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mrami2 **@bryanthomaslee** all **#engchat** archives are found here:
engchat.pbworks.com -8:04 PM Feb 28th, 2011

BryanThomasLee Just stumbled onto **#engchat** and am glad I did. Is there an archive? Need more on **#PBL** for Princ. needing a leader in this. -8:03 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher A few options for alternatives to Book Reports **<http://bit.ly/fqvjXQ>** **#engchat** **#pbl** -8:02 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher RT **@mrami2**: Thank you to everyone for joining tonight's **#engchat** - look out for two guest moderators next week and another great topic!
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TheNerdyTeacher **@LoriTheLaw** - it was great having you at **#engchat**. Come back next week! -8:02 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher **@teachdig** - I stand firm on it and they get used to my answers after a while I guess. **#engchat** -8:02 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLinkyRetweets by **@locotech**: MT **@sharnon007**: Check out this guide for VirtualMacbeth - this actually looks NEAT! **#shakespeare** **#engchat** **#SecondLife** [http...](#) -8:01 PM Feb 28th, 2011

LoriTheLaw **#engchat** Sorry know the last post was off=topic,. This was my first engchat and it rocked! Thank you all. -8:00 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrami2 Thank you to everyone for joining tonight's **#engchat** - look out for two guest moderators next week and another great topic! -8:00 PM Feb 28th, 2011

teachdig **@thenerdyteacher** How do you get the kids to realize that. The yeah buts are killing me. **#engchat** -8:00 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher If you are interested in my upcoming adventures during my joint Romeo and Juliet Project check out my blog. **<http://bit.ly/grdzuO>** **#engchat** -8:00 PM Feb 28th, 2011

LoriTheLaw RT **@sharnon007**: New type of **#poetry**? NEWSPAPER BLACKOUT is a Newspaper + a Marker = Poetry **<http://j.mp/f4N7at>** **#engchat** -8:00 PM Feb 28th,

2011

mrami2 @cybraryman1 your encouragement gave me the push I need to start **#engchat**, so THANK YOU! -7:59 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrami2 @thenerdyteacher I loved learning with you and look fwd to reading abt R+J adventures on your blog. **#engchat** -7:59 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 @mrami2 You have built a wonderful chat. And I remember talking to you about it before it began. **#engchat** -7:58 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrami2 @thenerdyteacher thank you so much for hosting tonight and bring new participants to **#engchat** -7:58 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher Don't forget to follow new friends and check out and comment on their blogs. **#engchat** -7:58 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @TheNerdyTeacher So glad you were willing to break your Twitter silence to chat with us!!! Thank you! **#engchat** -7:58 PM Feb 28th, 2011

create2day">@thenerdyteacher: Make mistakes and let the kids see you make mistakes. **#engchat #PBL**" -7:57 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @thenerdyteacher Thanks for moderating tonight Nick **#engchat** let me know about the Goonies post... -7:57 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher Thanks to **@mrami2** for another amazing **#engchat!** -7:57 PM Feb 28th, 2011

MrsC_teach . @thenerdyteacher I switched from 'Susie received a B' to 'Susie earned a B' a few years ago. Agree. **#engchat** -7:57 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher I'm so glad I broke my Twitter silence for this excellent **#engchat!** Please contact me if you have Qs or ideas. -7:57 PM Feb 28th, 2011

Revenaugh RT **@TheNerdyTeacher**: If a teacher is not excited for Projects, the students will never get excited. Passion is everything in **#PBL #engchat** -7:56 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins @mrami2 Are we next? **@donalynbooks** and me? Really? **#engchat** -7:56 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @TKSlibrarian @paulwhankins Heavens, yes! I still offer tests, but I

prefer to give writing assignments or projects. **#engchat** -7:56 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @cybraryman1 - "All the world's a stage..." **#engchat** -7:56 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @tkraz #engchat - That is what I tell kids. More in class writing and less MC tests. -7:55 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 @thenerdyteacher Nick. Great moderating "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet" **#engchat** -7:55 PM Feb 28th, 2011

tkraz @TheNerdyTeacher Which prepares them for college even more b/c they will have few M/C tests on lit there **#engchat** -7:55 PM Feb 28th, 2011

Akevy613 @thenerdyteacher we can only learn by taking risks, even if at first we fail or make mistakes **#engchat** -7:55 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrmi2 @donalynbooks @paulwhankins what do you want to discuss during next **#engchat**? Pls let me know. -7:54 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing #engchat #PBL do you most often assign projects or co-develop them w/ stdnts? -7:54 PM Feb 28th, 2011

rightingteacher We had mocktail party with projects. Each student had three post-it "commendations" to give to other students for impressive work **#engchat** -7:54 PM Feb 28th, 2011

ecarboni #engchat thanks for the great discussion tonight! Always learn here. -7:54 PM Feb 28th, 2011

KristinGiron PBL allows for students to be the teachers and teachers to be facilitators **#engchat** -7:54 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @tkraz - #engchat - I only replace the big MC tests that I used to give. They still write plenty. -7:54 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins @rightingteacher I'm always surprised in what I find when I invite the student to the balcony with me to look at a project. **#engchat** -7:54 PM Feb 28th, 2011

elephantsgerald RT **@rightingteacher**: Self-ev helps me see/appreciate things kids value that I might have missed **#kidscanboast #engchat** -7:53 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @tkraz - #engchat - I still have my students write essays. The same amount as other classes. -7:53 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins RT **@rightingteacher**: Self-eval helps me see/appreciate things kids worked on/value that I might have missed given quantity of grading. Kids can boast. **#engchat** -7:53 PM Feb 28th, 2011

padgets #engchat Thank you all for letting me lurk and learn :0) Have a great night -7:53 PM Feb 28th, 2011

KennethLibby RT **@TheNerdyTeacher**: You learn from your mistakes, not from being perfect. **#engchat** -7:52 PM Feb 28th, 2011

rightingteacher Self-eval helps me see/appreciate things kids worked on/value that I might have missed given quantity of grading. Kids can boast. **#engchat** -7:52 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins Self-Evaluation Grade **#3** NT= Next Time. How might you approach the project given another opportunity? What parts would you keep. **#engchat** -7:52 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing #engchat any one writing tiered tests w/ **#PBL** at the end? -7:52 PM Feb 28th, 2011

tkraz @TheNerdyTeacher The push back: what of parent concerns about getting them ready for college by writing? **#engchat** -7:52 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher If a teacher is not excited for Projects, the students will never get excited. Passion is everything in **#PBL #engchat** -7:52 PM Feb 28th, 2011

thart74 RT **@TheNerdyTeacher**: You learn from your mistakes, not from being perfect. **#engchat** -7:52 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TKSlibrarian @CBethM @thereadingzone @paulwhankins Lower order thinking on a test is easier than higher order thinking on a project. **#engchat** -7:51 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins Self-Evaluation Letter Grade **#2**: GB= Go Beyond. How did you go beyond the project offered. Can you point me to this? **#engchat** -7:51 PM Feb 28th, 2011

pete_rodrigues RT **@thenerdyteacher**: **#PBL** is about trying something new to engage the students in my classroom. It keeps me and content fresh. **#engchat**

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TheNerdyTeacher I mean, how many times can I read the same essay on Huck Finn or Gatsby. **#PBL** spices up the lessons for students and teachers. **#engchat**

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rightingteacher I did most recent poetry project with my students, did self-eval as they did, according to rubric we collaborated on; modeling key **#engchat** -7:50 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins Self-evaluation piece is so important. Letter grade: LB=What did you like best about your project? What do you want me to see? **#engchat** -7:50 PM Feb 28th, 2011

KristinGiron PBL is best way to give students independence in the classroom. Allows for student ownership! **#engchat** -7:50 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher To me, **#PBL** is about trying something new to engage the students in my classroom. It keeps me fresh and the content fresh. **#engchat** -7:50 PM Feb 28th, 2011

pete_rodrigues I love it when kids ask if we'll be having a test along with a project. **#engchat** -7:50 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @CBethM #sbar is a good lever and useful for **#PBL**, but implementation takes a lot of buy-in, talk, & invention during first years **#engchat** -7:50 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher You learn from your mistakes, not from being perfect. **#engchat** -7:49 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @chadsansing I do my best to do that in my classroom. Happy to swim against that tide, but they see it everywhere else. **#engchat** -7:49 PM Feb 28th, 2011

JBold29 RT **@thereadingzone**: I had my seniors create Tweets for characters in Hamlet. They had to understand characters/relationships to be authentic. **#engchat** -7:49 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @rightingteacher yes; grades are labels & mechanisms for sorting kids; we don't accept other bullying remarks, why grades? **#engchat** -7:49 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher I assure kids regularly that I will be making mistakes with new

projects. Especially with the new R&J project. **#engchat** -7:49 PM Feb 28th, 2011

teachersharetp RT **@thenerdyteacher**: My mistakes make kids feel better about their mistakes. **#engchat** great quote -7:49 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher My mistakes make kids feel better about their mistakes. **#engchat** -7:48 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher RT **@TheNerdyTeacher**: Make mistakes and let the kids see you make mistakes. **#engchat #PBL** -7:48 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @chadsansing @StephanieBaier I'm with you. Most kids respond & remember feedback. Wish we could just give feedback & forgo grades. **#engchat** -7:48 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher Make mistakes and let the kids see you make mistakes. **#engchat #PBL** -7:48 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrmi2 My hints: Create a FAQ for each project, reassure students, model willingness to learn new tools **#engchat** -7:48 PM Feb 28th, 2011

rightingteacher @chadsansing @StephanieBaier That's my exp, too, but sometimes we have to have convos about it, including "You are NOT a #!!" **#engchat** -7:47 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @thenerdyteacher And don't be afraid to start with help from someone who is doing/done it **#engchat** -7:47 PM Feb 28th, 2011

pete_rodriguez @chadsansing exactly - even kids feel that way, they've been "trained" **#engchat** -7:47 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher #PBL should be designed to support the teaching in the classroom. **#engchat** -7:47 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @CBethM stop grading; stop single-measure, high-stakes testing; stop instructional practices that support those constraints **#engchat** -7:47 PM Feb 28th, 2011

locotech MT **@sharnon007**: Check out this guide for VirtualMacbeth - this actually looks NEAT! **#shakespeare #engchat #SecondLife <http://j.mp/dKVSUv>**; -7:47 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 RT **@thenerdyteacher**: Best advice I can give is to create solid

lesson first. Next, start small & grow 1 lesson at a time. **#engchat** -7:47 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher I didn't start with an 8 week joint project cross time zones. Start small and grow with **#PBL #engchat** -7:46 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @pete_rodriguez They are less stressed and can focus on the learning not on the grades. Isn't that the way it should be? :) **#engchat** -7:46 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @hale27storm I agree. Since when can we really learn w/o risking failure? Most of what I learn is thru experimentation (& failure)! **#engchat** -7:46 PM Feb 28th, 2011

h_sunshine On my mind right now- Standards Based Grading. + and -. Also, how to. What about PBL & SBG? Thoughts? **#edchat #engchat #edtech #educat** -7:46 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @StephanieBaier i have to disagree; over time, w/ trusting relationships, kids respond more to & learn more from fdbck than a grade **#engchat** -7:46 PM Feb 28th, 2011

rightingteacher My students must include self-eval with project: +, -, -->, ? for a pos, neg, where there was growth/change, a question **#engchat** -7:46 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher Best advice I can give to NTs and **#PBL** is to create solid lesson first. Next, start small and grow one lesson at a time. **#engchat** -7:46 PM Feb 28th, 2011

pete_rodriguez @stumpteacher my super driven seniors freaked - then they felt the same way. major change from most classes **#relief #engchat** -7:45 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrami2 Helpful hints for teachers just implementing PBL in the English classes **#engchat** -7:45 PM Feb 28th, 2011

hale27storm Students sometimes earn grade 4 process, not final project. Any time I tell them I'm taking a grade their writing changes. Less risks **#engchat** -7:44 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @pete_rodriguez For about a week...then they were relieved to know not everything is graded. Free to make mistakes and learn **#engchat** -7:44 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @chadsansing Keep pondering this graded info = important info. Non-graded = unimportant. Couldn't be more wrong. How can we change? **#engchat** -7:44 PM Feb 28th, 2011

pete_rodriguez @stumpteacher do you have kids fear that? my kids had a hard time getting used to fewer "grades" at first **#engchat** -7:44 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLazarOtC Have to run. Thank you **#engchat** and **#sschat** folk for the conversation -7:44 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @chadsansing #engchat - I try and keep everything on an equal playing field so I get equal effort. -7:44 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @pete_rodriguez @thenerdyteacher i think the fear is that we don't culturally view as rigorous or aligned to test-prep **#engchat #PBL** -7:43 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @chadsansing #engchat - Kids rarely know when something is going to be graded or how much it is worth. -7:43 PM Feb 28th, 2011

rightingteacher Classtime becomes less talk from me, more notetaking, redirection, encouraging, accessing resources **#engchat** -7:43 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @pete_rodriguez @thenerdyteacher i think the fear that we don't culturally view as rigorous or aligned to test-prep **#engchat #PBL** -7:43 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher 30-40% of the work my kids do is not graded. **#engchat** it is just "preparatory" work for a PBL or other bigger activity -7:43 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @pete_rodriguez #engchat - The word project does have serious implications. A project might be a two day event or an 8 week unit. -7:43 PM Feb 28th, 2011

pete_rodriguez @thenerdyteacher true, breaking from past practice might be toughest work **#engchat** (I'd rather do that then write MC questions though) -7:43 PM Feb 28th, 2011

rightingteacher I think it shifts a lot of work to the kids' shoulders during class time; my work becomes planning/building flexibility **#engchat** -7:42 PM Feb 28th, 2011

pete_rodriguez @thenerdyteacher do you think tchrs fear the word "project" and think its massive when it doesn't need to be that? **#engchat** -7:42 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @tkraz #engchat - I always guide the kids who might not set the bar at the right height. -7:42 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @thenerdyteacher if every lesson that counts has a grade attached,

what does that teach kids re: grades, test or no test? **#engchat #PBL** -7:42 PM Feb 28th, 2011

tkraz @TheNerdyTeacher Do you find that they choose an appropriate standard? Maybe for fear of choosing "too easy" or "too difficult" :) **#engchat** -7:41 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @pete_rodriguez - At times, but to organize all of the work is a daunting task is you are used to bubble tests. **#engchat** -7:41 PM Feb 28th, 2011

h_sunshine RT **@JennaMagnuski**: Posted in my classroom! **#sachat #highered** RT **@thenerdyteacher**: **#engchat** - I don't GIVE grades. Kids EARN grades. -7:41 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @thenerdyteacher doesn't "just for feedback" privilege grades over feedback? aren't grades an info-poor shrthand 4 fdbck? **#engchat #PBL** -7:41 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM That being said, I will kind of miss that project. On to time for them to finish up Shakespeare project. **#engchat** -7:41 PM Feb 28th, 2011

pete_rodriguez @thenerdyteacher def don't think it is too much work - just the work is in a different place - planning, rather than test-making. **#engchat** -7:40 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM We're just finishing their senior projects - going to middle school to present as a career fair. Will be relieved to be done. :) **#engchat** -7:40 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrami2 @jefftspencer would love to see an example of how they are integrated **#engchat** -7:40 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher For my 10 weeks without tests, I had my students create the rubric and submit it. **#engchat** - They set their own standards. -7:40 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @CBethM @tkraz Yes, I have a clipboard as well! :) **#engchat** -7:40 PM Feb 28th, 2011

padgets #engchat my grades for PBL are standards based but because of our grading system I have to give a grade -7:40 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 RT **@rightingteacher**: **@thenerdyteacher** Part of what worked well giving the kids some say about what's included on rubric: grades earned, not arbitrary **#engchat** -7:39 PM Feb 28th, 2011

rightingteacher @thenerdyteacher Part of what worked well giving the kids some say about what's included on rubric: grades earned, not arbitrary **#engchat** -7:39 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @tkraz @stumpteacher I have a clipboard with charts/various goals I want them to meet & place for notes. Keeps me organized. **#engchat** -7:39 PM Feb 28th, 2011

ecarboni @stumpteacher #engchat How do you keep track of all that? -7:39 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @chadsansing #engchat - Some projects are just for feedback or gearing up for a lesson. Not always grade based. -7:39 PM Feb 28th, 2011

JennaMagnuski #sachat #highered RT **@thenerdyteacher: #engchat** - I don't GIVE grades. Kids EARN grades. -7:39 PM Feb 28th, 2011

tkraz @stumpteacher How do you keep it all straight? It can become quite difficult to juggle everything. **#engchat** -7:38 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 PLN: Great discussions and sharing of resources & ideas on **#engchat** (PBL) and **#sschat** (movement) NOW! -7:38 PM Feb 28th, 2011

NSWDWMom RT **@thereadingzone**: I had my seniors create Tweets for characters in Hamlet. They had to understand characters/relationships to be authentic. **#engchat** -7:38 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher #PBL also helps create powerful dialogue in my class. **#engchat** -7:38 PM Feb 28th, 2011

yaloveblog @CBethM @PaulWHankins For some projects I give my kids the option to design their own w/my approval. **#engchat** -7:38 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @thenerdyteacher so **#PBL** is for earning grades, too? does it work w/ fdbck, but w/o grades, or are they still needed? **#engchat** -7:38 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @StephanieBaier - **#engchat** - I agree. Creating, implementing and grading **#PBL** is tough and requires some guidance. -7:37 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @thenerdyteacher Grades are fluid in my class. Student can always redo or reattempt and activity/project. **#engchat** -7:37 PM Feb 28th, 2011

ProfSnarky RT **@TheNerdyTeacher**: **#engchat** - I don't GIVE grades. Kids EARN grades. -7:36 PM Feb 28th, 2011

ecarboni **@TheNerdyTeacher** Totally agree - lots of teachers I've met say it's easier to just give a test. **#engchat #SAD** -7:36 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher **#engchat** - I don't GIVE grades. Kids EARN grades. -7:36 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher RT **@cybraryman1**: **@thenerdyteacher** Have students plan and organize the PBL **#engchat** -7:36 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM **@SLazarOtc** I would LOVE to eliminate "take the zero" from their vocabs. That and "You GAVE me that grade..." **#engchat** -7:36 PM Feb 28th, 2011

LoriTheLaw **@thenerdyteacher** Definitely agree. You have to listen to your kids, monitor, guide, teach and so much more. **#engchat** -7:35 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLazarOtc RT **@stumpteacher**: Yup, it is easier to give a packet, and test than to plan a great PBL experience. **#engchat** -7:35 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing **@mrami2** i imagine getting through ambiguity of **#PBL** implementation takes a few weeks 4 kids; need to stick w/ it to find quality **#engchat** -7:35 PM Feb 28th, 2011

tkraz Can the "project" be an idea? Does a Socratic dialogue borrow some of the best practices of PBL in discussion form? **#engchat** -7:35 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrami2 What's one thing you'd change abt your PBL practice? - I'd create more comfortable space for my kids. **#engchat** -7:35 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 **@thenerdyteacher** Have students plan and organize the PBL **#engchat** -7:35 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLazarOtc I'd love to hear some more project ideas from **#engchat** folks -7:35 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher **@thenerdyteacher** Yup, it is easier to give a packet, and test than to plan a great PBL experience. **#engchat** -7:35 PM Feb 28th, 2011

morebooksplz RT **@thereadingzone**: Next yr plan to have lit circles create "facebook" profiles for characters in Pride and Prejudice and All Quiet on the West.

Front **#engchat** -7:34 PM Feb 28th, 2011

kenroyal RT **@stumpteacher**: **@kenroyal @thenerdyteacher** My experience groups are a good idea. Higher motivation/learning <http://bit.ly/fJRxcu>
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SLazarOtc @CBethM I hate that phrase: take a zero. We need to eliminate it from students' vocab **#engchat** -7:34 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @PaulWHankins I know I can't make everyone happy. I have given up. I do my best to give them good opps to learn & go from there. :) **#engchat** -7:34 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher I think the reason many teachers do not use more **#PBL** is because it is too much work. **#engchat** Thought? -7:34 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @kenroyal @thenerdyteacher Ever read any of the work of Sugatra Mitra? He says groups are key and mobility is ok **#engchat** -7:34 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @PaulWHankins @yaloveblog I have had a few take zeroes. Frustrates me to no end. **#engchat** -7:33 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrmi2 @budtheteacher @chadsansing - maybe the case of being ritualistically compliant or playing school for traditional courses **#engchat** -7:33 PM Feb 28th, 2011

yaloveblog @PaulWHankins @CBethM You're not alone when it comes to kids taking the 0 :/ **#engchat** -7:31 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing #engchat how much of kids' readiness & (testing) success w/ **#PBL** is usual bckgrnd knowledge/privilege gap? how much does **#PBL** close that it? -7:31 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLazarOtc @mrmi2 We used to use them at my school, but they sort of died out. Was a shame, but hard to do on one's own **#engchat** -7:31 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrmi2 #engchat Anyone explicitly teaching Habits of the Mind along with PBL practices <http://ow.ly/45cam> -7:31 PM Feb 28th, 2011

LoriTheLaw @chadsansing #engchat They like it so far and it has great reviews. Getting link for you. -7:31 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @MrPowersAHS Not at all. Kids choose to show me how they can

prove their learning. My model: mini lessons, projects, present/assess **#engchat**

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cybraryman1 PBL lends itself to Cooperative Learning groups: <http://tinyurl.com/4w7u2x9> **#engchat** -7:30 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @LoriTheLaw what do they think of it? **#engchat** -7:30 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher #engchat - My easy classes still cover the material and they still pass the same common district test for the class. -7:30 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SarahMamiChula RT **@mrami2**: I also realize that students take classes more 'seriously' where traditional teaching/testing is followed **#engchat** -7:30 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @mrami2 My students think that PBL is less like work, generally. It's different. **#engchat** -7:30 PM Feb 28th, 2011

LoriTheLaw #engchat @chadsansing I've seen lots of talk about inClass app, but only a few of my kids are using it right now. -7:30 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @mrami2 are the kids taking it more seriously or being more ritualistically compliant? is there a difference? **#pbl #engchat** -7:30 PM Feb 28th, 2011

MrPowersAHS @stumpteacher Do you use common assessments? Is it more challenging to create/grade w/o tests? **#engchat #sschat** -7:30 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @mrami2 #engchat - I have found that at times as well. My classes are called easy by some kids because of the **#PBL** -7:29 PM Feb 28th, 2011

padgets #engchat chance to help students to become more self-directed, self-learners, still have to have some structure for those cannot handle it -7:29 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher #engchat - I put some limits on the number of students in a group, but I tend to bend a bit for kids really excited to work together. -7:29 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing #engchat ant stdnt-friendly prjct management apps to recommend? anyone w/ insight into project foundry? -7:29 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrami2 I also realize that students take classes more 'seriously' where traditional teaching/testing is followed **#engchat** -7:29 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @kenroyal @thenerdyteacher Groups are a good idea in my experience. Higher motivation and learning <http://bit.ly/fJRxcu> **#engchat** -7:29 PM Feb 28th, 2011

AndersonGL Because literacy learning is so recursive & cyclical, the big ideas need to be reinforced in various ways all year. PBL helps. **#engchat** -7:28 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @kenroyal #engchat - Groups are a great topic. If students want to form groups, the project needs to grow with each person. -7:28 PM Feb 28th, 2011

hale27storm I use exit tickets for short answer and extended response practice when I'm doing a PBL activity **#engchat** -7:28 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing a common fear against which to fight RT **@mrami2**: I fear I might be focusing too much on PBL but not sure at the expense of what. **#engchat** -7:28 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLazarOtC @stumpteacher I am the same: all pbl in class **#engchat** -7:27 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrami2 I fear I might be focusing too much on PBL but not sure at the expense of what. **#engchat** -7:27 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 RT **@stumpteacher**: **@thenerdyteacher** I keep all my PBL s in class to avoid the haves and have nots. **#engchat** -7:27 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @thenerdyteacher @mrami2 maybe the ? is how do essays design **#PBL**? can kids make argument for making something that is an argument? **#engchat** -7:27 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @thenerdyteacher I keep all my PBL s in class to avoid the haves and have nots. **#engchat** -7:27 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher Like all things, it's not about the tools used, it about the ideas shared in **#PBL**. **#engchat** -7:27 PM Feb 28th, 2011

gregkulowiec RT **@stumpteacher**: 0% tests, 70% projects, 30% essays **#engchat** <---I like this setup! -7:27 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher I try not to require tech in my PBLs. Some of my students do not have access. Those who do, will do it without being told. **#engchat** -7:26 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher 0% tests, 70% projects, 30% essays **#engchat** -7:26 PM Feb 28th, 2011

thereadingzone Working hard to move them away from paper/pencil tests to essays and PBL **#engchat** -7:26 PM Feb 28th, 2011

hale27storm My students are reluctant to use any tech for PBL when they come to me. We have to write tech goals **#engchat** -7:26 PM Feb 28th, 2011

AndersonGL @mrmi2 I hardly ever do traditional tests these days. They don't tell me much. **#engchat** -7:25 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLazarOtc @mrmi2 I'm 90% PBL in English, 60% in history, but teach at PBL School **#engchat** -7:25 PM Feb 28th, 2011

ecarboni @frtechcoach I have some like that - sometimes too many. **#engchat** -7:25 PM Feb 28th, 2011

markbarnes19 RT **@PaulWHankins: @thenerdyteacher** While we're at it, why are 21st Cent Students still running to Walgreen's on Sundays to get posterboard. Glogster? **#engchat** -7:25 PM Feb 28th, 2011

RitaOates A fave PBL experience in my HS Eng class: group chose a "stoned" student as leader, he came straight after that, gr8 writer, WOW! **#engchat** -7:25 PM Feb 28th, 2011

thereadingzone Also, tests are easy. I teach a lot of "type A" like kids who crave the immediate, solid 'feedback' of a number/letter grade **#engchat** -7:25 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher I tend to go back and forth. Essay then project. Essay then Project. **#engchat** -7:25 PM Feb 28th, 2011

marloft @catherinecronin What's **#engchat** ? -7:25 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher RT **@mrmi2**: What is the balance between 'traditional' tests/essay to PBL implementation in your classes? **#engchat** -7:24 PM Feb 28th, 2011

LoriTheLaw @stumpteacher #engchat I can hardly wait to see some of them when they hand them in. Hope you'll share. -7:24 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrmi2 What is the balance between 'traditional' tests/essay to PBL implementation in your classes? **#engchat** -7:24 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @PaulWHankins #engchat - I saw more engagement from my fringe students with **#PBL**. -7:24 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins @thenerdyteacher While we're at it, why are 21st Cent Students still running to Walgreen's on Sundays to get posterboard. Glogster? **#engchat** -7:24 PM Feb 28th, 2011

rightingteacher We figured out together what would qualify as incomplete, sat, sat with commendation **#engchat** -7:24 PM Feb 28th, 2011

ecarboni @TheNerdyTeacher #engchat I teach 8th grade in a Catholic School in Philly. Their PBL are Gold seal lessons - a must but lots resistant. -7:24 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @chadsansing #engchat - I agree, they are taught to want tests. -7:23 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @thenerdyteacher i think we need to be careful about blaming kids (period) who just want a test; we create those hankerings **#engchat** -7:23 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @hale27storm #Engchat - Nobody bugged me about it because I don't need permission. I just did. The trust us to do what is best. -7:23 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins @thenerdyteacher Not that there's anything wrong with posterboards, but I see these as Level I PBL at best. And then poorly done. **#engchat** -7:23 PM Feb 28th, 2011

LoriTheLaw @thenerdyteacher #engchat Because tests are traditional and some kids know how to play that game really well. -7:23 PM Feb 28th, 2011

frtechcoach Students in our school are good at the game, read, notes, study, test. They don't like to think, too much work. Easier to take test. **#engchat** -7:22 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @LoriTheLaw Nope! First time. Scary and exciting. I will provide them the curricular framework and they will fill in **#engchat** -7:22 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing ongoing **#PBL** success this yr: info text on art mvmnts w/ examples; kids paint in response; weekly performance eval + art portfolio **#engchat** -7:22 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins @thenerdyteacher Are you seeing PBL in the grades coming up to

you? And I mean beyond the poster board kind of stuff. **#engchat** -7:22 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @chadsansing #engchat - Most kids liked the freedom to express what they learned. Some just want a test. -7:22 PM Feb 28th, 2011

rightingteacher I stated my objectives for the unit; they helped brainstorm ways they could demonstrate them in project form **#engchat** -7:22 PM Feb 28th, 2011

catherinecronin Some really interesting learning & teaching ideas in **#engchat** tonight! -7:22 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @ecarboni #engchat - I've gone most of the year without testing. I gave my first MC test. It was the common mid-term for the district. -7:21 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher My eng class for our 3rd trimester are writing their own syllabus complete with projects/activities and lessons they want from me. **#engchat** -7:21 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins @CBethM Concept of PBL takes away the element of what I call "disposable learning." It creates a grappling worksheets can't match. **#engchat** -7:21 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @thenerdyteacher any pushback or surprising affirmations come out of it? what was reporting like? **#engchat** -7:21 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @chadsansing #engchat - Kids loved it and I saw real learning. It was great! No complaints. -7:21 PM Feb 28th, 2011

padgets @thenerdyteacher #engchat me too! :0) -7:21 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing i suggest starting a **#PBL** club 4 kids' non-print ideas hat don't get implemented in LA classrm, or include print design doc **#engchat** -7:20 PM Feb 28th, 2011

RitaOates Check out PBL units, esp. "The Way We Are," for global collaboration + communication. Free: <http://www.epals.com/projects> **#engchat** -7:20 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrmi2 RT **@dmcordell: @mrmi2** Some refer to PBL as Passion Based Learning - that uses projects **#engchat** -7:20 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @chadsansing #engchat - I did not discuss the shift to projects with parents or admins. I just stopped giving test for 10 weeks. -7:20 PM Feb

28th, 2011

rightingteacher recently I had the kids help me formalize the rubric for a poetry project. I think it helped kids wary of a project get invested. **#engchat** -7:20 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @thereadingzone @paulwhankins Senioritis plays a role - but so does expectation of testing - want to memorize & regurgitate & dump. **#engchat** -7:20 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins @CBethM I can have the best project, best rationale, best supports, and I'll still have kids take the zero. Then blame the project. **#engchat** -7:20 PM Feb 28th, 2011

dmcordell @mrmi2 Some refer to PBL as Passion Based Learning - that uses projects **#engchat** -7:20 PM Feb 28th, 2011

he4therw4t5on RT **@thereadingzone**: I had my seniors create Tweets for characters in Hamlet. They had to understand characters/relationships to be authentic. **#engchat** -7:19 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLazarOtc @mrmi2 I love this project! Have done very similar one in history too **#engchat** -7:19 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins @CBethM @PaulWHankins This is what I like about you, Cindy. We both know that 100% satisfaction is difficult to achieve. . .honest. **#engchat** -7:19 PM Feb 28th, 2011

padgets #engchat it took my 9th graders 6 weeks to buy in to me not talking as much not telling them what to do, whew! -7:19 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrmi2 Blog as a character from the play - comment on the events on the play **#engchat** -7:19 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 RT **@mrmi2**: podcast a monologue or dialogue for a chosen character **#engchat** -7:18 PM Feb 28th, 2011

thereadingzone @CBethM @paulwhankins I think that's a function of senioritis ;) **#engchat** -7:18 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrmi2 podcast a monologue or dialogue for a chosen character **#engchat** -7:18 PM Feb 28th, 2011

ecarboni @TheNerdyTeacher #engchat Do you do any testing and if so in what context? -7:18 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @thenerdyteacher also, pls forgive me 4 not recalling: what kind of prep work did you do w/ kids, prnts, colleagues, admin 4 **#PBL? #engchat** -7:18 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @PaulWHankins I have some seniors who are also frustrated with idea of PBL. Just want a quiz/test and want to be done with it. **#engchat** -7:17 PM Feb 28th, 2011

rightingteacher I have stdts who get frustrated with projects when paired with kids who aren't into it...but they like the projects **#engchat** -7:17 PM Feb 28th, 2011

DKRex RT **@thereadingzone**: I had my seniors create Tweets for characters in Hamlet. They had to understand characters/relationships to be authentic. **#engchat** -7:17 PM Feb 28th, 2011

chadsansing @thenerdyteacher i don't recall: did you go **#sbar** during the 10 weeks of **#PBL**? how did you report? **#engchat** -7:17 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 My PBL page (has assessment & rubric sites): **<http://tinyurl.com/4sy7dr4>** **#engchat** -7:17 PM Feb 28th, 2011

hale27storm I start PBL w/ 5 graders. Have to also introduce patents to the concept. Many want tests **#engchat** -7:17 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @mrami2 I did the playlist for R&J when I had freshmen. They were amazing! :) **#engchat** -7:16 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher @PaulWHankins @thenerdyteacher Key to a successful PBL is buy in...kids need choice to be engaged **#engchat** -7:16 PM Feb 28th, 2011

barbaram RT **@thereadingzone**: I had my seniors create Tweets for characters in Hamlet. They had to understand characters/relationships to be authentic. **#engchat** -7:16 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @PaulWHankins - My Frosh love the project idea. There are still young and crave projects and group work. **#engchat** -7:16 PM Feb 28th, 2011

thereadingzone Next yr plan to have lit circles create "facebook" profiles for characters in Pride and Prejudice and All Quiet on the West. Front **#engchat** -7:16 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 I have a lot of great sites on my Shakespeare pag (including the **#nerdyteacher**): <http://tinyurl.com/4fxrpcy> **#engchat** -7:16 PM Feb 28th, 2011

LoriTheLaw #engchat PBL forces kids outside of traditional classroom roles & some who are successful in traditional means don't like outside the box. -7:16 PM Feb 28th, 2011

hale27storm @thenerdyteacher I agree. Grades are arbitrary. Assessment is not. **#engchat** -7:15 PM Feb 28th, 2011

rainandroses RT **@thereadingzone**: I had my seniors create Tweets for characters in Hamlet. They had to understand characters/relationships to be authentic. **#engchat** -7:15 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins @thenerdyteacher It seems as though PBL needs to happen early on. So hard to get my 11th graders to buy in with these. **#engchat** -7:15 PM Feb 28th, 2011

barbaram RT **@TheNerdyTeacher**: This is the Project I'm working on with **#VanMeter**. <http://bit.ly/hLkZzx> - A joint production of Romeo and Juliet. **#engchat** -7:15 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrmi2 playlist for a character from the play - specify song for particular moment in play Act II, Scene III **#engchat** -7:15 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @mrmi2 #engchat - Awesome idea! -7:15 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrmi2 @thenerdyteacher diving into R+J starting today - some project ideas: newscast from Verona **#engchat** -7:14 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM @thereadingzone My students are doing similar project w/chosen Shakespearean plays - except they are choosing platform. **#engchat** -7:14 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLazarOtc I don't have students in the Bronx who crave grades, so good PBL is best motivation for them **#engchat** -7:14 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher #PBL forces students to problem solve as they create their project. **#engchat** -7:14 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins RT **@TheNerdyTeacher**: I find the students that do not like PBL are the ones that crave grades most of all. **#engchat** -7:14 PM Feb 28th, 2011

hale27storm My students just created Prezis on connotation denotation and presented them to 6 graders **#engchat** -7:14 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher I find the students that do not like PBL are the ones that crave grades most of all. **#engchat** -7:13 PM Feb 28th, 2011

ecarboni Had students choose an end of novel project. Chose to make a fake facebook page & use Screenjelly to explain what they did. **#engchat** -7:13 PM Feb 28th, 2011

CBethM PBL is so much more enjoyable! Love to see Ss trying to figure out snags & hearing them ask REAL questions - not what's on test. **#engchat** -7:13 PM Feb 28th, 2011

AllAboutRace RT **@thereadingzone**: I had my seniors create Tweets for characters in Hamlet. They had to understand characters/relationships to be authentic. **#engchat** -7:13 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @thereadingzone - **#engChat** - Awesome idea. Will be doing the same for R&J -7:13 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 RT **@thereadingzone**: I had my seniors create Tweets for characters in Hamlet. They had to understand characters/relationships to be authentic. **#engchat** -7:13 PM Feb 28th, 2011

hale27storm PBL pushes my students. Most of them are used to teachers saying "here's the hoop. Jump through it" they can't do that with PBL **#engchat** -7:13 PM Feb 28th, 2011

thereadingzone I had my seniors create Tweets for characters in Hamlet. They had to understand characters/relationships to be authentic. **#engchat** -7:12 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher Question: How many have students that can't stand projects? **#engchat** -7:12 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @SLazarOtc - **#engchat** - Every role will work with the story in a different way. Allows for individualized assignments. -7:12 PM Feb 28th, 2011

ccpryor RT **@TheNerdyTeacher**: **#engchat** - I have found more success in **#PBL** than standardized tests. Kids want to show not regurgitate info. -7:12 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @SLazarOtc #engchat - Directors will have to understand scenes and moods to establish their shots -7:11 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @SLazarOtc #engChat - For students that are scripting the project, they will have to understand the story to re-tell it. -7:10 PM Feb 28th, 2011

FrauSusi RT **@stumpteacher**: Projects must support the learning goals and not just be for the sake of doing a project. Learning has to be central. **#engchat** -7:10 PM Feb 28th, 2011

padgets #engchat our english dept is using twitter to do a PBL on Romeo and Juliet -7:10 PM Feb 28th, 2011

ecarboni Using TKAM right now. Students pick a character and write from the point of view of that character. Love it but find it difficult. **#engchat** -7:10 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher #engchat - I have found more success in **#PBL** than standardized tests. Kids want to show not regurgitate info. -7:10 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 @Dasita Romeo and Juliet. Nick' s Romeo and Juliet Project **<http://tinyurl.com/4nnbdf>** **#engchat** -7:09 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins RT **@stumpteacher**: I have not given a "test" in my eng class all year. All PBL and choice assessments. **#engchat** -7:09 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @SLazarOtc #engchat - My goal for R&J is to have students work with the language and story in different ways they are comfortable doing. -7:09 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher I have not given a "test" in my eng class all year. All PBL and choice assessments. **#engchat** -7:09 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins @mrmi2 Project that involves student serving as reading mentors using picture books/Illustrated texts called One Book/Four Hands. **#engchat** -7:08 PM Feb 28th, 2011

Dasita #engchat what's R&J? -7:08 PM Feb 28th, 2011

padgets #engchat we do a PBL as summative and formative assessments -7:08 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher #engChat - Here are a series of post when I went 10 Weeks without a test. Nothing but PBL - **<http://bit.ly/htzTLN>** -7:08 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLazarOtc @thenerdyteacher What are you trying to teach students by doing that

project? **#engchat** -7:08 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @LoriTheLaw #EngChat - R&J is a 8 week project -7:07 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLazarOtc @mrami2 I have Ss creating an iPhone app with key vocab and sample essays for state exam **#engchat** -7:07 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher This is the Project I'm working on with **#VanMeter**. <http://bit.ly/hLkZzx> - A joint production of Romeo and Juliet. **#engchat** -7:07 PM Feb 28th, 2011

LoriTheLaw #engchat How long do you see the R&J project taking? -7:06 PM Feb 28th, 2011

padgets #engchat I am a totally problem and project based classroom love it! -7:06 PM Feb 28th, 2011

mrami2 What are some PBL activities happening in your classes right now, **#engchat** folks? -7:06 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher @PaulWHankins #engchat - Yes, steps need to be taken to understand the material before the project is given. -7:06 PM Feb 28th, 2011

thereadingzone Looking forward to getting some great PBL ideas from **#engchat** -7:05 PM Feb 28th, 2011

SLazarOtc @stumpteacher Yes. Project must assess core understandings, not just be an "activity" **#engchat** -7:05 PM Feb 28th, 2011

TheNerdyTeacher #engchat - To me, **#PBL** is Project Based Learning -7:05 PM Feb 28th, 2011

PaulWHankins @thenerdyteacher Kind of like a genre study should be done before throwing students into a full-blown multigenre project, yes? **#engchat** -7:05 PM Feb 28th, 2011

cybraryman1 @mrami2 PBL is also Problem Based Learning **#engchat** -7:05 PM Feb 28th, 2011

stumpteacher RT **@thenerdyteacher: #engchat** Without a solid foundation, **#PBL** will fail. <---Bingo -7:04 PM Feb 28th, 2011

Dasita Good evening everyone, my name's Danielle and I am an English teacher in Rio de Janeiro - Brazil **#engchat** -7:04 PM Feb 28th, 2011