



Blogs, Wikis, & Docs Training Classroom Blog Strategies

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The use of blogs in instructional settings is limited only by your imagination.

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Teachers (29)

- Reflect on your teaching experiences.
- Keep a log of teacher-training experiences.
- Write a description of a specific teaching unit.
- Describe what worked for you in the classroom or what didn't work.
- Provide some teaching tips for other teachers.
- Write about something you learned from another teacher.
- Explain teaching insights you gain from what happens in your classes.
- Share ideas for teaching activities or language games to use in the classroom.
- Provide some how-to's on using specific technology in the class, Describing how you used this technology in your own class.
- Explore important teaching and learning issues.
- Post class-related information such as calendars, events, homework assignments and other pertinent class information.
- Post assignments based on literature readings and have students respond on their own weblogs, creating a kind of portfolio of their work.
- Communicate with parents if you are teaching elementary school students.
- Post prompts for writing.
- Provide examples of classwork, vocabulary activities, or grammar games.
- Provide online readings for your students to read and react to.
- Gather and organize Internet resources for a specific course, providing links to appropriate sites and annotating the links as to what is relevant about them.
- Post photos and comment on class activities.
- Invite student comments or postings on issues in order to give them a writing voice.
- Publish examples of good student writing done in class.
- Show case student art, poetry, and creative stories.
- Create a dynamic teaching site, posting not only class-related information, but also activities, discussion topics, links to additional information about topics they are studying in class, and readings to inspire learning.
- Create a literature circle.
- Create an online book club.
- Make use of the commenting feature to have students publish messages on topics being used to develop language skills.
- Ask students to create their own individual course blogs, where they can post their own ideas, reactions and written work.
- Post tasks to carry out project-based learning tasks with students.
- Build a class newsletter, using student-written articles and photos they take.
- Link your class with another class somewhere else in the world

Students (12)

- Respond to thought-provoking questions.
- You can have your students create their own weblogs to...
- Complete class writing assignments.
- Create an ongoing portfolio of samples of their writing.
- Express their opinions on topics you are studying in class.
- Write comments, opinions, or questions on daily news items or issues of interest.
- Discuss activities they did in class and tell what they think about them
- Write about class topics, using newly-learned vocabulary words and idioms.
- Showcase their best writing pieces.
- Complete project work in small groups, assigning each group a different task.
- Showcase products of project-based learning.
- Complete a WebQuest.

Other uses

- Create an online magazine: <http://www.inspirationlane.blogspot.com/>

From Teaching Today: <http://www.glencoe.com/sec/teachingtoday>

Classroom Management

- Use your blog to inform students of class requirements, post handouts, notices, and homework assignments, or act as a question and answer board.

Collaboration

- Provide a space where you and your students can work to develop writing or other skills with the advantage of an instant audience. Students can also participate in cooperative learning activities that require them to relay research findings, ideas, or suggestions.

Discussions

- Discuss topics outside of the classroom. Students have time to react to one another and reflect on postings. Teachers can also bring together a group of knowledgeable individuals for a given unit of study for students to network and conference with on a blog.

Student Portfolios

- Present, organize, and protect student work as digital portfolios.