



## E-LEARNING INNOVATION COMPETITION

## African Webquests: Worcester College of Technology

**Why Webquests?** During the term, we had been discussing various countries (there are students from Malaysia, Latvia and Nigeria in the class) and looking at writing and presenting work (some of the students were doing Key Skills in Communication).

I decided to create resources to gain the students' interest and also where they could:

- consolidate what they had
- learnt over a period of a few weeks
- take responsibility for their own learning
- work in groups and individually
- use ICT in a purposeful way



Africa

 Webquest

### Using Qwizdom

The first activity I created was a quiz on Africa – Qwizdom allowed the students to:

- Click on an answer using a handset
- Remain anonymous
- Look at the answers the whole group gave
- Webquest on Africa -Overview

I then chose to do a **Webquest** because:

- It encourages teamwork
- It promotes critical thinking
- It encourages students to focus on the subject rather than spending lots of time finding information
- Students who were absent could easily carry out the activity at another time

Before starting the Webquest on Africa, many of the students had little or no experience using computers. It was quite amazing what they produced considering this. By partaking in this activity, I discovered the students had developed their existing skills and acquired new ones.



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