

Encouraging Your Faculty to Use MERLOT to Enhance Their Classes



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What is MERLOT?

- An Open Collection of Resource
- A Community

www.merlot.org



The screenshot shows the MERLOT website homepage. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "materials" and a search button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links for Home, Communities, Learning Materials, Member Directory, My Profile, and About Us. The main content area features a "Welcome to MERLOT" message, a "Putting Educational Innovations Into Practice" section, and a "Browse Collection" sidebar with categories like Arts, Business, Education, Humanities, Mathematics and Statistics, Science and Technology, Social Sciences, and Support Services. There are also sections for "Exploring MERLOT" with sub-sections like Learning Materials, Personal Collections, Learning Exercises, and a "Visit a Discipline Community" section listing various fields of study. A footer contains contact information, a translation notice, and copyright information.



What Is Unique about the MERLOT Collection?

- Longevity
- Really an Open Educational Resource
- Peer-Reviewed Materials
- Across Disciplines
- World-wide
- Multi-language
- Variety of Materials
- All levels of Education

Over 27,859 Teaching & Learning Materials

What is unique about the MERLOT Community?

- **No Membership Fee**
- **Across Disciplines**
- **World-wide**
- **International Partners**
- **Services Provided by MERLOT**
- **Funded through Partners**
- **Many volunteers**
- **Don't need to join to use collection**

Over 93,012 Members



How Can Faculty Use MERLOT?

- **Find free, online materials for their classes.**
 - Browse
 - Search
 - Discipline Portals
 - Pedagogy Portal
- **Personalize the MERLOT experience**
 - Member Profile
 - Extended is Personal Portfolio
 - Contribute Materials (add own)
 - RSS Feed – own page
 - Create Personal Collections

How Can Faculty Use MERLOT?

– Participate in MERLOT

- **Submit Member Comments**
- **Contribute Learning Exercises**
- **Become a Peer Reviewer**
- **Connect with Colleagues – search Member Directory**
- **Use MERLOT Voices**
- **Participate in Virtual Speakers Bureau**
- **Use MERLOT Content Builder to Create a Webpage**
- **Submit an article to Journal of Online Learning and Teaching**
- **Attend the Emerging Technologies Conference**

Let's Look at MERLOT

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Questions?

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