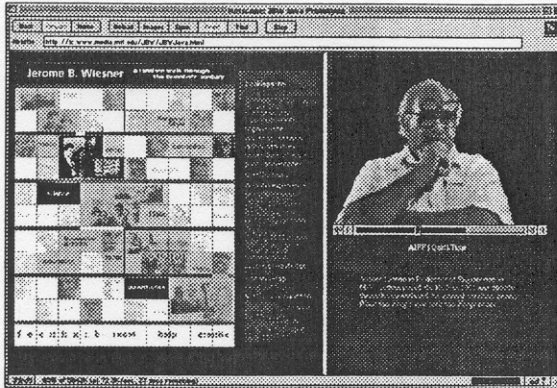
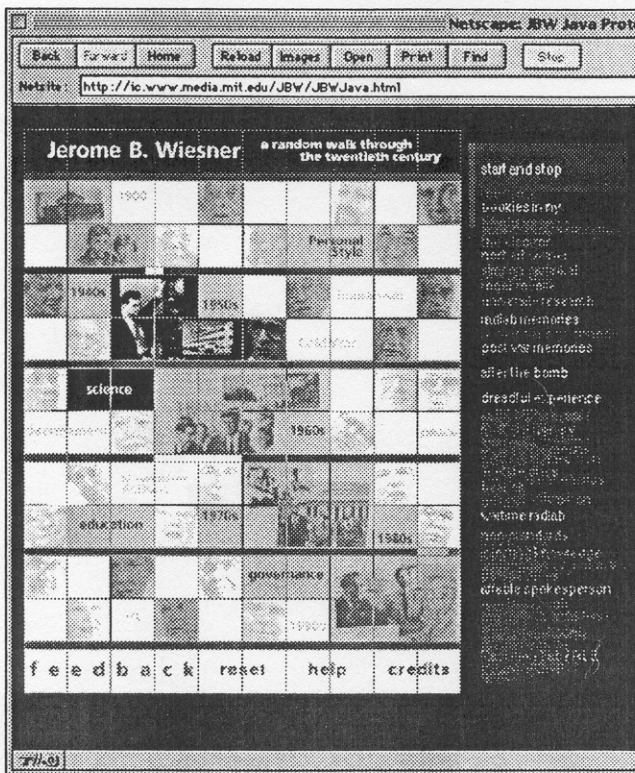


Jerome B. Wiesner A Random Walk through the Twentieth Century



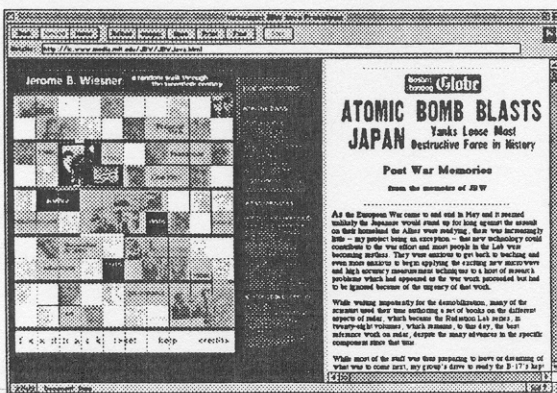
Jerome B. Wiesner: A Random Walk through the Twentieth Century is a storytelling system implemented on the World Wide Web. The system guides the viewer through a collection of video clips and text documents; through their interaction, the viewer constructs a contextual understanding of Jerry Wiesner and events of the Twentieth Century.



The interface seeks to constantly situate a particular story or document in the context of the rest. As opposed to a conventional chronological telling of history, the system suggests ways to move to related materials connected by person, theme, or period of time.

Moving from material to material, the viewer is encouraged to consider how one material relates to another, and how each fits within a larger historical context. In this way, history is presented as a complex mosaic – a system of interacting motivations, events, and personalities.

The conceptual map – a matrix of the story's prominent time periods, themes, and characters – displays the current focus of the story. By clicking on a particular tile, the viewer moves the story forward with particular emphasis on that time, theme, or person.



The materials listing shows a complete listing of every material in the system. The listing seamlessly animates in response to the changing story focus – each element's emphasis corresponds to its relevance. The viewer may click on a material's text listing to view it directly.