North Carolina Pathfinder Template

Title, Introduction, Topic and Expected Outcomes: Introduce the topic or question and what you will cover. What must be located and understood to accomplish this project?

Reference Works: Using the student areas on LEARN NC, access the grade-specific reference desk or use the guided search on the home page. Annotate the most useful of these titles.

Suggestions:
North Carolina Atlas, Revisited
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/ncatlasrevisit
eNCyclopedia from the State Library of North Carolina
Includes text of important NC documents like the North Carolina State Constitution
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/ncencyclo
NC@ Your Service
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/ncgov
North Carolina State Data Center
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/nc-statedata
Stately Knowledge
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/stateknow-ipl
State Climate Office of North Carolina
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/stateclimate
Web Resources for NC Educators from DPI
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/dpiweb

Online Databases: Subscription services free to NC students and library patrons through NC WiseOwl (made possible by NC DPI)
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/ncwiseowl
and NC LIVE (taxpayer funded resource available through public libraries)
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/nclive

Note the specific database product and annotate the listing. Suggestions:
America the Beautiful from NC WiseOwl
Grolier's state-by-state product for the study of history and current events includes important North Carolina-specific information.
Grolier's Multimedia Encyclopedia and New Book of Knowledge from NC WiseOwl
Electronic, fully searchable encyclopedias
America's Newspapers: North Carolina via NewsBank from NC LIVE
Major North Carolina newspapers, full-text and searchable
Digital Sanborn Maps from 1867-1970 via UMI ProQuest from NC LIVE
Gateway Websites: Subject or geographical directories.

LEARN North Carolina's Best of the Web and Discover NC
Use LEARN NC's collection of selected websites and county lists to find the very best resources for your North Carolina topic including many featuring primary sources.

State Library of North Carolina's NC ECHO
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/ncecho
Though difficult to navigate, this site features a comprehensive collection of North Carolina historic and cultural resources. Some NC ECHO partner institutions provide online access to their resources.

Individual Websites: Using LEARN NC's Best of the Web or another gateway site, locate and annotate the best websites for your topic. If you have a good number of sites to suggest, consider arranging them into categories.

Primary Sources: Are there key documents--letters, speeches, legislation, etc--that are important or lead to a better understanding of the topic? Suggested sites:

Adventure of the American Mind
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/adammind
Avalon Project at the Yale Law School: Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/lawdocumentsYale
Documenting the American South from UNC Chapel Hill
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/docsouth
Like a Family: The Making of a Southern Cotton Mill World
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/mill-ibib

Image, Podcast and Video Resources: Public domain and educator-friendly sites for locating images for projects and papers. Some image owners retain copyright so even if this is for a school project, be sure to credit the source and get permission for any other use!

Department of Public Instruction Documentaries
http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/dpidocumentary
Visit NC Image Library
Flickr an open image-sharing resource
http://www.flickr.com/
See the clusters of photos tagged with NC headings…
http://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/northcarolina/clusters/
NC Culture.com Podcasts from the State Department of Cultural Resources
http://www.ncdcr.gov/podcast.asp

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