

## What is an Exploratorium?

Bobie give the overview. (2-3 Minutes Max)

1. It comes from the word "Explore!" It is time to engage participants & explore a specific topic. You are creating an activity where the participants will explore resources and somehow engage with those resources. The website "Cool Tools for Schools" might give you an idea of tools/software/apps you might want to use for this section. <http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/>
2. You will create a list of online resources/articles that help us to learn more about our topic.
  - a. So tonight, you will be exploring "Cool Tools for Schools" in order to find resources that you might want to share in a professional development session with your teachers. (Chandra demonstrates site – 2-3 Minutes Max and also shows where other links for the night are at – Agenda for October 23 in Open Classroom—links are below as well.)
  - b. In addition, the following list of professional development websites will help you learn more about training adult learners.
3. You will want to have a mobile application or software program that engages the participants somehow.
  - a. AppShopper and Apps Gone Free as a way to learn about new apps that you might want to share in a professional development session with your teachers. (Jared demonstrates apps. Links to app downloads are on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Open Class Agenda. 2-3 Minutes Max)
4. You will have 30 minutes to explore.
5. You must set up the Exploratorium in a creative and engaging manner, with a product-based activity that participants must accomplish during the session.
  - a. Share on the discussion board.

Dustin – will summarize the activity, leads the whole in some sort of summary discussion. (5 minutes Max.)