

Junior Certificate History Powerpoint Project Work

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1. I have timetabled one session out of 3 for the computer lab [35 min period]
2. I divide class into pairs and assign them a topic; e.g. Ulster Plantation, Renaissance. [e.g. attached]
3. Initially I give them 2 periods in the classroom to prepare their topic and develop an outline of their presentation.
4. I then allow them to get started. I provide each pair with a floppy disk which has resources [photos, maps, paintings etc. gleaned from the net] I have had to do this myself as the Internet was not working – pre Satellite days! Some students have access to the Internet At home and I ask them to gather resources for me on a supplied floppy disk.
5. I ask them to do a short presentation [about 8 slides]
6. I return to the classroom after about 3 weeks to review progress.
7. They are then asked to present their work to the class over the last 3 periods of the term . One student makes the presentation and his/her colleague works the computer.
8. I use this exercise as a way of revising topics and I find they like to make the presentations and that the class is very attentive etc.
9. The Schoolsat project will allow them to use the Internet to find their own resources and this will be very helpful.
10. They like this exercise and it is a good motivational tool. They work in pairs. They would need to do some work on how to make a presentation [standing up in front of the class etc. and I am talking to English teachers about some cross/curricular applications here.

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What I think would be interesting is if two of my students could work with two students in another school [Denis / Buncrana] and collaborate on a powerpoint project –

For this we would need the students PCs to have have access Firstclass clients and open a conference for them.

