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I am pleased to introduce a new feature in this issue of the CTAM Journal, called “On the Web.” New and interesting ways to use the Internet in our classes are arising all the time, but discovering these websites on our own is not always easy. As an online journal, it seemed only natural to create a space in the CTAM Journal for articles which would introduce readers to such websites and how they can be used in the classroom. I hope you find this feature to be a valuable resource, and will consider submitting your own discoveries to future issues of the CTAM Journal.

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A new feature has also been added to the CTAM Journal, called “On the Web.” With new and interesting Internet sources arising all the time, discovering these websites on one’s own is not always easy. Intended as a way to help CTAMJ readers find the best websites for use in the classroom, “On the Web” was introduced in Volume 35 as a means of bringing these websites together thematically in one place. If you have found an innovative use of the Internet in your classroom, consider submitting your discovery for inclusion in the next issue of CTAMJ.

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