- Students will access needed information from electronic on-line telecommunication sources (Internet).

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- **Performance Indicator**- Use a range of equipment and software to integrate several forms of information in order to create good quality audio, video, graphic, and text-based presentations.



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Model Schools Support

1 Full day training for all teacher coaches to include:

- Internet research techniques
- Proper citing of information
- Web design techniques
- Adobe Flash web animation
- Dedicated website to include resources for coaches

Sample ThinkQuest Sites

- Think Quest Winners
- Think Quest Toolkit – 19 & under 3rd place
- Living on the Brink – 12 & under 1st place
- Internet Safety – 15 & under 2nd place

What Next?

- Register your Team
- Sign up for Model Schools support
- Attend 1st coaches training
 - Tentative date – 11/30/07
- Questions?