


DI TEACHING WRITING IN THE 21ST CENTURY



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What we will do in this session

- Learn about powerful technology tools that develop writingskills.
- Hands on learning with some of these web tools.
- See sample blogs, wikis and web writing from students all over the world.
- Suggestions and tips for getting started with technology tools to develop writing skills.



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Opening Questions

How do you feel about using tools like blogs, wikis, or other web based tools for writing instruction in your classroom?

How do you think these tools develop writing and literacy skills?

What's a Weblog?

Weblogs- Known in shorthand as “blogs”, these Web sites are easily updated and can be interactive.

Blogs have exploded in the past few years.



HERE ARE SOME SAMPLE SCHOOL BLOGS THAT STUDENTS HAVE CREATED:

FROM CHICAGO:

Global Citizenship Experience www.globalcitizenshipexperience.com



What GCE teacher, Warren Thomas Rocco says:

"Positive surprises are that this works. It works regardless of literacy levels. It works despite the fact that we could've been better organized, more tactical in our management of student works online, more committed to encouraging excellence over...merely, completed works. And so on. You can see the potential. We're learning..."

FROM NEW ZEALAND:

pesnua.blogspot.com



Getting Started With Blogs:

Read a wide variety of blogs before you begin. Here are some great teacher blogs that I love:

www.lucygrayconsulting.com/blog.php

Lucy Gray, educational technology expert

langwitches.org/blog

Silvia Rosenthal Tolisano, instructional technology

katherinemcknight.com/blog

Katie McKnight, literacy geek

Setting Up a Blog:

There are several great Blogging websites but this is my favorite.



www.blogger.com

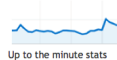
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqYBa-zGsNQ&feature=related>

Getting Started With Blogs: *Class Blog*

- Post class materials
- Post assignments and rubrics
- Provide samples of work expectations
- Post materials to support assignments (i.e. reading materials, web links, web sites, and an area for student comments and postings)
- Class Schedule and Letter



Getting Started With Blogs: *Student Blogs*

- Learning Logs and Reflective Journals
- Reactions to Assigned Reading
- Literature Circles
- Questions and Comments about Current Events
- Word-A-Day
- Math Problem-A-Day
- Posting Projects
- Posting Videos of Lab Experiments

YOUR TURN:

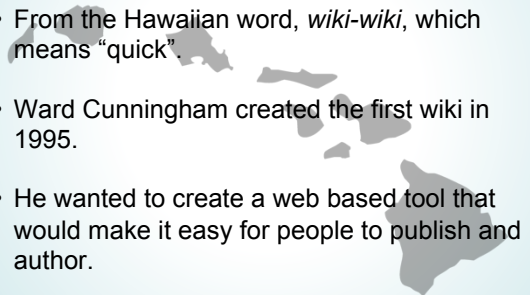
How can you use blogs for the teaching of your content area?

How can blogs support differentiated instruction?


What are your questions and concerns about starting blogs with your students?

WIKIS

- From the Hawaiian word, *wiki-wiki*, which means "quick".
- Ward Cunningham created the first wiki in 1995.
- He wanted to create a web based tool that would make it easy for people to publish and author.



The Most Famous and Best Example of a Wiki:
Wikipedia



An attempt to present all of human knowledge, for free.
Actually more accurate than many people might think.
Has over 500,000 edits per day.

Wiki: The Basics

From Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki)

Each wiki page has a link for editing.

Click the edit link and “tah-dah” you are ready to add, edit, and create content.

There are some ground rules that should be set up for the students for the wiki.



Sample Wikis

Mr. Peronis, A Physics Teacher
peronis.pbworks.com/w/page/15960585/Welcome-to-Mr-Peronis-Physics-Site

Mrs. Atwood’s Wiki
mrsatwood.pbworks.com/w/page/21730766/FrontPage

More Sample Wikis

Mr. Telles’s Wiki
mrtelles.pbworks.com/w/page/10239326/FrontPage

Mr. Lee’s Math Project Wiki
acrospire.pbworks.com/w/page/1342627/FrontPage

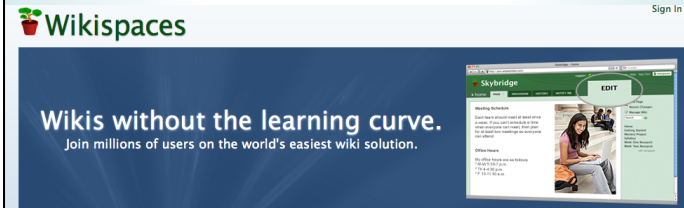
A Few More Sample Wikis

The Study Zone Wiki by Andrew Hill
studyzone.pbworks.com/w/page/18816338/FrontPage

Ms. Edwards's Wiki
msedwards.pbworks.com/w/page/21860548/FrontPage

Getting Started with Wikis

www.wikispaces.com



www.wikispaces.com/content/for/teachers

Tools to Help You Along the Way

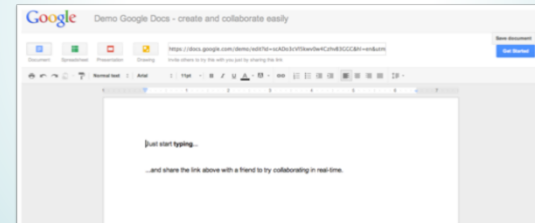
educationalwikis.wikispaces.com
Aims to answer the question, how can I use wikis in education?

educationalwikis.wikispaces.com/Examples+of+educational+wikis
More fabulous educational wiki examples

More Technology Tools for Differentiating Instruction



Google Docs are the next revolution in writing.



Allows for collaboration and the applications are extraordinary.

YOUR TURN:

How can you use wikis for the teaching writing kills?

How do wikis support writing instruction?

What are your questions and concerns about starting wikis with your students?

Maybe You Won't be Wiki-Wiki Right Away with Your Wiki or Blog

Remember, good teachers tinker.

Experiment and take baby steps.

I'm not a techie, but I do think I'm a good teacher.

Ask questions, there are tons of educational technology colleagues who are eager to draft members to the "other side."

PODCASTS

A teacher shows us three digital storytelling tools for mobile devices:
ipadschools.wikispaces.com



Podcasts

What are they?

Three kinds of podcasts: audio, visual, and video.

Audio are similar to radio broadcasts.

Visual include graphics and images.

Video are sometimes called vodcasts or v-casts.

Some great educational sites for using podcasts:

Helpful site for getting started with podcasts and examine how teachers use this technology in classrooms:

mabryonline.org/podcasts

Mr. Linden's Library

district.dearbornschools.org/schools/long/podcast/Long%20Elementary/Mr%20Lindens%20Library/312FAE78-AD8A-464B-ADA1-908B1C173725.html

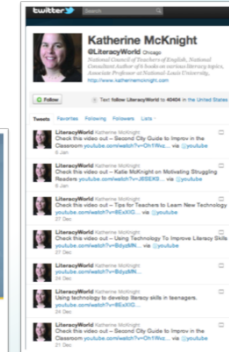
Tony Vincent's site, Learning in Hand can help you get started with podcasting.

learninginhand.com/podcasting

Technology Tools for Speaking and Listening



TWITTER
www.twitter.com

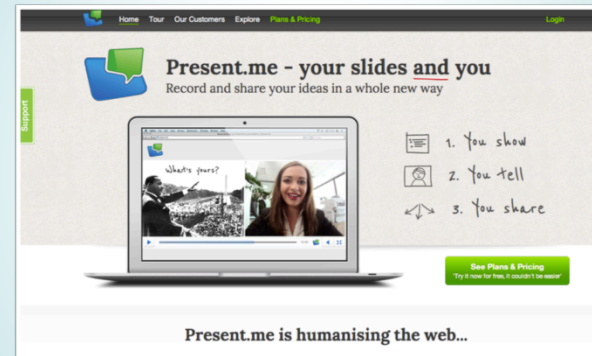


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