



VIRTUAL TOURS

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Virtual Tour Defined

- It is a cybertour, which means that students tour a place using web resources

Some Advantages of Virtual Tours

Adds Variety to Course Instruction

Saves Money

Saves Travel Time

Environmentally Friendly

Provides Opportunity to Link Curriculum
with “Real World”

Does Not Require Administrative Approval
or Paperwork

100 Incredible & Educational Virtual Tours You Don't Want to Miss

- <http://www.onlineuniversities.com/blog/2010/01/100-incredible-educational-virtual-tours-you-dont-want-to-miss/>

NOVA'S MATERIAL WORLD

- <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/worldbalance/material.html>
- **Possible Assignments**
 - Components of Culture
 - Ethnocentrism
 - Materialism

Wadsworth, Virtual Exploration

- Example: SOCIOLOGY
- Created by Prof. Robert E. Wood, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice at Rutgers:
http://www.wadsworth.com/sociology_d/special_features/virtualtours.html#

BBC Virtual Tours

- http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/interactive/virtual_tours/
- (Must have Quicktime plugin installed on your computer)

New Jerusalem Mosaic “Virtual Tour” Reaction Paper

- <http://www.jcu.edu/bible/200/Assignments/JerusMosaicRxPap.htm>

Components of a Well Planned Virtual Tour

- Assignment is tied to curriculum
- Student learning outcomes are identified
- Make sure all links work
- Write step-by-step instructions for students
- Use rubric for grading
 - Might include technological item
 - See SUNY writing rubric



Possibilities for You?