Web Browsers

Teacher: **The information listed here about browsers is extremely basic due to the ever-changing nature of this content. We urge you to research the latest information on browser use, benefits, versions, etc. before presenting this info to students and to go into greater depth. Be sure to explain to students that one major reason they should care about different browsers is that different browsers may display the same web page differently. Web designers need to understand this, and to test their pages in various major browsers.** *Students' answers on this worksheet may vary greatly depending upon the sources used. Students most likely will not find all the answers exactly as laid out below, but this document lists key concepts to cover as you discuss students' notes on this worksheet.*

Add your answers to the worksheet.

Microsoft Internet Explorer	Internet Explorer was created by Microsoft. For many years, Internet Explorer was the most widely used Web browser. Note: The W3C, which maintains the standards for building websites, has a page listing current browser use statistics. You can find it at: http://www.w3schools.com/browsers/browsers_stats.asp
Mozilla Firefox	Mozilla Firefox was created by Mozilla Corporation. It is a free and open source Web browser and its use has expanded rapidly in recent years.
Apple Safari	Safari was created by Apple. It is the default browser for Apple computers.

Opera	Opera was created by Opera Software Company. Opera is the only commercial Web browser for Nintendo Wii and DS gaming systems and is a popular browser for use with many mobile devices.
Google Chrome	Google Chrome was created by Google Incorporated. It is noted for its simplistic interface, enhanced JavaScript engine, and improved Web security features.
Mobile Platforms	Mobile browsers are Web browsers capable of running on hand-held mobile devices such as smartphones, gaming devices and PDAs.