*Developing a ClassPortal*

Tom March

***ClassPortals…***

* *Focus on one compelling topic (with all its interesting connections to others).*
* *Embody a passionate interest of the teacher and students.*
* *Continue in the background of class activities drawing attention when something in the real world provokes it.*
* *Act as a platform for things like writing, podcasts, videos, photos, cartoons, data collection, etc.*
* *Serve as a medium of differentiation & personalised learning for support, extension & enrichment.*
* *Naturally demand the exercise of [Habits of Mind](http://www.mindwerx.com/files/insert/Habits_of_Mind_Summary_Outline.jpg%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).*
* *Make a contribution to the world’s learning.*

## Possible Topics & Why?

1)

2)

3)

## Enriching the Possibilities – Making Sure it’s Real, Rich & Relevant

#### What would excite student interest in this topic?

#### Why People Care about this Topic

#### Complexity: What Issues and Aspects make up this Topic?

#### Embedded Learning Skills

## Tapping & Taming the Information Stream

#### Types of Current Information Available (News, Podcasts, Video, Cartoons, Movies, Books, etc.)

#### Initial Places to begin Looking

#### Possible Student Jobs, Roles, Tasks (consider ICT expertise and Gifted & Talented extensions)

## ICT Productions

#### Based on Your Skills & Interests & Student Inclination, which ICT Creations seem possible?

#### Any needed software, hardware, online spaces / tools, tech support, tutorials, etc.

## Other Things You Want to Capture Now!