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It is time for me to leave the Stone Age (dry erase board & markers) and enter the new millennium of presentations (document camera). When I saw the photo of the AVerMedia document camera, I was immediately drawn to its futuristic design. After I read about the capabilities of the document camera, I thought to myself: "I have to get one".

Then reality took a bite out of my high tech ambition. I am a ten year veteran teacher who makes \$44,000 a year with a wife, one child and another due in 10 days, and a mortgage... well I think you get the picture.

Gone were thoughts of using the document camera in my marketing class for lessons such as visual merchandising, promotional graphics, and color print ads. Dashed were thoughts of using the document camera in my business law class to display trial exhibits, graphic organizers, and documentary evidence. Shattered were the thoughts of using the document camera in my world history class to display the artistic splendor of the Ming and Quing dynasties.

Then a glimmer of hope; an essay contest! I'll do it. Just think of all the benefits that my students will gain. No more looking at the bald spot on the back of my head when I turn to write on the board with those markers that never seem to work. Instead students will be treated to professional class presentations that will visually enhance their appreciation and understanding of content material. Students will also benefit by utilizing the document camera for their own class presentations.

Maybe Christmas will come for me and my students in April.