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Picturing the Past

Description: Picturing the Past is a web site. It uses the framework for investigating archaeology outlined by our instructors during the course of the seminar:

- 1) Formation of concepts
- 2) Data gathering and processing
- 3) Interpretation of information
- 4) Synthesis: Who, What, Where, When
- 5) Explanation: Why
- 6) Sharing the Findings

The information is framed in the context of the Upper Mississippi Valley, with connections and resources available for Florida students to apply the same steps and processes in their own investigations of Florida's prehistory.

The site contains links to resources in text, graphic, and multimedia formats. A number of processes are illustrated through motivating 2.0 technologies such as VoiceThread and Glogster, designed to encourage students to think, interact, and create with the body of information they acquire. The website is built completely with free and open source applications, making the site and processes applicable and accessible for teachers and students to replicate.

The site can be accessed at www.picturingthepast.weebly.com