Tips to Effectively Integrate WebQuests into Your Classroom

1. **Assess the availability of computers and printer usage:**
   - Are there enough computers for each student?
   - If not enough computers think about pairing students up for activities.
   - Or use rotating computer stations to maximize computers per student.
   - Encourage students to explore additional sites on their own to maximize computer time.
   - Photocopy relevant material to minimize printer usage.

2. **Assess student technology proficiency:**
   - Determine how well your students navigate on the Internet.
   - For younger students, you may need to teach them HOW to search the Internet as well as EVALUATE information that has been found.

3. **Maximize class time on the computer:**
   - If students are prepared for the WebQuest, their on task behavior should be relatively high.
   - Students need to be aware of the time they have to look through Web sites and not get sidetracked.
   - Students need to understand exactly how long they will have on the computer – students will need help monitoring time.

4. **Clarify student roles:**
   - Make sure that each student understands his or her role/responsibility.
   - Continue to monitor progress throughout the activity.
   - Students should understand how they are being evaluated re: rubric.

5. **Have a backup plan:**
   - If technology fails, have a few books, magazines, and textbooks available for students to use.

6. **Be excited about the possibilities:**
   - WebQuests can provide the motivation that students need to be engaged in learning.
   - Encourage and support student directed activities even after computer time has elapsed to maintain momentum.
   - The teacher’s role is as a facilitator, guide, mediator, and knowledgeable consultant. Monitor and provide comments and answers to feed critical thinking.

7. **Encourage communication:**
   - Share information about WebQuests with parents.
   - WebQuests offers an opportunity to make meaningful connections between school and home.