Charles Dickens and A Christmas Carol

DEFINICIÓN DE WEBQUEST

Hoy en día el uso de Internet es algo imprescindible y común utilizado por docentes de todas las materias. A través de las Webquest se puede abordar cualquier tema con el uso de una sola herramienta, Internet.

En esta Webquest realizada por mí, os propongo una manera con la que podéis estudiar al tan reconocido autor Charles Dickens y su obra Canción de Navidad. Está dirigida para la asignatura de Lengua Inglesa del curso 4º E.S.O. En ella, los alumnos deberán realizar una búsqueda sobre el autor y la obra, al igual que deberán crear un trabajo final sobre el tema en cuestión.

Está formada por ocho puntos, la introducción, tarea, proceso, recursos, evaluación, conclusión, créditos y guía didáctica.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL BY CHARLES DICKENS

Have you ever heard of Charles Dickens? Or A Christmas Carol? I hope so... Well, now you will have the chance to get to know the extraordinary author and his outstanding literary work A Christmas Carol by adopting a very important role in the book, each one of you will be one of the ghosts that went with Mr. Scrooge along his past, present and future! You will have to make an analysis and conclusion of your experience. I’m sure you will enjoy yourself and once you’ve finished you would be anxious to read the story. Ready, steady...go!

TAREA (qué tareas van a tener que realizar los alumnos, en grupos, individual, número de trabajos, etc)

In groups of three you will have to do the following:

1st part, search for...
- Charles Dickens’ Biography, outstanding works & style
- A Christmas Carol’s Plot, characters, topics & criticism

2nd part, search for...
-Ghosts’ role in the work

3rd part, final task...

Make a brief conclusion were you must include

Your own point of view of Mr. Scrooge as being one of the three ghosts

Personal assessment of the book and of his main character’s behaviour

PROCESO (qué pasos van a tener que seguir)

1.- Decide who is going to be in your team. There must be three members in each group.

2.- Assign the role of the ghosts. Which one of you is going to play each role, the one of the past, present or future.

3.- Talk about what you already know about the topic.

Group work...

4.- Use the resources that are given bellow to search and take out the most important information of:

-Charles Dickens’ biography, outstanding works & style

-A Christmas Carol’s plot, characters, topics & criticism

-The Three Ghosts: Why, when & how do they appear? For what reason?

5.- Write a brief essay with the most outstanding features

Individually you should...

6.- Draw a brief conclusion of the work

- State your own point of view of Mr. Scrooge as if you were one of the ghosts that have been previously assigned

- Write a personal assessment of the story & of the main character’s behaviour. Include a few features of “Process number 3”

7.- Exchange the information about your final conclusion and the whole experience between the members of your group

8.- Oral presentation of the individual and groupal task
RECURSOS (qué páginas web deben utilizar para realizar la búsqueda)

*Dickens’ biography, representative works & style:
http://www.ccgediciones.com/Sala_de_Estar/Biografias/Dickens.html
http://www.answers.com/topic/charles-dickens
http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Dickens

A Christmas Carol’s Plot, characters, topics & criticism:
http://blogs.gamefilia.com/logankeller/15-12-2009/28839/especial-analisis-de-Canción-de-navidad-de-charles-dickens
http://www.bookrags.com/A_Christmas_Carol

*Ghosts’ role:
http://blogs.gamefilia.com/logankeller/15-12-2009/28839/especial-analisis-de-Canción-de-navidad-de-charles-dickens
http://www.bookrags.com/A_Christmas_Carol
http://espaciolibros.com/Canción-de-navidad-charles-dickens/

*Conclusion, point of view & personal assessment:
http://blogs.gamefilia.com/logankeller/15-12-2009/28839/especial-analisis-de-Canción-de-navidad-de-charles-dickens
http://www.bookrags.com/A_Christmas_Carol
http://espaciolibros.com/Canción-de-navidad-charles-dickens/

EVALUACIÓN (Cómo y quién va a evaluar a los alumnos)

There will be two ways of evaluating your work. Throughout the teacher and the classmates.

*The teacher will evaluate both your individual and group work. It will be important:

To write in coherent and correct English

To express in English correctly

To have taken out of the resources relevant, brief and important information

To have important Dickens’ and the book’s details & dates
To have clear and characteristic concepts of A Christmas Carol
To have understood correctly the role of the ghosts
To have each member of the group collaborated equally within the tasks
To have finished with a clear idea of Charles Dickens and of his A Christmas Carol
*Classmates will evaluate your work as a group. It will be important for them:
To show that all of you have worked in the same way, not one more and another one less
To have clear
*Bad (B)
*Good (G)
*Very good (VG)

Finally there will be a groupal & individual mark from 0 to 10, being 0 really bad and 10 extraordinary.

CONCLUSIÓN (conclusión sobre el trabajo por parte del profesor que realiza la Webquest)

Once you have finished you will now know who was the acknowledged Charles Dickens, what did he wrote, what are his most important works and with what purpose did he write them.

If you are anxious to read the whole story you can visit this two Websites:

*On-line book in English:
http://www.readeasily.com/charles-dickens/00075/index.phpv

*On-line book in Spanish:
http://www.ababolia.com/lecturas/author/charles-dickens/

Bibliografía
http://hornbillunleashed.files.wordpress.com/2009/10/charles-dickens.jpg
http://www.openbks.com/library/classics/dickens_charles_carol/A_Christmas_Carol_frontpiece.jpg
http://www.virginmedia.com/images/a-christmas-carol.jpg