

Challenges...

1. **Your project might take place over a period of time.**

It might only be possible for you to work on a project during 'spurts'. In order to keep your project work organized, it is highly recommended that you keep all related WebQuest work in a folder (both an electronic folder, and a paper folder would be appropriate). As well, you would be well-served by keeping a WebQuest Log, where you can track your progress on the project over time.

2. **Some links might be 'dead'.**

Not all teachers are able to keep up with changes to the Web addresses of resources cited in WebQuests. Be prepared to seek out additional resources.

3. **Be Prepared for varying working conditions.**

You may need to work alone; with others; under supervision; or 'under contract'. Remember that when using the Internet, you should work under the supervision of an adult. So that everyone understands the expectations of a given project, it would be a good idea to keep a 'simple contract' in your WebQuest folder, regarding project expectations and working conditions.

4. **You may struggle to find an interesting WebQuest.**

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What is a WebQuest?

"A WebQuest is an inquiry-oriented activity in which most or all of the information used by learners is drawn from the World Wide Web."

(Bernie Dodge 1998)

When created properly, WebQuests can turn learning about a topic into an engrossing experience.

The best WebQuests will put require you to take on a 'role' in the completion of a 'real world' project. The projects are usually much more than pen and pencil tasks, and you may be challenged to put many different skills to the test.

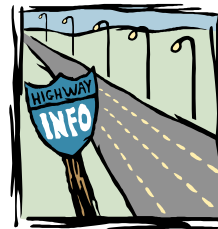
You may even get the opportunity to present your completed project to peers, parents and teachers. As an additional bonus, we can even share your work with the world by posting your project on the Centre for Excellence Web site.

Why would I want to do a WebQuest?

Have you ever sat in a classroom lamenting the fact that "This class is really boring!" or that "I already know all of this!"...

Webquests give you the opportunity to work alone; or with a partner; or with a small group, on a project that challenges you to apply your knowledge in unique, challenging and often entertaining ways.

Instead of working at the same tasks as your classmates, you may be given the opportunity to select a WebQuest as an independent or small group enrichment project. Instead of re-learning old things, you will get the chance to use the most current information available on the World Wide Web, to complete a motivating project as a replacement for work that you are already proficient at.



How do I get Started?

- 1. You should decide what work is being replaced by a given WebQuest.**
In consultation with your teacher, a particular subject area may be identified as an area from which you can 'buy time' to complete an enrichment project. As an example, a pre-test may prove to the teacher that you already know everything you need to know about a particular math concept; the teacher may then allow you to replace your study of the math concept, with work on a WebQuest.
- 2. You need to select a WebQuest.**
Not all WebQuests will be of interest to you, and not all will appropriately fit curriculum expectations of your grade level. You will need to consult with a teacher, in the selection of an appropriate WebQuest.
- 3. You may wish to modify one or some of the elements of the project.**
For example, if a project calls for you to create a poster to publicize a current health risk; you may negotiate in order to create a public address advertisement that can be played with school announcements instead. Similarly, you may wish to work alone on a WebQuest that was originally designed for a group of students; or you may wish to negotiate the way(s) in which your WebQuest is to be evaluated. Suffice it to say, WebQuests can be customized to suit your abilities, interests, and needs.