123VC Evaluation Report - June/July 2009

Evaluation Items	Answers	Number of Answers - June	Number of Answers - July
From which site did you attend?	CCESC		9
	Dallas ISD		13
	ESC Region 4		7
	ESC Region 12		11
	El Paso ISD		16
	Ft. Bend ISD		7
	Gladewater ISD		14
	GST BOCES		7
	ITSCO		2
	Lamar CISD		14
	NCOESC		9
	NORT2H		19
	NYCDOE		10
The pre-class reading assignments helped set the stage for the first day.	Strongly Agree	13	20
	Agree	41	53
	Disagree	1	0
	Strongly Disagree	0	0
	I didn't read them.	17	63
Modeling and doing the different videoconferencing scenario activities provided me with a solid understanding of videoconferencing.	Strongly Agree	59	91
	Agree	10	42
	Disagree	1	2
	Strongly Disagree	1	3
Please rate the following videoconferencing scenario activities:			
Exchange Projects	Great	63	113
	Good	8	23
	All Right	1	2
Math Marvels	Great	53	98
	Good	15	35
	All Right	3	4
	I didn't do it.	1	1
MysteryQuest	Great	63	121
	Good	7	14
	All Right	1	2
	I didn't do it.	1	1
ASK	Great	60	96
	Good	9	28
	All Right	2	4
	I didn't do it.	1	10
The video clips helped further my understanding of how videoconferencing works.	Strongly Agree	37	71
	Agree	34	65
	Disagree	0	1
Please rate the following videoconferencing video clips:			
Virtual Field Trips Take Off	Great	38	67
	Good	18	29
	All Right	1	7

	I didn't see it.	15	31
Math Marvels	Great	44	82
	Good	25	43
	All Right	1	8
	I didn't see it.	2	2
MysteryQuest	Great	52	94
	Good	19	36
	All Right	0	2
	I didn't see it.	1	3
ASK	Great	51	81
	Good	18	32
	All Right	2	8
	I didn't see it.	1	14
The afternoon presentations provided me with some valuable information.	Strongly Agree	44	75
	Agree	26	65
	Disagree	0	1
	Strongly Disagree	1	0
Please rate the following afternoon presentations:			
VC7: Brain Based Videoconferencing	Great	22	
	Good	16	
	All Right	18	
	I didn't see it.	15	
LEARNnco with Andy Campbell	Great	43	82
	Good	15	40
	All Right	3	9
	I didn't see it.	11	5
San Francisco Giants	Great	31	64
	Good	26	53
	All Right	6	16
	I didn't see it.	9	1
NASA Digital Learning Network	Great	36	75
	Good	20	51
	All Right	7	9
	I didn't see it.	9	1
Global Nomads Group	Great	45	50
	Good	18	47
	All Right	2	37
	I didn't see it.	7	2
Fort Worth Museum	Great	40	78
	Good	22	43
	All Right	2	8
	I didn't see it.	7	5
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame	Great		67
	Good		50
	All Right		17
	I didn't see it.		1
Shane Howard	Great	37	103
	Good	20	27
	All Right	11	4
	I didn't see it.	0	0

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I enjoyed working with people from a distance on our class project.	Strongly Agree	63	92
	Agree	9	42
	Disagree	0	3
I felt comfortable meeting with my class project group through videoconferencing.	Strongly Agree	54	78
	Agree	17	55
	Disagree	1	3
Using the blog was a good way to reflect about our experiences in the class.	Strongly Agree	34	70
	Agree	36	64
	Disagree	1	3
	Strongly Disagree	0	0
I plan on signing up with at least one of the videoconferencing listservs that we discussed.	I already did!	36	43
	Yes	32	75
	I'm not sure.	4	17
	No	0	0
Moodle was a good way to host and deliver the class information.	Strongly Agree	39	58
	Agree	32	73
	Disagree	0	0
	Strongly Disagree	0	0
GoogleDocs and GoogleSites was a good way to publish the group project information.	Strongly Agree	54	83
	Agree	18	50
	Disagree	0	4
I see the benefit of using videoconferencing with my students.	Strongly Agree	68	108
	Agree	4	24
	Disagree	0	2
The length of the course was...	Too Short...I would like to have had much more time.	2	4
	Good...although I would like to have had a little more time.	24	25
	Perfect!	39	74
	Good...although I would like to have had a little less time.	7	25
	Too Long...I was ready to go home on Monday morning.	0	4
Please evaluate the overall knowledge of the facilitators.	Very knowledgeable	66	118
	Knowledgeable	6	15
	Somewhat Knowledgeable	0	3
I found the content of the training session to be...	Very relevant to my job	57	90
	Relevant to my job	15	39
	Somewhat relevant to my job	0	5
Would you recommend the 123VC course to others?	Yes	72	134
	Maybe	0	3
	No	0	0
Overall, I found the 123VC course to be...	Very helpful	66	104
	Helpful	6	26
	All Right	0	3
	Frustrating	0	1

	Answers - June	**Answers - July**
If you could modify one thing about 123VC what would it be, and how would you do it?	A follow-up day in the year with the group to discuss what we have done thus far and then reconnect with other educators.	I have very little experience with this type of web sites to make an accurate judgement.

A follow-up to see how everybody is implementing everything we learned and the successes and who is collaborating with who.	A bit shorter work day... maybe less time actually "modeling" some of the activities.
Allow more time to do the assigned jobs such as Flickr Tagger, etc.	Allow more time for preparation.
Allow more time to go over the Web2.0 tools we were shown. We now know what is out there and how to get to the sites but because we had very little time to actually spend using each site we don't necessarily know how to do some of the things on our own.	Although it is good to work with mixed groups, I would have liked to have time with people who have the same job.
Along with the assignments give apporpriate amount of time to spend on learning the new tools and gadgets. Follow up with additional meetings to see if we retain and share the information.	Bring in more providers if at all possible with time.
Although difficult, small groups should be more content similar	Each site's facilitator needs to make sure participants know exactly what is expected of them for the various projects. Assigning roles for site projects may also help in coordinating these projects.
Concise it to four days.	Even more hands on, like hooking up the hardware. The GNG portion went on WAAAY to long in hashing our economics. The facilitator seemed uncomfortable with the format so a more experience facilitator might have redirected the discussion or cut it short.
Eliminate side bar conversations, and value the opinions of others. You don't have to agree with everyone, but everyone has good information to offer. I think as teachers we are all used to being in charge and find it difficult to vaule input from others.	Everything is great. No changes, i believe, are necessary.
Have a second class of more advanced users. Or just to share more.	For it to not start so early and to have a little more time for lunch.
Have time to actually set up some of the things ourselves, or at least see to set them up such as the moodle docs, wordpress, etc. It was neat to "use" them, but I would have no idea on how to "utilize" them myself.	Fun activities in the afternoon since everyone is a little more tired then.
Having an easier display of all the websites to go on and briefly what they were for. I know there were some on pg.6 but I found myself often lost and trying to find where we were and where we were suppose to be. The computer issue was a little frustrating the 2nd day, but thanks for making it better, it made a big difference.	Have a bit of time to learn the jobs you never got to have. EX. Some never were technical facilitators but need to know how to use the cameras.
Having time to practice pushing buttons, turning on equipment, switching from one tool to another, just a day to practice without pressure!!!	Have a print out of projects offered by guest presenters and their contact info.
I am now able to use the vc buttons I am able to write projects I am to find relevant websites to find projects to take part in	Have a session that discussed the technical difficults and what action plans one should put into place when there are difficulties.
I can't wait to see if there will be a part 2.	Have break out groups that concentrate on specific content areas.
I think given the wide spectrum of levels and classes, it was effective.	Have more clearly delineated roles assigned in the small group process.
I would enjoy some follow up sessions throughout the year.	Have the participants in the same time zone.
I would have just like to have meet with the morning sites all day instead of two different groups.	Highlight how vidoconferencing enhances the general lesson plan.
I would have the small groups get together earlier in the day when our minds are fresher!	How do we get the equipment for our rooms?
I would like more time to work with the distant groups. Maybe putting the conferences in three days and two full afternoons for the group work.	I am not educated enough to give ideas about change. Wait until I learn more then I may have ideas.
I would like to see the conversation to be a little more focused during Local Activities time.	I am not sure what I would modify at this point. I found the course to be well run and prepared. I would have to think about this some more.
I would love a blog where we can talk with each other, leave ideas, offer websites etc. etc. One that any of the teachers can just access whenever.	I cant think of a thing. I loved every minute of it.

I would try to make it just a little shorter, maybe by 1 day.	I don't know that I would.... except maybe remind other sites to watch the camera settings....
I wouldn't change a thing. It was very informative and descriptive.	I don't see a need at this point.
If possible, a daily schedule so we can better know what is going on and at what time.	I feel that a short video highlighting "Real DV Conference" implementation of group work "Project Idea" should be featured before we begin our planning. This gives us a vision of the end product.
It was great maybe a short refresher course in the future with same group to follow up on how it is working ofor them.	I felt very welcomed. Perfect.
It was perfect.	I learned a lot about VCing in general and picked up many helpful tips. The only thing I can think of that would have made it better was to have separate sessions for the different levels (separate HS from Elem). I realize that logistically that might not be possible.
It was so great that I can't think of anything.	I missed the time that was spent going over some IVDL logistics basics because it was really only talked about on one day from what I remember. I think it would be a nice idea to maybe cover one logistical DL topic/idea each day as an icebreaker.
It would be nice to include people from even more international sites, though time differences might make it difficult.	I think it was great as it was.
Lunch	I think not only showing content providers, but teaching more about the equipment, and how teachers can do this themselves.
Maybe giving us a little more information to prepare us for it. Maybe a list of vocabulary with definition for some us to be able to understand	I think that for the small groups, they should be limited to only 2 sites. This way we are more focused and there is less likelyhood of egos clashing!
Maybe have links with famous people from Britain Enjoyed the American link and would have liked to link with a British school or class only because of the time difference with America	I think that the time allotted for each idea, presentation, etc. was great.
More classroom teachers.	I think the course could be worked into less days. There were several people who had to drive quite a distance.
More openings for teacher to attend. There shoul be more promotion to VC	I wished there were star-ratings on the videoconferences from venders or a preview before we purchased. I would have liked to have more experience setting up the equipment.
More time for group work, less time spent on the afternoon connections.	I would add more of an introduction on how to use the equipment.
More time for in depth practice in the new things we learned.	I would have a daily survey instead of this because it is hard to remember.
More time for the web 2.o skills	I would have an extra few days....instead of a 5 day workshop, maybe 7?
Nada!	I would have liked a basic computer training to prepare me for the power point and the project.
Need more time to actually use the equipment.	I would have liked being an independent site. It was great to work with the rest of Ohio but I felt like we would have been more engaged if we be active the whole time.
No comment.	I would include a session time where the participants could practice and see how to not only connect through the video for conference, but also how to include the document camera, computer screen, and any other media. I would like to know how to connect that and switch back and forth so that I could make sure my room connection was set up that way.
No modifications needed at this point.	I would like a little more time with some additional technical information.

Shorten the afternoon presentations and allow us more time to work with our small groups on preparing/presenting our projects.	I would like the idea of having a "reunion" class to share what we have done and to brainstorm about any challenges we encountered.
Some people in my group would have liked to have the ASK session be a little less "American" in focus, although it was still interesting and useful.	I would like to have a little more time to work in small group projects.
Well, our connection was going up and out in the afternoon. We need another connection and filler when one system fails, then the other system will kick in.	I would like to have learned how to set up the moodle site, so that I could use this with my students. Although I enjoyed the afternoon sessions, because of the cost I doubt I will use them. I particularly liked the ones that we saw that were free.
differentiate the districts to outside Texas	I would like to see more individual site to site interaction...I suppose build in more time for collaboration....although what we did have was awesome!
i don't think anything. I didn't have a problem with anything this week :)	I would love to stay in contact with all these outside districts.
maybe include follow up sessions in specific things, like fickr, or specific content providers. It was lots of great info, but too much to internalize at once (at least for me)	I would modify the focus to include maybe some high school VC activities.
n/a	I would not modify anything.
nothing...i really enjoyed it	I would spend more time on the hands on technical aspects of how to use the equipment and less time on lesson planning though it is great! Most of us are educators and we already know how to create a lesson. WE NEED MORE OF THE TECHINCAL SIDE TO IT!! Thanks for all you do.
	I would spend the first day, just explaining how the equipment works and how to set it up in your classroom. I don't think it would have to be complicated, just simple enough to get one started. As the week progresses and new ideas are dropped in, we could ask better questions having known some of the basics.
	I would use the first morning in seting up the theoretical aspects such as the vocabulary, all the commands in the remote control, the conections, the dos and don'ts, the right use of the camera and mic, etc. And the start.
	If I had to choose 1 thing, it would be to minimize some of the waiting between connections, esp. in the afternoons...it seemed to lag at those points. I would also like to see more programming for secondary folk.
	If possible for the small groups, have teachers from the same grade and discipline together. It would make it a little more relevant.
	In explaining some of the field trips...maybe show some of it to us as we were the kids.....Not just explain what they would do but show.
	It was awesome!
	It was great.
	It was great in all aspects! Thank you!
	Just perfect!
	Learning a little more about the other software programs we worked with, such as Flickr, GoogleDocs, Skype, etc.
	Length of class, shorter days!
	Make it mandatory.
	Make this a 2 week class for more hands-on practice.
	Maybe smaller collaborative groups.

	Maybe fit in some down - think time. Sometimes it was overwhelming - so much info.
	More challenging would help, and less corny openings.
	More days to do the work.
	More direction needed at the beginning of the group project. In all, they all turned out very well.
	More hands on with the mechanics.
	More providers and examples. Loved seeing the information.
	More time for personal reflection and practice, yet I did love all the interaction.
	More time for small group projects.
	More time for the video conferencing group project.
	More time to work to get to know the sites, in and out of the sites and getting familiar with them.
	NOTHING....IT WAS JUST RIGHT!
	Not a thing!
	Not sure you really could change the down time, that is so unpredictable when using technology.
	Nothing I just wish I had been more aware of it all before I started and had brought more teachers.
	Nothing!
	Nothing. It was great.
	On line course on how to create Moodle pages.
	Our faciliator gave a class on how to make a great presentation with hints of how to move and move the cameras and be enthusiastic. all sites need to address this!
	Ran smoothly
	Shorten it a little, maybe 4 days instead.
	Some of the VC that we had dragged on, if we were the children they would not have been able to stay focused.
	Some projects were too long
	Start Monday with less interactive sites. That was a little scary. Start slowly and build up.
	The Math Marvels was WAY too long.
	The assault on my brain was uninterrupted. I could have used time to think without more input. Not a lot of time, just a brief period.
	The first hour in the mornings seemed to drag on a bit but once we got into doing the activities time flew by.
	The number of days should be shortened possibly 3 days max.
	The only thing would to possibly be interactive on more videoconferences. However, I understand it is not always possible depending on the activity.
	The presentations/VC projects are what will get everyone excited. I would highly recommend more time for each group to share their projects. At least 10 minutes per group.
	The providers videoconferences gave some good information about conferences that could be used in our curriculum, but I think some of them would have been more memorable had they actually played some clips of conference materials or recent conferences they had done.

		The sample sessions in the afternoon were too long and got off the point of using the equipment and were focused instead on the controversy being discussed, rather than the technique---e.g. Viet Nam veteran and also other topics . Connecting to so many points at once is too cumbersome---less points would be better, but across the nation is good too. Lots of down time, when we waited for things...etc.
		The session was too long.
		This is a hard one. Probably more technology integration- I dont feel like we searched many online tools available. Also more time for actual planning.
		Too many emails to the facilitators during the planning stage. More items should be shared in Google Docs and all spreadsheets should be in one Google spreadsheet using multiple pages.
		We need more time to work on the group project. I felt very rushed and would have liked to make the lesson better.
		We needed more small group time to work on our project. Monday and Tuesday small group work should be combined.
		Well...I'm not exactely sure, but perhaps I would limit the length of the example video conferences from the content providers...but on the other hand maybe that was really benifical to others.
		What the facilitators have already mentioned: giving participants the opportunity to pick a topic first, then the people to collaborate with--even if it's only based on the grade or subject taught.
		a wealth of knowledge bundled into one week!
		i have no modifications for you at this time.
		larger VC screen
		more time for hands on experience with the equipment
		no comment
		none
		nothing
		nothing i think it flows well
		put the technology connections in a bubble so certain sites do not miss out ;)
		time to have an occasional break--lots of information to digest.
Please describe the most valuable experience you feel that you had while participating in the 123VC course.	Learning how to set up and be an active participant in the small group vc. Learning how to plan my own vc for the school year and watching examples of choices that are available to us.	ASK. I will certainly use this as a VC for my district. It was extremely powerful.
	All of the experiences were valuable to me. I learned so much about VC and more, that I will be requesting as many as I can and letting all the teachers know at my campus how wonderful it is!	Actually doing a presentation.
	All of the first hand experience we got as well as the numerous amounts of resources - wesites, content providers, etc. - that we can put into practice next year.	All of it was valuable.
	All of the information provided both in our handouts, VC connections and facilitators.	At this point the most valuable experience was to just be introduced to the whole reality of videoconferencing. I learned a lot during this course about videoconferencing, especially how fun it could be for children to participate. I look forward to learning more and eventually implementing videoconferencing in the classroom.
	Availability of presenters, field trips and projects.	Collaborating with an off-site group really helped me to understand what it would be like to vc. All the other times, I felt like I was watching... when we did that, I was really having to make it happen.

Be exposed to (and in some cases learning) how to use some more Web 2.0 tools.	Collaboration and excellent support
Being able to meet new people do experience vc with. Learning how to use the different tech tools.	Connecting with the members of the small group was great, especially once everyone started opening up.
Communicating with others so far away Having hands on experience with the technology Being left on our own occasionally to cope with the VC	El Paso was lucky to be part of an organized, knowledgeable, professional, and prepared team.
Connecting with other states and countries!	Everything because I didn't know much about many items we talked about!
Establishing collaborative partnerships with the group in Ohio. This will definitely contribute to having the project take place next year.	Everything was new and valuable to me.
Every single organized bit was beneficial. Thank you for being so organized.	Experiencing the different types of vc's, ie. mysteryquest, academic exchange and connecting with providers
Everything!	Felt comfortable actually using the equipment and doing all the presentations and ice breakers.
Experiencing simultaneous interaction for myself and seeing how it would excite and engage my students.	Final project, it allowed us to actually practice videoconferencing!
Getting familiar and using the equipmet. Having hands on experiences helped me better undertand the use and the benefit of using vc in the class. I learn mor online resources I can use.	For us was dealing with the problems of technology
Getting the opportunity to meet with others who have the same/similar job assignments. Open dialogue.	Getting connected and practicing with others.
Getting to connect with schools from other areas & plan uses for the video conference connections.	Hands on use of equipment
Getting to converse with other teachers and getting to see other lessons from other teachers. Building relationships with others teachers that have ideas that want to share and collaborate with us.	I believe that all of the material and websites that we can go to, to try to connect with others and their ideas is an awesome tool. The networking between teachers.
Getting to the point where the technology faded into the background for the content to take center stage.	I enjoyed being able to do the lesson with another site.
Hands on training.	I enjoyed connecting with other teachers from other areas.
Hands on, fun activities that 'made' me join in and forget my inhibitions about some of the new technology that we used this week.	I enjoyed meeting in the small groups to create a lesson. This was a great and applicable experience and I can't wait for the lesson to come to fruition.
Having interactions with new people. My most valuable experience is talking to a veteran and getting all that information. Thanks.	I enjoyed meeting other people that were actually interested in videoconferencing and having a chance to meet them during the training session so that it took the pressure off of us doing it ourselves later. It's always tough that first time doing something new. But I really became comfortable with it.
I can't pick. It was all so good. Really!	I feel MUCH more comfortable (and excited) about getting going on VC projects.
I finally know what a videoconference is and what types of videoconferences I can do with my students (MYSTERYQUEST)!!!	I feel like I am just beginning to enter the 21st century now. Thanks!
I just enjoyed the whole conferencing ideas, the commitment of the individulas, diverse skills and knowledge that I met each day.	I got a lot of wonderful ideas to use in the classroom. I got good ideas for back up plans in case something goes wrong.
I loved the ASK video conference and somehow plan to use in my classroom.	I have learned several new terms in technology. Some of which include Blogging, docs, videoconferencing.
I really enjoyed recognizing the option of using video conference to broaden the art of teaching in my classroom.	I have the confidence to do this and let my students have a great experience. I loved the way small groups came together to complete the task.
LOVED learning about google docs A great tool! I also loved getting to know and work with people from other cities.	I learned (and then downloaded and installed) about XMeeting for my MAC. It works great!

Learning about all the diferent tools out there was great! I learned many skills to pass on to my students and fellow teachers.	I learned how to use some of this technology!
Learning all of the VC programs that are available.	I learned so much and now am so excited to start using my system. I can not wait until Sept.1.
Learning to use the equipment and hearing of all the offerings available	I learned so much!!!
Linking with America every day and talking to other teachers.	I learned to collaborate better with colleagues.
MysteryQuest Beaches	I lost my fear of technology...I was able to try and play with many aspects of the conference...it opened up my thinking enormously....Thanks so much!!!
Not feeling overwhelmed by the experience and being shown how to maximize your video experience	I loved Global Nomads and the MysteryQuest.
Not only learning equipment, but the Ask program and Hank had the biggest impact on me personally. I did not think that it would be such an emotional experience for everyone involved and how he impacted so many of us from the different sites.	I loved it and now I feel ready to use it in my class.
Practice using the various communication tools.	I loved learning about the google.docs skyp,flickr, hooking up with the people in other places.
Preparing and planning an actual lesson to incorporate this next school year.	I loved practical ideas that can be easily put into place. No longer have to be afraid of what to do.
SO much has been valuable but two things have stood out. Firstly meeting with other teachers in Torfaen as we will be able to liaise with each other if we have any problems and also to link with each other to build confidence. Secondly linking with parts of America and meeting people that we can hopefully link with (through capspace?!)	I needed to be taken out of my comfort zone and 123VC did it painlessly. Thanks so much.
Seeing all of the simulations and the content providers. The ASK program was awesome!	I really enjoyed working with my group through distance learning.
Sharing of the information with peers	I really enjoyed working with my small group. It gave me an opportunity to use the conference equipment, work with others at a distance, and to use organizational tools like Google Docs and Sites that I had never had the opportunity to use before.
Taking part in video links	I should never relate any of my brain teaser stories, especially concerning apples and bridges.
The ASK project and connection with veteran.	I think the small group partnership provided the most benefit to me. I feel I am taking away an actual plan that I can make work.
The hands on experiences!	It was all great and to the point. most valuable would be the actual tech interaction.
The most valuable experience I had was learning the whole process. It was very overwhelming at first. Thanks to this workshop I am comfortable and feel like I am ready to try VC with my students.	I was very moved by the history of WWII and the veteran!
The most valuable experience is learning all about the various activities we can incorporate during video conferencing.	I was very uncomfortable working with the groups from the other sites....BUT....it was just what i needed. This experience was valuable for me because it helped me see that everything doesn't have to be perfect. I don't have to do the job all by myself.
The most valuable experiences were the roles we played every day that allowed us to experiment with flickr, googledocs, blogs, tiny chat in a meaningful way. I also value the time we had to sign up for VC and register at CAPS so we won't forget. Very practical use of time	I'm not a teacher but a content provider. Working with the teachers present gives me a better idea of what content they are looking for.
The most valuable was the group projects because know I have something to take back to school.	Interacting with others far and near.

The reading of the story "The Wall", talking with the veterans, and class participants expressing ther experiences and feelings about the war.	Interacting with the other sites!
There are so many resources for Vc that I was unaware of. The TWICE site has so much available. I am grateful for coming to this class and getting a better understanding of the VC world.	It was awesome.
Uh...not Shane......Just kidding. The valuable thing was learning how to incorporate VC into my classroom. I also think it is important network with other like minded educators. Everyone seemed excited to use VC in their classrooms.	Just happy to get more familiar with the technology.
Understanding how vc's work and getting brave with using them.	Just knowing that this is available for teachers and the extent to which they can collaborate with others.
Working in small groups to prepare a presentation was the most valuable work for me, because it gave us hands on experience with operation of equipment and real-time work with colleagues.	Just learning about all that is out there!
Working with people from all over the world and sharing ideas!	Learning about Google Docs, Monster match, Mystery quest and Flickr!!
being brave	Learning about the different providers.
exchange of cultures, ideas. Meeting new educators and making friends. We paired up with a wonderful group of people from Kamloops.	Learning of all the videoconferencing opportunities out there.
getting practical lesson ideas for using vc	Learning the equipment.
googledocs are magic!!!!!!!!!!	Making my own list of providers and programs.
hands on training to many different technological applications to education.	Meeting educators from all over, planning a unit with distance learners....ALL of it!
learning how to use the equipment	Modeling the presentations so I could see how you could use them.
most valuable experience: seeing teachers, like me, fiddle around with technology	Multi-tasking and having hand-on practice was most valuable.
openly sharing knowledge and conversation with other sites	My best experience was the comraderie with the people here in Dallas.
shared used of the remote ... interesting how to manage a group and the remote control ... important experience	My most valuable experience was to actually collaborating to create a video conference.
stepping out of the comfort zone	My most valuable experience was all the NEW ideas that I am coming away with to apply to my classroom!
the collaboration with our small group in OH	N/A
working with the different 2.0 techs and various equipment	New projects to do with my students. Great resources available also.
	Not sure how to isolate it...overall, seeing a vc in practice - using skype/twitter for instant feedback during the sessions, storing materials on a blog/googledocs, giving feedback on a blog -- that was amazing.
	Participating in a variety of ways to do VC.
	Participating in the actual projects/activities as the students would.
	Seeing some of the providers and hearing about their content.
	Seeing the different programs available for me to use this coming school year.
	Seeing the different providers.
	Seeing the different types of activities that can be done via VC. I had no idea of what all is out there.
	Signing up for the different jobs and having to do them. Doing the group VC. All the hands on experiences. You have to go through all the steps to make it work.
	Skypeing with another group and planning the project.

	Small group projects and rotating the jobs so we had first hand experience working various equipment.
	So many new ideas; hard to list just one!
	Spending time with our team during our group work. What a great way to form new friendships!
	Starting and working on a project... and having it completed and presented by the end of the week. Loved being able to see all of the groups present... provided great resources and ideas for the future!
	Taking us through activities as actual participants gives us more of an insight as to the process of making a VC successful!
	The ASK Program and Ft. Worth Museum presentations were awesome. They gave me some ideas on ways to incorporate vc in my classroom.
	The Networking possibilities!
	The Wall
	The actual practice with the video conferencing and the modeling of how things were supposed to go. Also, the patience of our instructors....Shane and Rox were excellent and there 24/7 to answer any questions. No question was dumb, every question was valued, and regardless of how much the repetition needed.
	The best thing was working with my small group. Just to experience it in a smaller, less intimidating setting.
	The examples from different places to video conference with was very valuable.
	The experience of being in more than one place at the same time.
	The experience was very interactive! We were involved actively.
	The global nomads sitcks out to me.
	The global nomads was valuable experience.
	The group activities and hands on work.
	The group project was a great way to practice using the camera, google sites, and google docs.
	The group work.
	The group work and them being somewhere besides Texas.
	The hands on collaboratons of projects.
	The hands-on activities were very helpful. I loved the content providers and the interactive activities between the participating sites.
	The hands-on practice.
	The most valuable experience was learning how to merge videoconferencing with every day curriculum.
	The most valuable experience would be the whole workings of the JAZZ projects! Getting to know the other sites and what is available.
	The most valuable thing I experienced was just the many resources and the chance to see it work.
	The project ideas.
	The sharing of the products from different sites was facilitated.
	The simulations were very helpful because they allowed us to actually go through the videoconference process as well as gave us ideas for projects.
	The technology that I learned about is going to be so useful.

		The whole experience was great! My comfort level is better and I feel that I can work together with my coteacher to bring VC learning to our students.
		To meet all the different educators and leave with the ability to vc with other schools.
		To work with the equipment, more exposure to technology sites, introducing places to find videoconferencing programs.
		USING THE EQUIPMENT FIRST HAND WAS A GREAT WAY TO MAKE YOU LEARN IT.
		Using the remote and presettings.
		Utilizing the equipment within a project format.
		Watching the other's presentations and actually presenting.
		We had some computer problems and had to talk call our groups through skype. Even though we had problems we were able to work on our project. I have a lot more confidence now that computer glitches won't stop me.
		Working and planning with other sites... planning projects.
		Working on the group projects.
		Working with other educators and getting exposure to this great learning tool! Its always fun when its group work, you learn so much more and it makes it fun!
		Working with other educators!
		Working with the equipment.
		communicating with groups outside of the school district
		connecting with local people to build our IVDL community.
		hands on .... In front of the camera
		hands on work
		interaction and learning to be comfortable with technology
		learning how to implement plan b, c, and d
		learning how to vc, learn the needed equipment, learn how to skype, learn how to use google docs, and how to prepare different projects.
		networking ideas
		preparing our group presentation
		putting a presentation together and using google docs
		seeing the different opportunities in the afternoon
		seeing the relative ease of skyping in terms of teacher collaboration and use in a classroom.
		working with other teachers in small group projects
Please share anything else you would like. We value your feedback!	Ashton was a great, well informed facilitator!!	A close second to the above question...actually doing the math and science activities was awesome. It showed me how to have students engaged during a video conference. I would like to see even more of that type of activity planned. Ken is incredible. Thank you!
	Distance Learning is the IN THING right now, everybody should be exposed to it.	A wonderful experience!
	Enjoyed it!	ABSOLUTELY loved this training. Had a wonderful time. Hate to see it end.
	Excellent job! Fantastic!	All three ladies were incredible. Funny, caring, helpful, and knowledgeable. Thanks to them. Ashton, you were an awesome leader!!! Hats off!

Follow up. It would challenge us as educators	Ashton Graham and her team in El Paso did an awesome job of preparing all of the participants. It was due to their high expectations that our group did such an awesome job. My hats off to their leadership for establishing such a strong foundation for VC.
GREAT Job!!!	Awesome experience
Good Conference	Awesome experience!
Great job by all the facilitators. A lot of hard work went into this training and I appreciate all that you did to bring this to us.	Awesome! All teachers need to experience this! :)
Great to meet people from other countries Valuable experience in taking part in video conferences.	BUY A SHANE HOWARD BAND CD @ www.shanehowardband.com
Great week--I have learned so much!	Being able to see how other teachers collaborate.
I found the class to be very informative and all of the information useful. The schedule was very organized and kept us all moving at a good pace. There was not time to get off-task!	Enjoyed it very much. It'd be nice to organize little vc reunions from our respective campuses. :-)
I hate seeing myself on camera, and I am not comfortable with that aspect. I'm a behind the scenes kinda gal.	Good Job!
I have to think about it...I like the whole experiences I received this summer. Can't wait to start implementing.	Good experience! Our instructor, Paul, was enthusiastic and easily shared all resources! When we needed help he was very patient!!
I loved it. Thank you very much	Great Great!!! I have had a great time, and have told many friends about signing up for it next time it is offered.
I really enjoyed getting to experience some of the activities myself. So I know what to expect if/when I signed up for them.	Great Job Paul. Excellent instructor.
I really enjoyed the course. It has opened my eyes to the possibilities that video conferencing can provide from small scale projects to connecting with people from all over the world. Well done to everyone involved - leaders and participants!	Great Job! :) This course is well planned and flows smoothly!
I really enjoyed the experience. Would do it again in a heartbeat. I want to make those teacher to teacher connections with other cities.	Great Job!!!! I was delighted.
I signed up for this because I really want to learn about VC. I am at level zero, when it comes to vc knowledge and experience in VC; working with individuals and facilators that were patient and understanding put me at ease. Because of that I am more likely to take aother class. Thank you to all those facilitators and teachers. Now I know how the children feel.	Great class!
I think that it would have been a great idea to do the Global nomads group first because it was a great way for all the second group to connect.	Great class! Thanks for all the information!
I thought the workshop was well organized and provided us with tools to help us promote technology in the classrooms.	Great experience.
I would like to have a class with just connecting all the equipment,cameras, make connections, zooming in and out, connecting the document camera, computers etc.	Great presenters, could be better....
It was great. Thank you for everything. I learned a lot. I did not feel dumb at all. Everyones help, suggestions, and ideas are very much appreciated.	Great session - I wish other people from my school had come to this as well! I feel like ya'll valued our time and there wasn't a lot of extra fluff thrown in - I really appreciate that.
Janine is a wonderful, knowledgeable facilitator and educator!	Great! Great! Great! It was worth the wait. I have been trying to come to Jazz for three years.

Janine is an awesome instructor! She is very organized and enthusiastic about vc, and it helps knowing that she is available to help us with setting up our connections. I am so impressed with how she has organized all of the useful information online for us to access at anytime, and I will be sure to share this information with my co-workers.	Have a more basic video conferencing class before doing this conference.
Love the training!	I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE FACILITATORS AND THEIR EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS A HUGELY VALUABLE SUCCESS. Not only was it informational, but it was fun and very involved with our interactions and feedback. Loved it! Can't wait to use it!
Loved it, before I started thought I would be a fish out of water, but all made me feel welcome and a part of all groups. thanks	I didn't read the intro materials because I couldn't open the document for some reason. The small group sessions were very stressful because we felt that our ideas were unwelcomed and challenged, but the other groups' ideas were submitted with no opportunity for comment from us.
Loved it, enjoyed it, thank you!	I enjoyed the people I met and feel the course was a good use of my time.
Maybe a follow on from the course where all involved link up from their own schools and practise their new skills.	I enjoyed this whole week! Great job of planning!
Overall, I really enjoyed the class and the knowledge it had to offer. Thanks a bunch!	I enjoyed.
Seriously... this was probably the best pro-d I have ever participated in. Awesome!	I just loved this conference... the best one I ever attended. I can't say enough!
Some kind of screening of participants to determine how serious they are. Some participants did not work in the group and dumped their obiligations on othes. Some were very distracted.	I like the fact that we get paid for this training!! That was a great incentive, yet I enjoy coming to all of these technology classes.
Such a great, well-planned workshop. Thanks!	I really enjoyed this conference and can not wait to use this in my classroom this year.
Thank you for offering this! I will look forward to next year!	I very much enjoyed this workshop and would do it again.
Thank you for teaching us soooooo much!	I was a bit intimidated when I walked in on Monday. I want to thank all of the facilitators for making this a very fun, nonthreatening inservice. You rock!
Thank you so much for the opportunity to learn!	I will need one on one reinforcement during the school year. I am hoping technical help will be easy to find.
Thank you very much, looking forward to your help in the fall!	I wish more teachers would sign up for this.
Thank you!	It was frustrating to do the group work and not being able to connect for 2 days.
Thanks for all the work to make this workshop a great experience. It would be great to do an one day follow up later this next school year or next summer.	It was very interesting.
Thanks so much, Janine!	Just a few notes for the room: a box of tissues (even ask a participant to bring one--they will.) Cups available for water...just so we could get a drink of water in the morning.
The Video conferencing has been a valuable experience and I will definitely be linking up when I go back to school. I need to do this fairly soon so I don't lose or forget anything I have learnt. Thanks to everyone - a really good week!!	Just want to say thank you for the class and the efforts of all of those who facilitated this program. It was helpful and insightful for me.
The behind the scenes help is invaluable and it was terrific to meet Shane and Roxanne to see who was doing the magic.	Katrina was the most amazing facilitator. She was the backbone to our group and never let us get frustrated!
This experience was totally awesome	Keep up the great work!!!!

	This training was very informative, very well-organized, lots of great information. THANK YOU!	Ken, You are an excellent teacher. You were always so calm and never stressed. You were very helpful and kept the class moving along at a comfortable pace. Thanks for all you do to help us help our kids.
	This was a Great Class!	Lori is awesome!!! Thank you for all your support! If it weren't for you there would be no way I could implement this into my school.
	This was a very meaningful learning experience.	Loved it all
	This was a wonderful workshop that helped beginners through the advanced learners. I was somewhere around 50% as far as expertise and felt I learned much and now feel more confident of what I did know previously. Of course my new information will really help me do better! Thanks so much.	Loved it, thought it was very interesting and helpful. A great new way to enhance your teaching.
	This was an incredible experience and by far the best PD I have experienced in my career.	Loved this! Kathy is great!
	Yay! I love organized and informative workshops!! Thank you, Janine and all facilitators. I plan to be in touch for future VCs. Thank you, Jamie Culver	Many thanks. Especially thank you for being so comfortable and knowledge-loaded; you helped me try new things and go to new levels. Thanks!
	excellent workshop!!I was a little nervous at first because of my technology weakness, but I'm feeling much more comfortable now	Meeting new colleagues - both here in the area and from across the country - was awesome. I really was grateful for the collegiality of our team.
	good to work with educators from different parts of world and different ages	More Spanish bilingual education resources or content providers.
	very enlightening. perhaps we could receive a synopsis of our week with some links in a google Doc that we could keep on hand for reference. thank you	More hands on.
	we didn't get the reading material before the training...that would have been very helpful	More math activities.
		More of technical hands on procedure so that teachers can feel comfortable using their equipment.
		N/A
		Our facilitators Ashton, Sherita, and Rebecca were very helpful. They know how to enjoy their jobs.
		Our facilitators were excellent!!!
		Paul was the best instructor in the world!!! He truly has a passion for people and helping them to get the most out of their technological experience. It feels like I have known him forever.
		Planning other partnerships already!
		Promote it more. It is a valuable course.
		Ready to enjoy the rest of my summer!!
		Shane & Roxanne are awesome! They are uplifting and encouraging people that motivate you to want to introduce this to your coworkers and students! We are lucky to have them!!!!
		Super job!
		THANK YOU Mrs. Martin, Rebecca, and Ashton!!!!!! Without y'all this won't be possible. Thank you for all you help.
		Thank you so much for this opportunity. The possibilities are endless. The food was great as well. Ken is awesome. He is a great resource.
		Thank you very much for this wonderful experience!!
		Thank you, thank you
		Thanks for a great training!
		Thanks for all the great resources. I think being apart of the VC community is going to be awesome.

Thanks for having it.
Thanks for the people that work to get us on Skype when G'water went down.
Thanks!
The afternoon sessions were great when we interated with the site we connected to. Some were very long if we were just sitting there listening to them talk.
The best workshop I have been to!
The best workshop that I have gone to in a LONG time. I looked forward to the next day. I did not dread getting up in the AM and coming.
The blog was a great tool.
The energy and positive attitude of the three facilitators was amazing. Thanks for your willingness to help, now and in the future.
The presenters and facilitators were very prepared and knowledgeable. We had a few technical problems but Glenda was able to come up with a back up plan or given an alternate activity that was very helpful. I like how we learned how to blog and use skype. Awesome experience.
The was the best session to attend!!!
This was a great week and I know this took a lot of preparation. I commend you all!
This was a very exciting and worthwhile experience for our small group as it looks like it was for all of the other sites. It was great to see veteran teachers trying out the technology...and some even looking a bit comfortable with it!
This was a wonderfull experience!
This workshop is wonderful, just what teachers who are not familiar with this resource need!
Very informative workshop.
We appreciate all your hard work! *cheers
What a fabulous way for kids and us to see the world and broaden our horizons, perspectives and perceptions!!! Thanks again!
What a room full of energy.
Wonderful!
You all are doing a great job spreading the VC gospel. Now it's up to us to keep it going.
You all did a great job all week long, especially dealing with the "difficult" children! ;) Thank you for all of the information, resources, and examples provided!
All of the facilitators were wonderful, and I especially liked ours. I want to find a classroom partner to pair up with.
great job! thank you!
i feel confident using this going forward