

Beta Test Response

I did several beta tests of my website. The tests were done mostly of the student site, rather than the teacher end. My first beta tester was my father, a microbiologist. His comments were very helpful. I was able to fix a lot of the linking issues I was having. I also created a "timeline"/checklist for my students, to help guide them through the order of the site.

My second beta test was with my homeroom students. This is a group of 18 fifth graders, who will be participating in this site when we return from Spring Break. Their biggest issues were not being able to see the documents that I embedded. Some of them could not see the YouTube videos, while others could. They completed my Beta Test Response Google Form, and I averaged their number responses together to create the form. I have attempted to fix this issue with my technology coordinator. Since I created the website and documents through my "MSET" personal Gmail account, my students cannot access the documents, even when they request permission to view. I have to, essentially, create an entire new site for them to use within our SJA Google domain. I will be working on this during my Spring Break.

My third beta tester was my boyfriend's mother, who works for Axalta. She was surprised by all the work that went into such a "simple" site. I agree with her statement about limiting the size of the pages, however, in order to do that, I would need to ADD more subpages. I feel that would make my students more confused.

I've offered the beta test "official" form to my students in my fourth and fifth grade courses as an extra credit opportunity. They have been so excited that I am earning my Masters, so they were happy to help. Their feedback is interesting to see, but similar to the results I got when my entire homeroom did a test in class.