

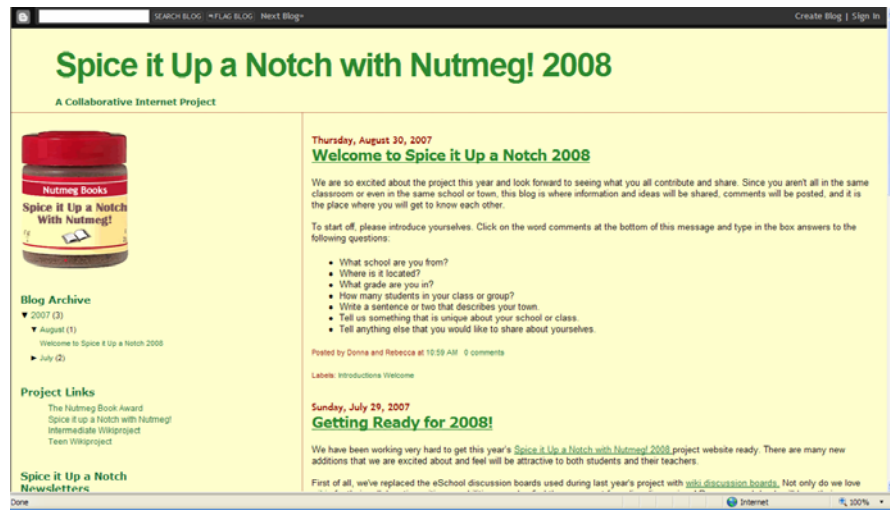
Spice it Up a Notch with Nutmeg! Technology Tools Used in Project



Blogs: A blog is basically a journal that is available on the web. The activity of updating a blog is "blogging" and someone who keeps a blog is a "blogger." Postings on a blog are almost always arranged in chronological order with the most recent additions featured most prominently.

Blogs Used in the Nutmeg Project

The Online Newsletter Blog: This blog is where the project hosts post updates and promote communication between classrooms. Students and teachers can add comments to this blog. You do not need to sign in to add comments.



The Teacher Blog: This blog is a place for teachers and library media specialists to share, collaborate and communicate. Teachers can both write posts and comments. Teachers need to sign in to write posts.





Wikis

A wiki is a web site that lets the user create or edit the actual site contents without any special technical knowledge or tools. A wiki is continuously “under revision.” It is a living collaboration whose purpose is the sharing of the creative process and product by many. A wiki has a far more open structure than a blog and allows others to change what one person has written. Wikis also have a discussion board feature then allows for threaded discussions.

Wikis Used in the Nutmeg Project

The Teen and Intermediate WikiProjects: These wikis have page templates set up for each of the Nutmeg nominees. As they read the nominees, participating students are encouraged to add information, ideas, comments, opinions, pictures, maps, and anything else related to the books. Students will collaborate on the same pages, editing, enhancing and revising each other's content where they see fit. Students need a username and password to edit these wikis.

The screenshot shows a Wikipedia page for the 'Intermediate Spice it Up a Notch with Nutmeg! WikiProject'. The page is titled 'Welcome to the Intermediate Spice it Up a Notch with Nutmeg! WikiProject' and provides information about the project's goal to create an encyclopedia for Nutmeg Book Award nominees. It includes navigation links, a search bar, and a table of contents for the article 'Jackie'.

Navigation: home, Protected, page, discussion, history, notify me

Welcome to the Intermediate Spice it Up a Notch with Nutmeg! WikiProject

What is the Spice it Up a Notch With Nutmeg! WikiProject?
Students from [schools and homes](#) are creating this wiki as part of a collaborative online project called "[Spice it Up a Notch with Nutmeg!](#)"

The goal of this project is to create an encyclopedia for the [Nutmeg Book Award 2009](#) nominees. Each book will have its own page full of information related to the book. As they read the [Nutmeg Book Award 2008](#) nominees, participating students are encouraged to add information, ideas, comments, opinions, pictures, maps, and anything else related to the books. Students will collaborate on the same pages, editing, enhancing and revising each other's content where they see fit. Click [here to see an example](#).

The wiki project will be available on the Internet for anyone to read and use. Kids, teachers, book reviewers, parents, professors, librarians and others will be able to use the articles in the encyclopedia to learn about and add information related to the Nutmeg books.

Book Pages
Each Nutmeg book has its own page. As students add information, a wikipedia about each book is created. Each page has a [discussion board](#) where students can talk to each other about the book as well as the content on the page.

Other Pages
Students can visit the other pages such as [Character Yearbook](#). Classrooms can add their own activity pages for others to part

How to We Join?
Visit the [Spice it Up a Notch with Nutmeg! information page](#).
Join the project by sending an e-mail to sbr@eastcom.org.

How do We Get Started on the Wiki?
To get started, go to [How to Use This Wiki](#).

Jackie Protected page, discussion (2), history, notify me

Please help improve this article by expanding it and adding links.

Jackie's Wild Seattle

Written by

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Characters

Shannon Shannon is the main character of the story. She is a 14 year old girl from Weehawken, New Jersey. Her hopes for her Seattle trip were shattered as soon as she and her little brother, Cody, were greeted by her Uncle Neal at the Seattle airport. Neal was nothing like Shannon remembered. His thin frame



Online Discussion Boards

Online discussion boards allow students to interact with classmates outside class. An online discussion is not fixed in time or space: students can log on at any time from any Internet-enabled computer to join discussions or to initiate new discussions on related topics.

Online Discussion Boards Used in the Nutmeg Project

Teen and Intermediate Discussion Boards: Each book on the wiki has a discussion board where students can join or initiate new discussions about the book. There is also a discussion board for discussions about all of the books. The discussions are monitored and students need a user name and password to participate in the discussions.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a discussion board for the book 'Jackie'. The page title is 'Jackie' and it is categorized as a 'discussion (2)'. The page has a yellow background and a navigation menu on the left. The main content area shows a table of discussion threads. The table has columns for 'Subject', 'Author', 'Replies', 'Views', and 'Last Message'. There are two threads listed: 'Characters in the Nutmeg Book' and 'The Story and You'. Both threads were created by the user 'eastconn'. Below the table, there is a message asking users to sign in to post messages. The footer of the page includes links for 'Home', 'About', 'Blog', 'Terms', 'Privacy', and 'Upgrade'. The browser's address bar shows 'Internet'.

Subject	Author	Replies	Views	Last Message
Characters in the Nutmeg Book	eastconn	0	3	Sep 10, 2007 4:43 pm by eastconn
The Story and You	eastconn	0	1	Sep 6, 2007 2:26 pm by eastconn

Please [sign in](#) to post messages. It's fast and free to [join](#).