Blazing a Trail through MarcoPolo

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Abstract:

MarcoPolo provides the best Internet-based educational content, created by world-renowned organizations who are discipline experts in their fields. MarcoPolo content covers arts integration, economics, geography, the humanities, mathematics, reading, language arts, and science. The high-quality, standards-based K-12 content includes lesson plans, reviewed Web sites, student materials, interactive activities, assessments and more. Maps, demonstrations, audio clips, quizzes and expeditions are just a few of the resources MarcoPolo offers. First launched in 1997 as a collection of standards-based, discipline-specific educational Web sites for K-12 teachers, MarcoPolo features: Seven content Web sites with lesson plans, student interactive content, downloadable worksheets, panel-reviewed Web sites and additional resources created by the nation’s leading education organizations. This professional development program with leading edge diagnostic measurement and technology enables state-of-the-art tracking and reporting to ensure that teachers’ Internet integration needs are being met across the country.

A Marcopolo, Internet Content for the classroom session is an hour session designed to introduce MarcoPolo to an audience of educators who are interested in learning more about the program. Attendees may vary from decision-makers at the building, district, regional or state level to familiarize them with the MarcoPolo Program to End Users/Teachers. The MarcoPolo Education Foundation also provides resources, including free training materials to be used in these sessions.

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- Seven content Web sites with lesson plans, student interactive content, downloadable worksheets, panel-reviewed Web sites and additional resources created by the nation’s leading education organizations
- A scalable professional development program that has trained over 140,000 teachers with world-class trainers and materials
- A network of 50 states plus the District of Columbia dedicated to rolling out MarcoPolo to all teachers and aligning the content to state education standards
- Leading edge diagnostic measurement and technology that enables state-of-the-art tracking and reporting to ensure that teachers’ Internet integration needs are being met across the country