


## *QuickSteps 7: Creating a Scavenger Hunt*

A Treasure Hunt is a web page that holds a set of questions that the user uses Internet resources to answer. Each question will include a text or graphic link that, when clicked, takes the user to the Web page where the answer to the question is located. Learners then “collect” the answer. In fact, often learners are asked to collect the answer by copying the text or a graphic from the page and pasting into another document, such as a MS Word document. Many Treasure Hunts are related to a theme or topic, and serve as background information for students as they are introduced to curriculum topics or themes. Check out <http://homepage.mac.com/cohora/ext/internethunts.html> for many examples!

For our purposes, you will construct a Treasure Hunt with seven questions. Each question will include a graphic and a text link that will take the user to the Web page with information that answers that question. See sample Treasure Hunt at <http://starwarshunt.blogspot.com/>!

**Step 1:** Write your questions.

Your questions may just be a simple question with a link embedded such as the example below:


What does the body of a worm look like  Go to [The Yuckiest Site on the Internet!](#) and choose the Plain version rather than the Flash version! Plus, be sure to play X-Terminate before hunting up your info!

OR your questions can make a graphic image into a link. See the example below:

Who said  "What is the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector?"



OR:

What interesting facts can you find out about your skeleton at [BrainPOP](#)  View the movie!

Your questions may give directions on what information to collect and how to collect it, as in the example below:

What historic events happened on your birthday  Click here to find out



Replace this text with text and/or a picture found concerning the interesting occurrences on your birthday. Follow the three steps below for each site:

1. To collect text, select text by highlighting the "desired" portion on the Web page. Then use Edit>Copy to place the text on the clipboard. Switch to the AppleWorks (or Word) document and select the desired text to be replaced. Use Edit>Paste to place the text in the same location. Repeat this process to copy the URL at this time and paste it below the text and graphic.

2. To copy a graphic (picture) hold the mouse button down until a "context sensitive" menu appears. Select "Copy this image...". This process will place the image on the clipboard. Switch to the open AppleWorks (or Word) document and use Edit>Paste to move the graphic from the clipboard to the AppleWorks (or Word) document.
3. After copying the graphic image, collect the graphic file for later use. To save the graphic as a file, hold the mouse button down until the "context sensitive" menu appears. This time, select "Save this image....". A dialog box appears asking you where to save the file and what the file will be named. Leave the file name the same, and save the file on your zip.  
**REMEMBER:** You will do this for questions 1, 3, 5, and 6.

As your students become more skilled at copying and pasting text and graphics from the Internet, your questions can simply become links!

**Step 2:** Gather the URLs that hold the answers. Copy the URLs from each Web site and store that information in a word processing document or bookmark each web page so that you can access that information when you construct the actual Treasure Hunt.

**Step 3:** Gather images from the Web sites where the answers are to be found to provide a visual connection between the question and the Web page with the answer. To collect images, do the following:

- Move your cursor over the image to be collected
- Right-click and select "Save Picture As"
- When the "Save As" dialog box opens, browse to a folder that you can find quickly and change the name of the file to a name that you can remember or will help you identify the image. (Remember that file names should be all lower-case, no more than 8 characters, and easy to remember!)
- Remember that these images will be posted to the Internet. You should either request permission to link to these images or include a link to the original Web site where the images were collected.

**Step 4:** Create your Web page. There are many online tools to use for this purpose. You can set up a blog and remove the commenting capabilities, a WIKI page, or use an online web tool to create a page easily with the links (go to <http://www.freeservers.com> to set up a free web page that is easy to use for these types of pages!)

The directions below use a new blog from Blogger.com to set up a Treasure Hunt:

**Step 1:** Log in to Blogger.com and set up your blog (See QuickSteps 6: Setting up your individual blog for step-by-step directions for setting up a blog)

**Step 2:** To get your questions to display in the correct order, post the messages backwards. Do the following:

- Create a closing summary message for your Treasure Hunt. The message should say something like "Thank you for using this Treasure Hunt to seek out information about . . . ." or "Do you have a good question for this Treasure Hunt? Please submit them to your teacher!" Publish this post first.
- Create a new post for your last question first.
  - Type out the text of your question.
  - Insert the links and images.
  - Click "Publish" to publish the post.
  - Repeat the process for your other questions.

**Step 3:** Give your students the URL to your Blog and let them begin the HUNT!