

Blogging Scavenger Hunt

Working with a partner answer the following questions. Be prepared to discuss your answers following this activity.

1. What is a blog?

<http://www.blogger.com/about.pyra>

and/or

<http://www.marketingterms.com/dictionary/blog/>

2. What are the benefits of blogging?

<http://www.blogger.com/about.pyra>

3. Read through the terms of service for the site Blogger.com. Are there any terms that raise a red flag to you?

<http://www.blogger.com/terms.g>

4. Choose one or two of the articles presented below. Identify a list of ideas on how blogging could be used in the classroom. Could any of these idea be used to help promote student achievement?

Educational Blogging Articles

[Writing with Weblogs](#)

A Tech Learning article that discusses publishing student work in a weblog, benefits of blogging in education, and challenge of assessing student work through blogging.

[Blogging Basics: Creating Student Journals on the Web](#)

Article discusses benefits of blogging with students, how to get started and ways to be a good blogger.

[Make Time to Teach: Ten Tools for Reducing Paperwork](#)

An Education World article written by a teacher. Offers great suggestions about how to use technology in the classroom including blogs.

[Blogging](#)

North Carolina Teachers' Network article about what a blog is and how blogs can be used.

Educational blogs and websites about blogs

[Blogging Across the Curriculum](#)

A Quinnipiac University Professor's website that includes many blog resources

www.schoolblogs.com

a collection of educational weblogs

<http://www.weblogg-ed.com>

Blog resource for teachers that explains how to use weblogs in education and features best practices using weblogs

[BlogHeads](#)

An elementary teacher using a blog with literature.

[Better Learning On the Go](#)

A blog designed by teachers enrolled the Johns Hopkins University Masters program. This was a collaborative effort by all group members for a presentation about using blogs in the classroom. It includes a school blogging permission slip that my group composed as well as other blogging resources.

[Educational Bloggers Network](#)

An educational organization for teachers and education professionals who use blogs for teaching and learning. Provides resources and blogs by teachers.

[Blahblahblog](#)

Teacher and literacy coach blog about blogging in the classroom and with teachers.

[Teacher Talk](#)

[Contner Corner](#)

Both blogs are made by a 4th grade teacher in Ohio! Look at how she is using blogs in her classroom!

[Edblogger](#)

A blog portal with links to educator blogs and resources.

[Ways To Use Blogging In The Classroom](#)

A portal of links and ideas for using blogs in the classroom.

5. Make a list of pros and cons on blogging.

Pros of Blogging	Cons of Blogging

Blogging Resources/Space/Tools - note: not all blog space is free!

Journal Space - <http://www.journalspace.com/>

Blogger.com - <http://www.blogger.com>

Schoolblogs.com - <http://www.schoolblogs.com/>

Weblog Compendium - <http://www.lights.com/weblogs/index.html>

Blogroots - <http://www.blogroots.com/resources.blog>

UpSaid - <http://www.upsaid.com/>

Moveable Type - <http://www.movabletype.org/>

Weblogger - <http://www.weblogger.com/>

Articles

Listing of articles - <http://www.aaronland.info/weblog/theory/>

Blogging as a Form of Journalism -
<http://www.ojr.org/ojr/workplace/1017958873.php>

A Closer Look At Weblogs - <http://www.llrx.com/columns/notes46.htm>

The Utter Failure of Weblogs As Journalism -
<http://www.kuro5hin.org/story/2001/10/11/232538/32>

The Blog Phenomenon - <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1759,81500,00.asp>

Weblog Resources FAQ - <http://www.robotwisdom.com/weblogs/index.html>

Bookmarking the world: Weblog applications in education -
<http://journalism.hcrhs.k12.nj.us/journ/article.html>

Is It Time To Get Blogging? -
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/index.asp?layout=article&articleid=CA266428&publication=libraryjournal>

Blog Software -

<http://radio.weblogs.com/0107846/stories/2002/10/03/blogSoftware.html>

New Kids on The Blog - [http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-](http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn?pagename=article&node=&contentId=A31944-2003Feb5¬Found=true)

[dyn?pagename=article&node=&contentId=A31944-2003Feb5¬Found=true](http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn?pagename=article&node=&contentId=A31944-2003Feb5¬Found=true)

Weblogs in Education: Bringing the World to the Liberal Arts Classroom -

http://www.nitle.org/newsletter/v2_n1_winter2003/features_weblogs.php

Weblogs for Use with ESL Classes - <http://iteslj.org/Techniques/Campbell-Weblogs.html>

Campus Communications & the Wisdom of Blogging -

<http://www.syllabus.com/article.asp?id=7982>

Dr L. Anne Clyde, The University of Iceland Resource List -

<http://www.hi.is/~anne/weblogs.html#lis>

Teacher time savers: Web-based productivity tools Blogging -

<http://www.learnnc.org/index.nsf/doc/timesaver0501?OpenDocument>

What We're Doing When We Blog -

<http://www.oreillynet.com/pub/a/javascript/2002/06/13/megnut.html>

Education Web Logs -

<http://www.techlearning.com/story/showArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=GBOWHPD4STWN4QSNDBGCKHOCJUMKJVN?articleID=12803462>

How Educator's are Using Weblogs -

http://www.intel.com/education/projects/news/vol_05/elementary2.htm