The Real Number System

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Introduction

This is a WebQuest that will allow you to explore the Real Number System. You will define the different sets contained within the set of all real numbers, research the interrelationships that exist within the Real Number System, identify the kinds of numbers each set contains, and determine how to classify a variety of real numbers. Proceed to the Task tab.

Tasks

In your exploration of the Real Number System, you have several assignments to complete: Use the internet to define real number system vocabulary words; Use the internet to research the real number system; Use your definitions, research, and the photo gallery to write a journal entry; Take the real number system quiz. Proceed to the Process tab.

Process

To embark on your exploration of the Real Number System you should use the tabs to the left to guide. You should have already viewed the TITLE, INTRODUCTION, and TASK pages; Finish reading this (PROCESS) page; View the EVALUATION page tab next and anytime you need to consult the Rubric; Start your actual exploration of the Real Number System with the VOCABULARY assignment tab; Next move on to the RESEARCH assignment tab; Then go to the JOURNAL assignment tab; Finally go to the QUIZ tab; When you have completed all 4 assignments, go to the CONCLUSION page tab; Optionally, you may want to try the Hangman Game, but do not spend all your time there since you receive no points for playing hangman; Proceed to the Evaluation tab.

Evaluation

There are 4 assignments and each one will be evaluated equally meaning each assignment is worth 25 points and the combination of these equals 100 possible points. Please return to this page often to check that your work meets the rubric requirements.

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<td>Vocabulary</td>
<td>There are words that are missing definitions, or the majority of the definitions are incorrect, or there are missing illustrations and/or examples, or the majority of illustrations and/or examples are not relevant.</td>
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<td>Research</td>
<td>The student has obviously NOT viewed all 9 required items or most items are not rated. More than half of the written work is not thoughtful, not detailed, or not related to the study of the Real Number System.</td>
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<td>Journal</td>
<td>Journal is created with little or no thought. Or it addresses only 0-3 parts of the journal prompt. Or it makes no reference to the definitions, research, or images in the photo gallery.</td>
<td>Journal is created with some thought. It addresses 4 parts of the journal prompt. It refers to the definitions, research, and/or images in the photo gallery.</td>
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<td>Quiz</td>
<td>14 or less questions are answered correctly. (11 or more missed)</td>
<td>15-19 questions are answered correctly. (6-10 missed)</td>
<td>20-24 questions are answered correctly. (1-5 missed)</td>
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**Teacher Page**

This WebQuest was created to inspire students to explore the Real Number System. I use it as a recovery assignment to replace poor test or project grades. It meets the following South Carolina Elementary Algebra Standards: EA-1.1 Communicate a knowledge of algebraic relationships by using mathematical terminology appropriately. EA-1.6 Understand how algebraic relationships can be represented in concrete models, pictorial models, and diagrams. EA-2.1 Exemplify elements of the real number system (including integers, rational numbers, and irrational numbers).

**Standards**

**Credits**

**Other**