

To Blog or Not To Blog?

The Benefits of Blogging



Blogging encourages writing and critical thinking skills in an open forum. I can't think of a better way for students and teachers to write! By blogging, you are writing for an authentic audience. This is powerful! Blogging is a way to embrace and model 21st learning and skills in your classroom.

Blogging Platforms



How do I know which platform will work best for me in my classroom?

Take a look at this [Google Doc](#) to see what others have to say.

I asked the same question on Twitter and here's what I found out...



 **marykreul** Mary Kreul
 @mbfxc Edublogs for class blog and Kidblog for individual student blogs #blogging #ntchat #elemchat #3rdchat #4thchat #5thchat #6thchat
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 **MsSandersTHS** Beth Ellen Sanders
 @mbfxc you can- but not with the same functionality as a blogging site. My students will have Schoology, Posterous, Evernote & Twitter
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 **MsSandersTHS** Beth Ellen Sanders
 @mbfxc posterous is my favorite by far- easiest to use- other my popular are the hipster choice- tumblr & wordpress
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A Few Blogging Resources...

- [Blogger 101](#)
- [Top 100 Education Blogs to Follow](#)
- [The Best Blogging Lesson I Ever Had...](#)
- [What Do Good Writers Do?](#)
- [Blogging About The Web 2.0 Connected Classroom](#)
- [Blogs As Showcase Portfolios](#)
- [More Educators Should be Writing, Wondering, and Vulnerable in Public](#)
- [Blog Into Letter to Parents](#)
- [Hagan's Summer of AWESOME](#)
- [10 Reasons Why Students Should Blog](#)
- [Step 1: Create a Class Blog](#)
- [33 Ways to Use Blogs in Your Classroom](#)
- [How to Use KidBlog Video](#)

A Few Blogs I Follow...

The Innovative Educator	Be the Change
Teach Paperless	Virtual Teacher
What Ed Said	Free Technology for Teachers
Cool Cat Teacher Blog	Stump the Teacher
Tony Vincent's Learning in Hand	Flat Classroom Project
60 in 60	Van Meter Library Voice