

20% Time Project- Blogging

The following are instructions on setting up your blog, creating new blog posts , commenting on blog posts, and the criteria that must be included in your blog posts.

Set Up

The following are instructions for how you must set up your blog for your 20% Time Project.

1. Go to www.blogger.com. Next, you will need to sign in with your student gmail account.
2. **Confirm Your Profile**
 - a. Choose "Create a Limited Blogger Profile" or "Switch to a Limited Blogger Profile."
 - b. Create a Display Name- Your Display Name is your **Period#-First and Last Name Initials-Student ID#**

Example- P1-TC-12345678

- c. Click "Continue to Blogger."
3. Click on "New Blog" to create your blog.
4. On your Blogger Home Page is a down arrow- "More Options." Scroll down and choose "Settings." In the left hand column of this page will be 2 pages, "Basic" and "Posts and Comments," where you will be setting up the parameters for your blog.
 - a. **Basic**
 - i. **Description**- Click Edit and add a description of what your blog will be about.
 - ii. **Privacy**- Check "No" and "No." Save Settings.
 - iii. **Blog Authors**- Leave alone.
 - iv. **Blog Readers**- Make sure this is set to "Public."
 - v. **Click on Save Changes**
 - b. **Posts and Comments**
 - i. **Who Can Comment?**- Click "User with Google Account."
 - ii. **Comment Moderation**- Click "Never." You will moderate your own blog posts. Any comments that are inappropriate need to be brought to my attention.
5. Click on Save Settings in the upper right hand corner
6. Click on My Blogs. You should see your blog title. Next to your blog's title you have icons to create a new post, go to post list, more options, and view blog.
7. Go to more options and click on "Pages." Click on "New Page" Title this page "Works Cited." This will be the page where you will cite the resources you used in your projects and blog posts. You will cite your sources MLA style. Click "Publish."
8. In the menu bar on the far left column, choose "Layout." In the "Add Gadget" bar, below the Title bar, click "Edit." Scroll down the menu until you reach "Pages." Click on the plus button to add your pages to your blog. Leave the title blank and check the "Home," "Posts" and "Works Cited" box. Next, Click Save. Finally, click on "Save Arrangement."
9. Go to View Blog. Copy your blog URL (Your_Blog.blogger.com). Go to the class website and under the 20% Time Project tab, click on the Google Form titled "Blog URL's." Fill out this form. You will be pasting your blog URL in this form.
10. Create New Post- Follow the instructions for creating new posts. This handout will include the format of each day's posts of your project.

New Posts

The following are instructions for creating blog and vlog posts and commenting for the 20 % Time Project.

You will need the following 2 pages in your blog:

1 "Home" page- this is the page you will POST your information about your project

1 "Works Cited" page- this is the page where you will cite all of the sources you used for your project

Rules for Blog and Vlog Posts

1. Blog posts are **due before the start of class**. You will not be given class time for writing your blog posts. **You will only be given time to post comments. Late blog and vlog posts will be given half credit. No blog or vlog posts earn no credit. Late work rules apply.**
2. Do **NOT** include student's last names in the blog or vlog. For other people, ask their permission.
3. You may **NOT** include anything (videos, pictures, or text) that is copyright protected.
4. You may **NOT** post anything that could harm you, others, the school, or the district.
5. Your blog posts will be formal academic writing and your vlog posts will be formal academic speaking, please be mindful of word choice and your mixed audience. (You may add your personality as long as it is appropriate)

Blog Post #1- Introduction and 1st Progress Report

Introduction

1. Create an appropriate title. Create a simple title that hooks the reader and explains what the blog post will be about.
2. What is 20% Time?
3. What is the essential question that you have been asked to answer?
4. What have you chosen to be your 20% Time Project? Why did you choose this? How does your project choice answer the essential question?
5. What are your goals? Upload a picture or document of your goal setting sheet.
6. How will you measure your progress/achievement?

1st Progress Report

7. 2 week progress report
 - a. What goal(s) did you set for the last 2 weeks?
 - b. Did you attain your goal(s)? Why or Why not?
 - c. Have you had any setbacks? How do you plan to handle them, or how did you already handle them?
 - d. What are the next steps in your process?
 - e. What are your goal(s) for the next 2 weeks?
 - f. What have you learned about your topic?
 - g. What have you learned about yourself?
 - h. How can you apply anything you have learned to yourself, your school, your community, etc.?
8. Appropriate pictures, images, charts, graphs, or videos that enhances your blog post. Be sure to cite the sources for your information. You may not post anything that is copyright protected.
9. Establish your voice and personality.
10. List the First Names and Last Name initial and their Blog URL's of the 3 people you left comments for for this week. You may comment only once for each person.

Blog Posts #2, #4

For each subsequent post, you will discuss your progress, discoveries, and setbacks as you continue work on your 20% Time Project. You will be answering the following questions as you write your post.

1. Create an appropriate title. Create a simple title that hooks the reader and explains what the blog post will be about.
2. 2 week progress report
 - a. What goal(s) did you set for the last 2 weeks?
 - b. Did you attain your goal(s)? Why or Why not?
 - c. Have you had any setbacks? How do you plan to handle them, or how did you already handle them?
 - d. What are the next steps in your process?
 - e. What are your goal(s) for the next 2 weeks?
 - f. What have you learned about your topic?
 - g. What have you learned about yourself?
 - h. How can you apply anything you have learned to yourself, your school, your community, etc.?
3. Appropriate pictures, images, charts, graphs, or videos that enhances your blog post. Be sure to cite the sources for your information. You may not post anything that is copyright protected.
4. Establish your voice and personality.
5. List the First Names and their Blog URL's of the 3 people you left comments for for this week. You may comment only once for each person.

Vlog Posts #3, #5

For these 2 posts, you will discuss your progress, discoveries, and setbacks as you continue work on your 20% Time Project. You will be answering the following questions as you record your post. You will embed your videos on your Post #3 and Post #5 vlog page.

6. Create an appropriate title for your vlog page. Create a simple title that hooks the reader and explains what the vlog post will be about.
7. 2 week progress report
 - a. What goal(s) did you set for the last 2 weeks?
 - b. Did you attain your goal(s)? Why or Why not?
 - c. Have you had any setbacks? How do you plan to handle them, or how did you already handle them?
 - d. What are the next steps in your process?
 - e. What are your goal(s) for the next 2 weeks?
 - f. What have you learned about your topic?
 - g. What have you learned about yourself?
 - h. How can you apply anything you have learned to yourself, your school, your community, etc.?
8. Other than your recorded progress report video, you must have an appropriate video or videos that enhances your vlog post. Non-progress report videos can be recorded and narrated slide show of pictures. Be sure to cite the sources for your information. You may not post anything that is copyright protected.
9. Establish your voice and personality
10. List the First Names and their Blog URL's of the 3 people you left comments for for this week. You may comment only once for each person.
11. What your vlog post will include...
 - a. Video must not contain text. You are recording yourself discussing your 2 week progress report. You will want to script out what you will be discussing and you may want to use a teleprompter app.
 - b. No reading off of a paper. Use a teleprompter app or memorize what you will be saying. Eye contact at all times.
 - c. Not only will you have a video of you discussing your 2 week progress report, you need to also include at least one video of you working on your project. In the video, you need to talk about what it is you are doing for your viewers. You may need to explain things, procedures, or items since your viewers might not know what those things are. If your video has other people, you will need to seek their permission to post their faces.
 - d. Choose a neutral background for your video. Do not have your video show personal items or your bedroom.
 - e. Your progress report video may not be longer than 3 minutes. Other videos may exceed 3 minutes in length.

Blog Post #6- Final

For this final post, you will discuss your outcome, success or failure, you will reflect on your journey, and you will discuss any improvements you would have made.

1. Create an appropriate title. Create a simple title that hooks the reader and explains what the blog post will be about.
2. Final progress report
 - a. What is the final outcome of your project? Did you succeed or fail at reaching your goals?
 - b. Why do you think you succeeded or failed?
 - c. What have you learned about yourself?
 - d. What other questions have arisen after your journey?
 - e. If you had this class for another semester, what changes would you make to optimize your results.
3. Appropriate pictures, images, charts, graphs, or videos that enhances your blog post. Be sure to cite the sources for your information. You may not post anything that is copyright protected.

Comments

As you read your peer's blog posts, respond to at least three to get a conversation going. Remember the following:

1. All comments are appropriate and on topic. This is not a chat room. Cyberbullying will not be tolerated.
2. All comments are written in complete sentences with correct conventions.
3. All comments will include the following:
 - a. Give a compliment (What was a good idea? Why?)
 - b. Make a connection to the writer
 - c. Add new information, or give advice or suggestions to the writer to help them meet their goals
 - d. End with a question
 - e. Proofread and sign your name **(First Name and Last Initial Only!!)**
 - f. If a post already has three comments, you must choose another post to comment on. The goal is for each post to have at least three comments. Once you have posted 3 comments, and if everyone else's posts has 3 comments, then you may comment on another post.

You will have specific people to post comments for. Do not deviate from the protocol for posting comments.

Name	Blog URL	Project Title
Jack	brokehiscrown.blogspot.com	How to fetch a pale of water
Jill	tumblinafter.blogspot.com	Climbing Mt. Everest
Snoopy	redbaron.blogspot.com	Random Acts of Kindness
Charlie B.	myyellowshirtisfly.blogspot.com	How to kick a football without the help of a place holder
Darth V.	nolongeranakin.blogspot.com	How to harness the power of the Dark Side to become a Sith Lord
Luke S.	chosen_one.blogspot.com	How to train a jedi
Han S.	chewiesfriend.blogspot.com	Wookies are people too! Bringing Awareness to Help Preserving the Wookie Population