Doors to Diplomacy
Educating Youth to be Responsible World Citizens

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GSN provides online collaborative learning experiences that prepare youth for the workforce and help them to become literate and responsible global citizens.

Started in 1981 by teachers
21st Century Learning
Projects, Competitions, and Online Expeditions!

Standards-based, collaborative, and geared to connecting US students with students worldwide . . . to explore community, cultural and scientific issues!

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Totally **plugged in citizens** of a worldwide community!
Always Connected Tools

- Web
- iPod
- iPad
- Tivo
- PDA
- GPS
- Cell phone
- Wireless
Compelling Purpose:

Encourage middle school and high school students around the world to produce web projects that teach others about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy.
D2D Competition and Exhibition: Four Components

- **Collaborative Research Project:** teams consist of 2-4 students and 1-2 adult "coaches;" research conducted both online and offline; findings are assembled to publish an educational web project; bibliography is required

- **Project Narrative:** a reflective explanation telling how the project was organized (challenges overcome, content standards, etc.)

- **Peer Review Process:** teams evaluate other projects, using a web-based rubric. 

- **Awards:** $2,000 scholarships for students, $500 cash award for coaches’ schools.

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Eight Content Categories
Discussion Questions, Starter Activities, Resources, Project Examples

**CATEGORY 1**
**Leadership Traits**
Produce a website that teaches about the skills, traits, and characteristics which make an individual a great world leader.

**CATEGORY 2**
**Peace and Democracy: Social Issues**
Produce a website that teaches about international human rights, fair elections and judicial reform.

**CATEGORY 3**
**Business, Trade, and Economics**
Produce a website that teaches how multi-national investment and trade promotes better relations and works to improve the overall welfare of the global population.

**CATEGORY 4**
**Science and Technology**
Produce a website that teaches about science and technology issues which have varied national perspectives (i.e. the ethics of cloning, genetically modified crops, international space collaboration, etc.).

**CATEGORY 5**
**Safety and Security**
Produce a website that raises awareness about peacekeeping efforts, combating terrorism, and nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

**CATEGORY 6**
**History of Foreign Relations**
Produce a website that teaches about past foreign policy initiatives and significant historical events in diplomacy.

**CATEGORY 7**
**Health and Environmental Awareness**
Produce a website that teaches about how countries can work together to address health and environmental issues (i.e. to protect natural resources, eliminate world hunger, promote better healthcare access, etc.).

**CATEGORY 8**
**Arts and Culture**
Produce a website that teaches how countries and regions can build better relationships through the sharing and promoting of international arts and culture.
Lesson Starters

CATEGORY 1: LEADERSHIP TRAITS

A. Task
Produce a website that teaches about the skills, traits, and characteristics which make an individual a great world leader.

Read rules and instructions.

B. Learning Objectives:
Students will be able to list important world leaders and describe their contributions.
Students will be able to describe the ways skilled use of diplomacy contributed to the success of a world leader or leaders.
Students will understand the qualities and individual responsibilities required of citizens in their country and other countries.
Learning Management

How Projects are Organized

- Assemble team members and key players
- Review past projects for ideas
- Select a category and determine a topic
- Assign jobs (writing, art, technical, etc.)
- Create a timeline and project plan
- Determine resources and assess risks
- Conduct research, organize information
- Tell the story (web, blog, podcast, video)
- Document experience in the Project Narrative
Educational Impact

- Engages students: increases 21 Century literacy, real world applications, workforce transferable skills
- Improves Writing, Communications and Critical thinking skills
- Employs collaborative learning through Problem-Based and Project-Based Environment
- Active learning and reflections through Project Narratives
- Sharing and accountability through Peer Evaluation
- Uses Internet Publishing to document off-line research
- Provides tangible Evidence of student learning

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How to Participate

- Coach one or more teams
- Volunteer as a Project Reviewer
- Explore and use activities from eight content units
- Review the resource library of completed projects
- Conduct a regional workshop
- Become a local regional affiliate Partner

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D2D Sample Topics

Project ID 4272, Golden Bridges: Connecting People to Peace
Cat 6. History of Foreign Relations
Florida Virtual School
Orlando, Florida, USA

Project ID 4386, Fight Poverty
Cat 2. Promotion of Peace and Democracy: Social Issues
Metodi Mitevski
Delcevo, Brico, Macedonia

Project ID 4233, Soccer and Its Power
Category: 8. Arts and Culture
Mfantsipim School, Central Region, Cape Coast, Ghana
with help from John Muir School, San Diego, California, USA
D2D Sample Topics

Platinum Prize Winner!

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Project ID 6096: Diplomacy Through Communication
Category: 8. Arts and Culture
Clinton High School
Clinton, New York, UNITED STATES

Platinum Prize Winner!

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Project ID 6205: The Silent Tsunami ~ Global Food Crisis
Category: 3. Trade/International Economics
Ming-Dao High School (represented), Dazhi High School
Taichung County, TAIWAN
Help Your Students Learn About Diplomatic History

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PLEASE help us get the word out about TWO international student project-design competitions!!

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS CYBERFAIR (for ages 8-19)
* Projects must focus on local community topics including local history, culture, business, leadership, environment, etc.

DOORS TO DIPLOMACY (for ages 13-19 years)
* $2,000 USD scholarships for each student, $500 USD cash for schools
* Projects must focus on global issues including world leadership, environment, economics, history, science, culture, etc.

Projects must be completed by March!

Global SchoolNet is our lifeline - taking us out of the ghetto and into the world where we stand on equal footing with children from around the nation and from around the globe!
-Mary Seifert, teacher from Memphis, TN

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5 Ways to Learn More

1. Become a Member of Global SchoolNet
2. View the videos in the Collaborative Learning Playlist
3. Visit the Projects Registry and browse through the many collaborative projects
4. Join the Hilites news list to receive announcements about new collaboration opportunities
5. Volunteer to be a CyberFair or Doors to Diplomacy project reviewer

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Questions?

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Thanks for listening!
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