Create an Internet Sampler...

On the Homeless

WHAT IS A SAMPLER?

Part of what makes the Internet so great is that you'll find things on the Web that you'd never find on TV, the newspapers, or magazines. "Subject Samplers" tap into this interesting information in order to connect readers to the chosen topic.

In a "Subject Sampler" learners are presented with a smaller number of intriguing Web sites organized around a main topic. What makes this a particularly effective way to engage reader buy-in is that first off, you've chosen Web sites themselves that offer something interesting to do, read, or see. Second, readers are asked to respond to the Web-based activities from a personal perspective. Rather than uncover hard knowledge (as they do in a Treasure Hunt), students are asked about their perspectives on topics, comparisons to experiences they have had, interpretations of artworks or data, etc. Thus, more important than the right answer is that readers are invited to join the community of learners surrounding the topic.

YOUR ASSIGNMENT

For this assignment you will look through a variety of Internet sites that present information about people who are homeless. Today you will take those websites and create an Internet Sampler on the topic of Homelessness. You will be using an online template called "Filamentality" to create your Sampler. On the back of this page, I have walked you through the steps of creating an Internet Sampler using Filamentality. Once we are done we will exchange Samplers and try them out!