

Blogging in a Dual Language Classroom

Student blogging is powerful! It's a fun way to give students the freedom to live as authentic writers... in any language. Teach/guide your students to engage themselves in learning, transform their learning environment, and blog about it.

Why Blog? Blogging has fundamentally changed how everyone in our world receives information. Student blogging is an easy way to bring authentic experiences, important for learning, into the classroom. It is also a great way to grow a strong learning community, both inside and outside the classroom.

Seven reasons why blogging can be powerful for student learning:

1. Students can practice 21st Century skills (communicate, collaborate, critical thinking, & creativity).
2. The environment allows for immersion into literacy... reading, writing, language, digital, etc.
3. Meaningful Experiences: • Student Voice • Student Guides • Student Mentors • Immediate Feedback
4. Powerful opportunity for authentic writing & authentic audience.
5. Working in digital spaces helps prepare students for future jobs.
6. Students become better writers. (The more you do anything, the better you get at it.)
7. Students can use it to reflect on what they are learning.

According to the **National Council for Teachers of English** Guidelines:

“Writing instruction must include ample in-class and out-of-class opportunities for writing, **including writing in digital spaces**, and should involve writing for a variety of purposes and audiences, including audiences beyond the classroom.”

<http://www.ncte.org>

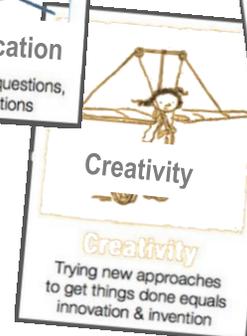
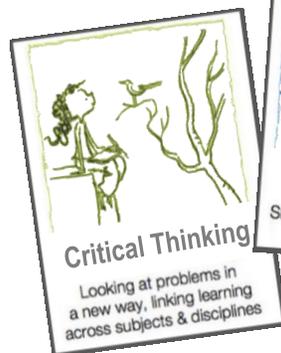
According to the **National Education Association**, skills that are most important to prepare 21st Century Students for a Global Society include:

1. Communication
2. Collaboration
3. Critical Thinking (& Problem Solving)
4. Creativity (& Innovation)

<http://www.nea.org>

Vocabulary:

- Blog** A work of writing online, or an online journal
- Blogger** Someone who writes on an online journal, or website on a regular basis
- Blogging** The act of writing & posting blogs
- Post** Publishing a new piece of writing for viewing online





Kidblog.org is a blogging site, specifically designed for students. It is one of the best tech tools for authentic writing, allowing students the freedom to live as writers. It promotes independent learning, motivates students to branch out on their own and become experts, and helps students develop important writing skills in the process. This platform creates a naturally engaging digital environment, where students practice: communicating, creativity, critical thinking, collaborating, character building, digital literacy, digital citizenship, and building community inside and outside of the classroom. It is cross-curricular & can be used for any subject. It is also a phenomenal opportunity to create a flipped classroom. Oh, yeah... and your students will love it too. *Kidblog* is a website created by teachers for teachers.

What do you hope to learn in this session?

How can *you* use blogging to help students learn & grow?

Notes: _____

Resources...

Top 10 Tips for Student Blogging:

<http://afhogan.com/10-tips-student-blogging>



Marina's Blog - Our classroom's journey into blogging:

<http://www.marinarodz.com/blog/hour-of-blog>



Introducing blogging, *Kidblog* webinar:

<http://bit.ly/2thQgEf>



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