

## **GRCS Instructional Technology PD**

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## GOOGLE FORMS IN ACTION

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I am a language arts teacher in Niskayuna, New York and have done interdisciplinary projects with my students for several years. I began a website called <u>Google Historical Voyages and Events</u> which invites schools all over the World to submit projects done by teachers and students. The site is dedicated to famous explorers, historical events that shaped the World, and local histories. The goal of the site is to post projects that use clusters of Google tools, encourage peer-to-peer learning, foster global awareness, and have students "meet" other students from around the World.

I'm using a Google Docs form to collect information from schools that want to join the project. The web form asks for basic information such as project title, contact information, and school name and location. Forms allow teachers to join the project without having to email me. They fill out the online form and click "Submit." Forms alert me when someone has submitted information, and summarizes all the information in a spreadsheet that I can view on my computer. I can also make the results available to other teachers.

Example of form Ms LaRow uses.

## Works Cited

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