

Character Chat Room

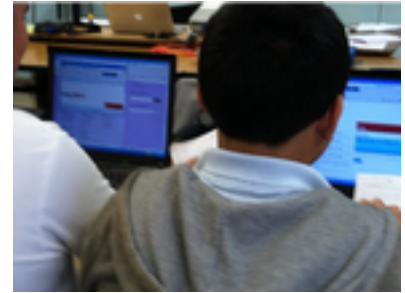
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*This assignment was inspired by this fabulous article [7 Tips For Using Social Media In Your Classroom](#) from NBC News Education Nation

Project Description - Using the chat room site [Todaysmeet.com](#), students will assume the role of key character in our class novel.

The key to this project is organization. Here are some suggestions:

- Assign each student a character and have them become an expert about that character, re-reading key passages that involve the character.
- Before the day of the chat, put your students in groups and create a chat room for each group.
- Go into the room yourself and write a post that says "This is period 7, chat room 5" or the like so they know they're in the right place. It will help you later, too.
- Students need scaffolding when they chat. Projecting a powerpoint or other document with prompts is a good way to keep the chat lively and focused on the big ideas of the book. I put the questions below in a powerpoint, then rang a bell each time I changed the slides. [Here's](#) the presentation.



Below are some screen captures of the chat. To see my blog post about this, and a full chat room transcript, click [here](#).

CopperSunPer7Group1.

This is the chat room for Copper Sun - Period 7, Group 1

Ms. Minkin at 15:39 PM, 26 Mar 2012 via web

This is Emely, chatting as Clay.

Clay at 20:34 PM, 26 Mar 2012 via web

This is Cynthia chatting as Teenie.

Teenie at 20:34 PM, 26 Mar 2012 via web

This is Michelle, chatting as Mr. Derby

Mr. Derby at 20:34 PM, 26 Mar 2012 via web

This is Katherine, chatting as Polly!!

polly at 20:34 PM, 26 Mar 2012 via web

My name is Teenie I am a slave, but I am to be respected and I'm master's head cook children.

Toccic at 20:39 PM, 26 Mar 2012 via web

I like for negroes to go back were they came from. I dislike negroes. My family is dead, no relatives.

polly at 20:54 PM, 26 Mar 2012 via web

I like my wife. I hate the slaves. My fear is losing Derbyshire farms. I have no friends, and my family is Clay and my Wife.

Mr.Derby at 20:54 PM, 26 Mar 2012 via web

I like Myna.

Clay at 20:55 PM, 26 Mar 2012 via web

Slavery is a horrible example of a negro and it is a way white people (Clay and Mr. Derby) are so lazy and should be whipped alot.

Tecnic at 20:55 PM, 26 Mar 2012 via web