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The Victoria Genealogical Society announces the launch of “*Genealogy in the Classroom*”, a new internet based resource for students and teachers.

The **Victoria Genealogical Society** is proud to announce the launch of a new internet based resource for students and teachers called ***Genealogy in the Classroom***. “Our goal was to develop a fun and engaging way of introducing school aged students to the world of genealogy” says Melanie Arscott, President of the Victoria Genealogical Society, “and *Genealogy in the Classroom* certainly provides that opportunity and more.”

Over the past year a team of dedicated volunteers from the Victoria Genealogical Society (VGS) has been working to develop an internet based resource that meets that goal. Their solution was *Genealogy in the Classroom* which is now available on-line at the VGS website www.victoriags.org. Just click on the *Genealogy in the Classroom* button in the Quick Links section of the home page and you will be directed to the VGS ‘school house’ page where you can enter any one of eight different school areas.

Most of the members on the development team have teaching backgrounds so it should come as no surprise that the VGS school house’s **Classroom** contains several very effective and engaging student activities. Also, **Teacher’s Corner** contains practical lesson guides and other resources for teachers as well as teaching alternatives that allow children from a variety of family circumstances to participate. All the student activities, Teacher Notes, forms and charts provided can be viewed on-line or downloaded and printed for use at school, at home, and anywhere family trees grow.

There are more fun activities in the **Family History Club** along with some projects for those that want to learn about *the bigger picture*. Visit the **Library** to read some articles about genealogy research. Or go to the **Computer Lab** to watch videos about genealogy. If it’s games you want then check out the **Playground**. Throughout the website links to a few favorite resources developed by other organizations have also been incorporated. It’s easy to use and there are no fees, registration hassles or passwords to remember. All these features and more make *Genealogy in the Classroom* a great way to learn about genealogy not only for students and teachers but also for parents and families, youth clubs and anyone else interested in family history.

The Victoria Genealogical Society is a non profit, volunteer run organization located in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. For more information about *Genealogy in the Classroom* visit the website at www.victoriags.org or email Merv Scott, Project Director at projects@victoriags.org.

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