Motivating the "Net Generation"

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I.   *The Traditional Aspects of Teaching – Stephanie Archer*

    a. The Piano Lesson

    b. The Student

II. *The Net Generation – Robin Bertucci*

    a. Students need:

        i.   Ways to find the answers for themselves

        ii. Incorporation of technology to enhance learning

    b. Hold student interest with:

        i.   Independent problem solving

        ii.   More ways to discover new concepts on their own

        iii. More choices in their repertoire

        iv.   Ways to produce (some) immediate results

        v.   Incorporation of technology to reinforce new concepts

III. *Interactive Learning – Ava Salehi*

    a. Passive learning is teacher-centered, not ideal.

    b. Interactive learning works with characteristics of this generation

    c. Cater to interactive learners:

        i.   Vary materials and methods

        ii.   Encourage student-teacher collaboration

        iii. Offer peer-peer collaboration

        iv.   Use social media and current technology

    d. Interactive learning websites:

        i.   YouStream: live video performances

        ii.   Glogster: media-infused "poster" presentations

        iii. VoiceThread: sharing media for discussion and reflection

    e. All of these websites have a free component, upgrade for a price

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IV.   *Teaching supplements – Ava Salehi and Katie Wallace*

    a. YouTube and other alternative websites for educational videos

    b. Recording, accompanying, composing with GarageBand in the lesson

    c. Online tutorials and games to reinforce learning

V.   *Suggestions for online work – Katie Wallace*

    a. Only give online supplements when needed

    b. Peruse the website before assigning to a student. Some are *not* user friendly

    c. Limit time spent online (no more than one hour each week)

    d. Make sure parents supervise

We encourage all music teachers to consider and cater to the needs of the Net Generation. Please explore these websites to use with your students!

    Emusictheory.com/free resources
    Gmajormusictheory.com
    http://classblogmeister.com
    http://edu.glogster.com
    http://fasttrackpiano.com/Fast_Track_Piano/Left_hand_chords.html
    http://mind42.com
    http://www.8notes.com/piano/
    http://www.musictechteacher.com/musicquizzes.htm
    http://www.musictheory.net/exercises
    http://www.sphinxkids.org/
    http://www.zebrakeys.com/resources
    Pianonanny.com
    www.edmodo.com
    www.kisstunes.com
    www.ustream.tv
    www.voicethread.com
    www.weebly.com
    www.wordle.net

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