Critical Thinking using Photo Story 3

Context:

The start of any lesson is critical to its success. It sets the tone for the learning, helps to create an early engagement with the learning objectives and ensures that the main body of the lesson is as productive as possible. It is common for lessons to start with basic administrative tasks such as attendance registers and other logistical and organizational activities. Using Photo Story 3 teachers can create an exciting, intriguing and motivating start to their lessons using digital imagery. It takes about 15 minutes to build this kind of resource.

Innovation summary:

By importing a series of connected images downloaded from the internet and animated in Photo Story 3 you can create a dynamic and inspirational starter activity for your lesson. Movies captivate students, enabling you to begin discussing the lesson objectives before presenting the learning and even provide the opportunity for quick formative assessment techniques with your students.

Tools used:

Bing, Photo Story 3 (compatible with Windows XP and Windows 7).

Leading questions for reflection:

1. How do you usually start your lessons?
2. What value could simple images bring to your subject?
3. What other methods are there for stimulating class discussion?

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