Learning netTrekker
CE9 | Hogue | 2008

Overview:
- Registering & joining CE9
- Main features
- Access from home (http://school.nettrekker.com)

Registering:
1. You need a user name; use your school login and password for ease in remembering.
2. When asked which school, type Sheboygan. A list of options will come up, and you need to choose Sheboygan Falls High School.
3. Write your login information in a safe place.

Join the CE9 class:
1. Click "my portfolio"
2. Click "join class"
3. Enter the class code, which is hogue238
4. By joining our class, you will have access to folders I create that contain lists of links or search results.

Why you want to use NetTrekker:
- It filters out junk. You know the search results are credible (believable, reliable, and valid).
- Great features:
  - Topic directories
  - References: click "references" in the Features sidebar to see what you have access to.
  - Timeline
  - Famous person
  - Readability ratings for sites (Level 4 means a 9th and 10th grade reading level)
  - Save searches (don't lose those sites for your history project)
    - Forgot to save: there is search history, which remembers what sites you visited
  - Organize your search results. Create folders to save things in.
  - Image searches: Worried about copyright? All images in netTrekker are free for you to use.
  - Keyword and advanced search functions
  - ELL? This is a great tool for you. Special tools just for English language learners.
  - Not just for ELL:
    - Dictionary: Turn it on and any unfamiliar word in the text is linked to definition.
    - Read aloud: Can't figure out how to pronounce a word. Read aloud will pronounce it for you.
      - Or read an entire paragraph. Sometimes hearing the text while seeing it visually helps us comprehend better, especially if the text is complex.
      - Choose your voice.
      - Choose your reading speed.
        - If you use read aloud in class, be sure to use your ear buds, so you won't disturb your neighbors.

More:
- There is so much information and so many tools for you at netTrekker. We cannot cover it all today, but you can get to netTrekker from home, so why not play around and learn more about what this search tool can do?
- Great support: Click on the help button for tutorials (flash tours and video tutorials)
- Will netTrekker replace all other search engines? No, of course not. But add it to Google or Yahoo and you will get richer search results. And for school projects, you may find that netTrekker saves you time since you won't have to filter out all the junk.