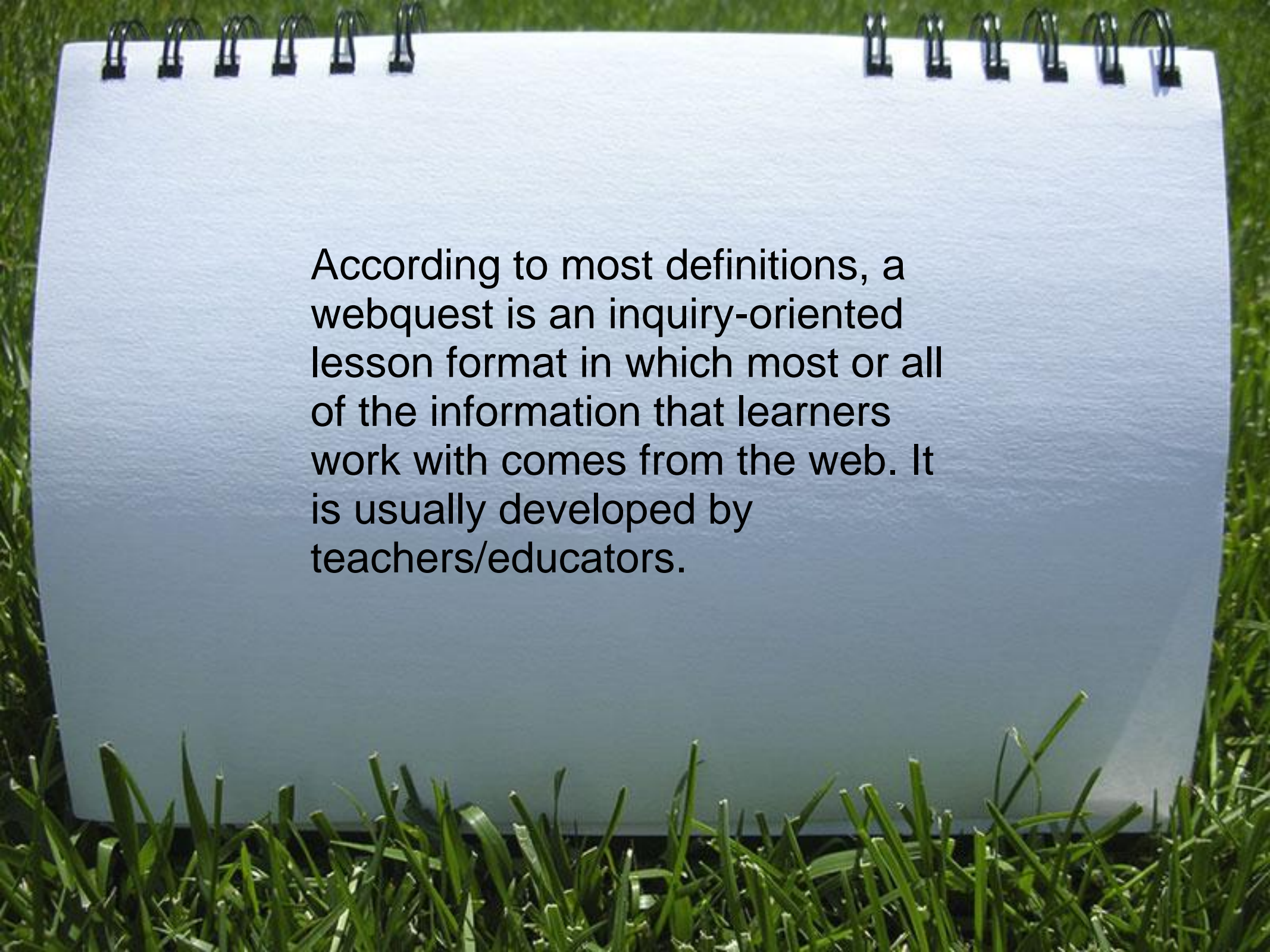
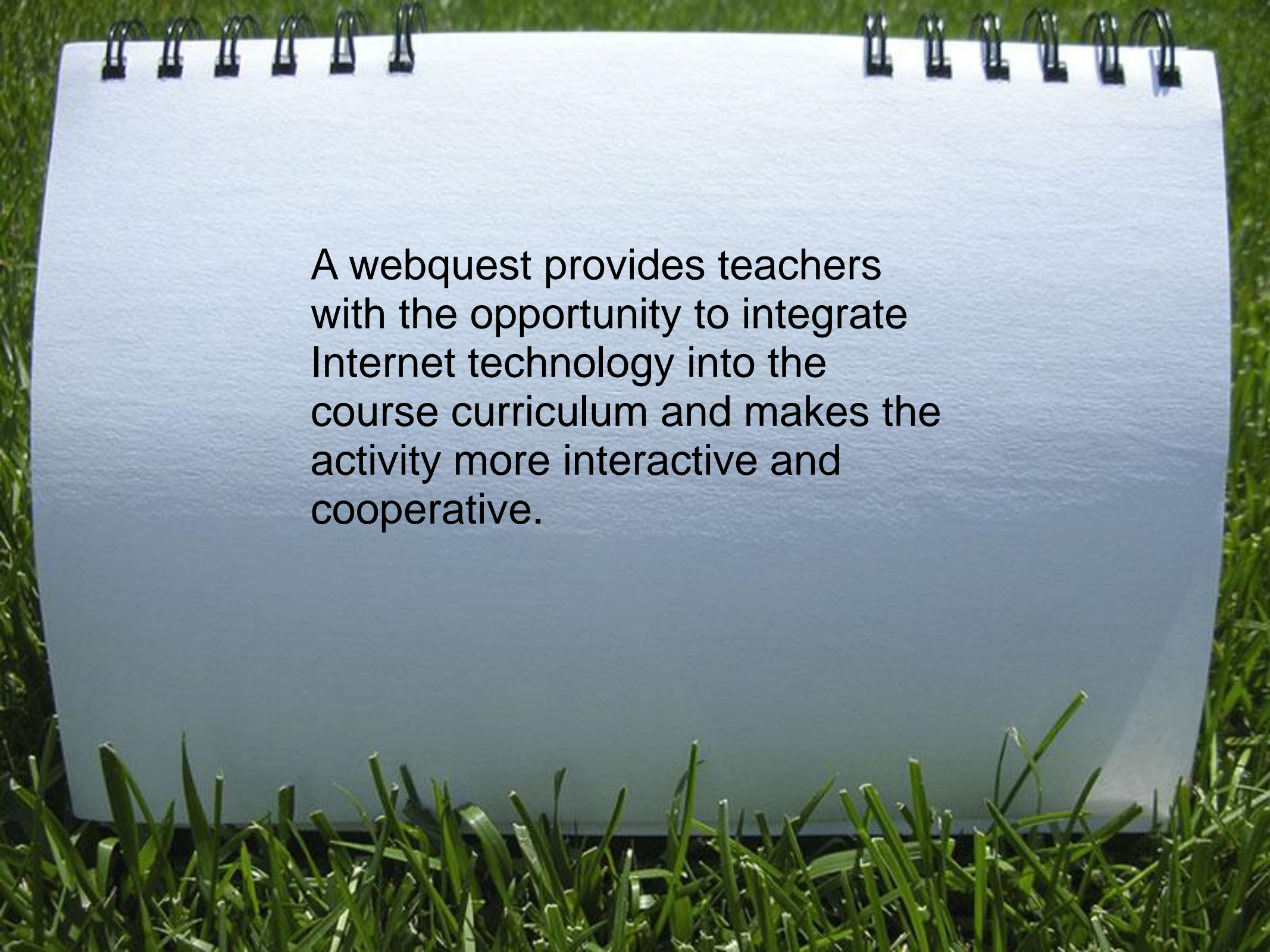


A WEBQUEST IN THE LITERATURE CLASSROOM

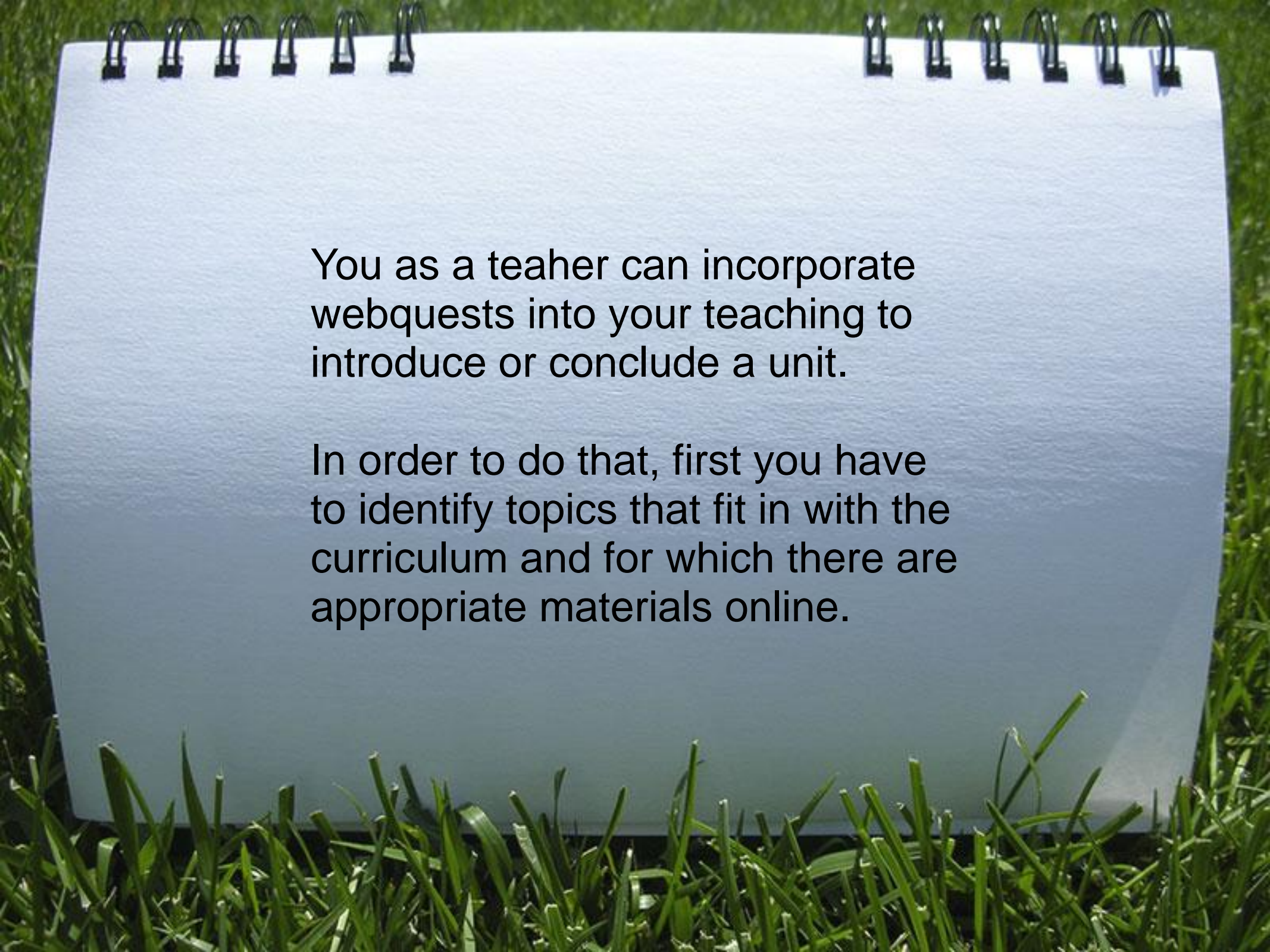
a presentation by Reneta
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According to most definitions, a webquest is an inquiry-oriented lesson format in which most or all of the information that learners work with comes from the web. It is usually developed by teachers/educators.

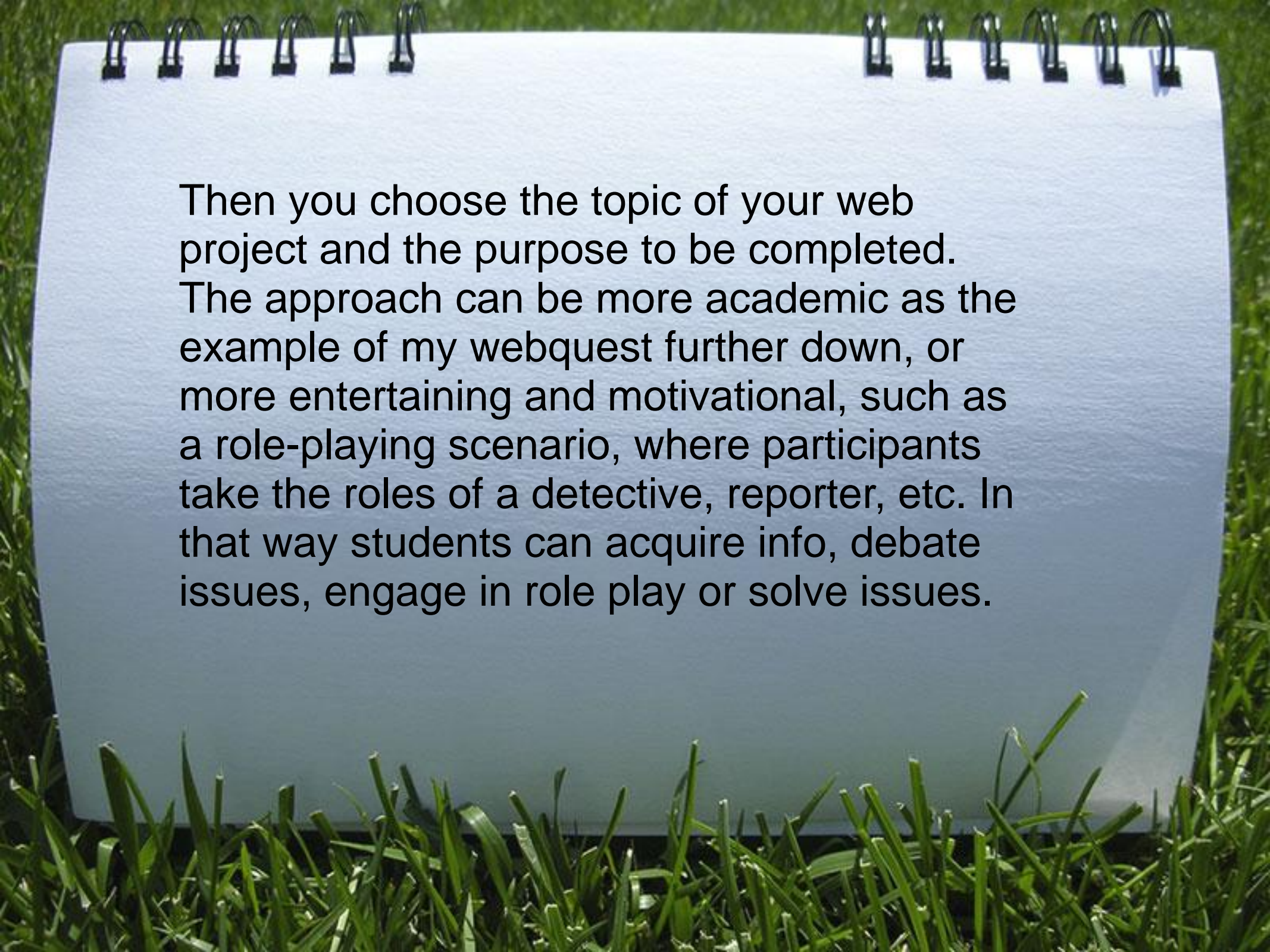


A webquest provides teachers with the opportunity to integrate Internet technology into the course curriculum and makes the activity more interactive and cooperative.

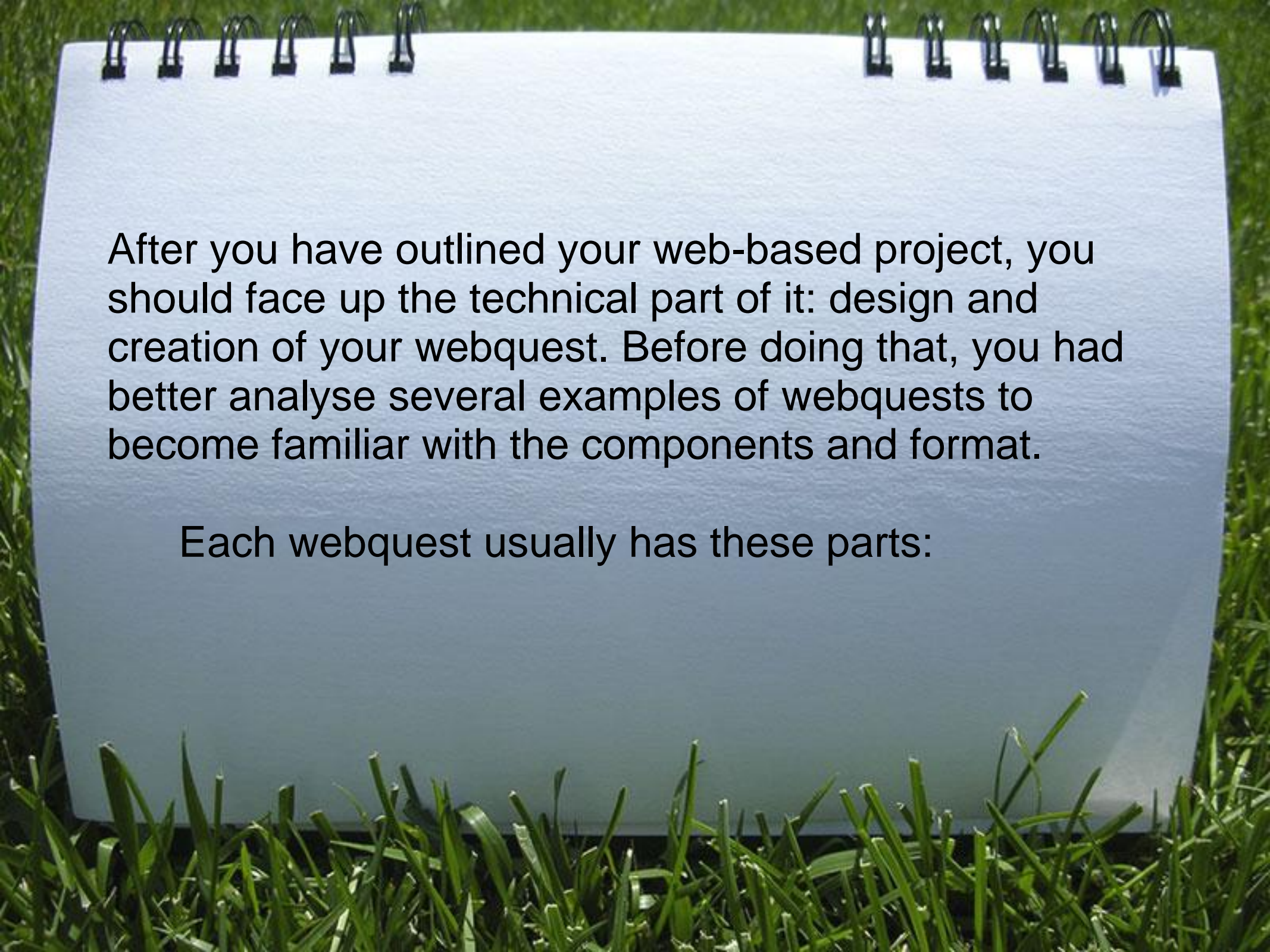


You as a teacher can incorporate webquests into your teaching to introduce or conclude a unit.

In order to do that, first you have to identify topics that fit in with the curriculum and for which there are appropriate materials online.



Then you choose the topic of your web project and the purpose to be completed. The approach can be more academic as the example of my webquest further down, or more entertaining and motivational, such as a role-playing scenario, where participants take the roles of a detective, reporter, etc. In that way students can acquire info, debate issues, engage in role play or solve issues.



After you have outlined your web-based project, you should face up the technical part of it: design and creation of your webquest. Before doing that, you had better analyse several examples of webquests to become familiar with the components and format.

Each webquest usually has these parts:

1. Introduction: sets the stage and gives background information;
2. Task(s): the purpose of the project - achievable and interesting;
3. Process: what and how to do - specific task guidelines so that everyone can understand what exactly is expected of them.
4. Resources: a list of links to follow to complete the activity and that have been pre-screened by the webquest creator.
5. Conclusion: closure of the activity with publication of results on the site.
6. Evaluation.achievable

The content of your project can be incorporated by

1. a true website by using a pre-designed format/template, which can be easily edited by following the instructions (you can choose Google sites for example as I did; any videos or pictures that you choose to publish on the site can be previously published in Picasa, youtube, v- box or google docs) or
2. by using a simpler technology, such as a word document saved on a local computer.-

A Problem-Solving Webquest:
Comparison b/n 19th c. Education Systems of
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in relation to the study of Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

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