



Mr. David Shearouse has been employed as an English teacher with the West Jefferson Hills School District for the past four years. He recently began using technology in the classroom as a vehicle for promoting cooperative learning in connection with his 12th and 10th grade classes and their study of the literary works "The Canterbury Tales," "Hamlet," "Othello," "Dorian Gray," and "1984." During the study of these units, students use technology to "take charge" of the classroom in creating and leading their peers through studies of the selected works and associated topics including vocabulary, figurative language, and thematic debate. The added use of technology to Mr. Shearouse's classroom has enabled him to continue implementing his vision of the "Classroom of the Future;" that is, a student-centered classroom where students work together to build and demonstrate individual and mutual understanding of classroom content and concepts relevant to the application of English in modern world.