Wiki Storyline in Second Language Teaching

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Introduction

This project brought together:
- a specific teaching method - Storyline
- a variety of technological solutions linked to wiki

The project aim was to develop our participants':
- awareness of this teaching method and its potential
- second-language skills
  - oral
  - writing
  - reading
- technological confidence and competence

Question:
Will the Wiki Storyline project have an impact on the course participant's own language development and/or on their teaching practices?
What is Storyline?

A **process approach** to teaching/learning
- Active learning and discovery process
- Interaction, artifacts and context
- Focus on creativity, experience and variety of skills
- Communication skills central to process

A **learner-centered** approach
- Based on learners' knowledge and experiences
- Outcome controlled by the learners

A **holistic** teaching method
- Cross-curricular
- Suits all learning styles and competencies
Storyline in second-language teaching

Stories central position in language learning

Context for developing communication skills
- 'authentic' communication (fictional English setting)
- meaningful framework for communication (necessary to complete the tasks)
The story

Story format:
- Episodes like chapters
- Series of incidents

Story elements:
- Setting
  - a particular time + place
- Characters
  - people, animals or imaginary beings
- Theme
  - subject of investigation/learning
- Plot
  - ’real’ problems to solve
## Storyline structure:

**Introduction**

(Letter, game, song, artifacts)

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Methods

Participants:
Teachers attending English 2 in-service course
- 2009-2010 group - 14
- 2010-2011 group - 14

Data:
- Storyline texts, oral and written
- Reflection texts, blog
  - comments on tasks
  - comments on interest level
- Unstructured group interviews
  - fill in information gaps
  - check findings
Wiki Storyline

Three episodes

1. Place
2. Character
3. Incident
Wiki Storyline - Place à Kwikston

Key questions
- Where is the town located?
- What information can we provide about the towns?

Activities - group/class
- discussion (group + class)
- brain storming (class)
- collaborative writing (group)

Goals / objectives
- oral skills
- writing skills
- digital competence
## Wiki Storyline - Place à Wwikston

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Wiki Storyline - Place à Kwikston

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http://typewith.me/DiKGe2ZZho

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From net_effekt

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- presentation skills
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My mum is aching to be a grandmother. I don't really know why she is set on me bringing a new life into this bleak and dismal world.
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Announcements

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Nytt innlegg

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(Rediger innlegg)
## Wiki Storyline - Incident

### Key Questions
- What do you feel about the proposal?
- What can you do in response?

### Activities
- discuss proposal (groups + class)
- write a list of the effects
- write a letter stating how this will affect them personally *(individual assessment)*
- give an interview about how they will be affected *(individual assessment)*

### Goals / Objectives
- oral skills expressing opinions
- problem solving
- structuring arguments
- writing formal letters
- oral skills – pronunciation
- intonation
Reflections on the project

Based on:
reflection texts (blog) and unstructured group interview
- 14 participants

- A few participants were familiar with the Storyline method

- None had experience setting up a wiki on their own, or even using a wiki
Reflections on the project

Generally positive
Nine considered implementing a similar project

One claimed it was too time consuming.

Four / five not sure because of the technical competence required.
Reflections on the project

- Only a few edited others texts

- Two participants had actually begun projects with their own classes before completing the project.
The technical solutions

- Wikispaces
- Google Sites
- Etherpad
- Blogger
Første semester - Wikispaces

System som er relativt mye brukt i videregående skole. Gratis og enkelt i bruk.
Golgwera

Golgwera is located at the north eastern most tip of North Island New Zealand and is also known as the East Cape. It is situated at the mouth of the River Golg which is famous for its freshwater fishing and its scenic walks. The river flows through magnificent forests and sheep-farming country before it winds its way through the town. It may sound like a cliche, but people in Golgwera smile all the time because it is such an idyllic place to live (see Photo Gallery below). The town faces the majesty of the South Pacific Ocean with miles of beautiful sandy beaches situated east of the harbour. The town has a spectacular backdrop in the form of the snow-covered Tui mountains which includes the highest mountain in the region, the Te Golgwa. The trail up the Te Golgwa starts just behind Golgwera school and the climb is well worth it because from its elevated vantage point you get the most spectacular views over the South Pacific Ocean.

Golgwera is blessed with a mild climate, but at times during the winter it is pounded by spectacular storms rolling in from the Pacific.
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Super plans have access to their 10 most recent exports. Upgrade for only $20 / month.

Import a Blog Entry

You can import a blog entry into Wikispaces as a new page, or append the entry to an existing page. The Wiki page will have a link back to the blog entry.

Blog URL  Find a Blog Post

Back to Manage Wiki
Themes and Colors

Themes let you change the overall look of your wiki to meet your needs. You can choose from several pre-made themes, or build and apply your own.

Custom themes are part of our Plus and higher plans. Upgrades start at $5/month.

Wiki Stylesheet

Your wiki stylesheet controls the presentation of your page content, the portion of the wiki page you can edit. You may change most aspects of how your pages look using CSS. This feature requires knowledge of CSS stylesheets.

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The Black Sheep Pub and Breakfast is situated only a few hundred yards outside the centre of Kwilkston along the Kwilkston Main Street, and is easily found by foot or taxi.

We can offer 4 beautiful rooms were we guarantee that you will sleep well. The rooms have a nice standard with soft beds and original 1800's decorations.

There is a telephone and a TV in all the rooms. You will also of course get a free access to a wireless laptop connection.

We can also offer a full traditional menu if requested.

If you visit Kwilkston, The Black Sheep P&B will guarantee you a pleasant stay. We would love to be your base camp for your trip.

(who would like to edit? We should rearrange some... Should we delete the ghost?)

I think this is good.) (Aud Wrench) I think we should delete the ghost Finn)

The Black Sheep Pub and Breakfast is recognized for its a warm and homely atmosphere.

The establishment has been run by the McMurroughs since its beginning. The owners today, Mr. and Mrs. McMurrough with their son and daughter, are proud to run the Pub and Breakfast according to the traditions.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

pictures

Hi! I’ve got a problem with how to do pictures and manage to get the adress to the owner.
Anyone who as got an easy way of doing it?

Finn

Posted by Finn at 2:25 PM

3 comments:

marita said...

Hello
You choose a picture from flickr, creative commons, then copy the url-adress.
Go to the site: http://www.imagecodr.org/get.php
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I used to care. I used to think that I could make a difference. If only enough people cared, if only someone who makes decisions heard us.
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I write this on behalf of the future generations of Kwikston and New Zealand. We do not welcome the new oil refinery into our community. We wish to be able to enjoy the fresh air, the tranquillity of the woods and the cleanliness of the rivers. We wish to be able to go hiking in an untouched environment and go fishing in unpolluted waters. This is a letter of warning to you Sir. If the oil company and the local government do not reconsider this decision you must prepare yourself for demonstrations in the present and the judgement of your grandchildren in the future.

Yours sincerely,
Bonnie Clyde
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Miscellaneous

- Announcements
- Class Calendar
- Forms and Documents
- Homework Assignments
- Reading List
Liste over undersider Egenskaper

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Lagre Avbryt
Class Calendar

Tip: [How to replace this calendar](#)

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- Privat: Bare personene nedenfor, har tilgang

  - Jon Hoem (du)
  - Barbara Blair
  - her@hib.no
  - finn.daynes@haugnett.no

Legg til personer:

Skriv inn navn, e-postadresser eller grupper

Bare eieren kan endre tillatelsene.

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