

Example--Using KWLW to Generate Research Questions—Oregon Department of Education

Hermiston Wireless Cloud

“While cities around the country are battling over plans to offer free or cheap internet access, this lonely terrain is served by what is billed as the world’s largest hotspot, a wireless cloud that stretches over 700 square miles of landscape so dry and desolate it could have been lifted from a cowboy tune.”

Associated Press, Hermiston, Ore. Oct. 16, 2005

What I KNOW	What I WANT to know (Questions)	What I LEARNED	Further WANDERINGS (More Questions)
In a “hotspot” or “wireless cloud,” a person can connect computers to the internet from the street or a car, etc.			
Hermiston is a small town in a sparsely populated area.	Why was there a big demand for wireless if it was a “desolate” area?	No high-speed Internet access via cable or phone in the area.	What were the important factors in getting a wireless network in place around Hermiston?
Many people want wireless “clouds” over their cities, but there aren’t any yet in Oregon.	What is preventing more towns from becoming “wired”?		
There are “battles” going on about it in cities.	What are the opposing issues?		
Hermiston area has a big wireless cloud in place already.	Who made the decision? How is/was it paid for? Did anybody object?		