

# Step-By-Step Guide: Learning about Blogs

# CHECKLIST

## READING *Blogs*















	Description	Worked for me?	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Can you articulate at least 5 <b>advantages of reading blogs</b> in order to learn more about blogging with your students	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create an account with an RSS Reader (ex. Feedly, Flipboard). <b>Subscribe</b> to at least 5 blogs to your RSS Reader	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check in to your RSS Reader and spend at least a few minutes to <b>read every day</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Read Comments</b> Don't forget to read the comment section in your chosen blogs	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Write it out:</b> Reflection- What are the characteristics of a blog you enjoy reading?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Write it out:</b> Be conscious when you are reading other blogs. Think about your thinking. What are you learning?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	



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## WRITING *Blogs*













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<input type="checkbox"/>	Write down the <b>personal obstacles</b> you face when considering becoming a blogger?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create a <b>list of topics</b> that interest YOU. What are you passionate about?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	As <b>explore</b> your topics of interest, write down or save any resources you feel connect			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't feel limited by writing text, experiment with <b>visuals</b> and other media			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Write it out:</b> Reflection- How will blogging aid you and your students in building a digital footprint?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Write it out:</b> Be conscious when you are preparing and writing your post. What skills are you using and strengthening?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Create</b> a quality blogging rubric			



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## Commenting *Blogs*













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<input type="checkbox"/>	Leave comments on blogs you are subscribed to	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leave comments on other students' blogs via the #comments4kids hashtag	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Start or continue a conversation on your favorite author's blog	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Leave a comment</b> Contribute to amplifiEDucation's course and leave a comment to connect with other people taking the course	   	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Write it out:</b> Reflection- What are the characteristics of a quality comment?		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Create</b> a quality commenting rubric	 	



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## Connecting *Blogs*

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Create a bullet list</b> of ways you could connect your blog or your students' blog to a global audience	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create a <b>bullet list of people</b> (mentors, experts, eye-witnesses) you could connect yourself or your students to	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create a <b>video tutorial</b> to teach your students' parents how to access and use your classroom blog	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Create a presentation</b> to share during parent teacher conferences or open house introducing your classroom blog	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Consider</b> organizing a family blogging month. Create challenges to encourage participation	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Write it out:</b> Reflection: Why is connecting your own blog or your students' blog important in the 21st century?	 	



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## Consistency *Factor*









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<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't let your blog be an <b>"add-on"</b> . Think about using the blog to replace traditional tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Build in regular times on your <b>calendar</b> to read, write and comment on blogs	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	What are some <b>techniques</b> you are using for being consistent in other areas of your work that you could transfer to blogging?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Write it out:</b> Reflect on the importance or lack thereof of consistency in blogging	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Blogger Newbie:</b> Share how do you envision making a "commitment to consistency" work in your case?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Blogger with Experience:</b> Share how you have been successful in consistently reading, writing, commenting and connecting on and via your blog?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	



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## Reciprocation *Factor*











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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Reflect Inward:</b> How do you see yourself being part of a blogging cycle. How could you connect with other educators, classrooms, students? What can you contribute to their blogs?	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Reflect Outward and Share:</b> How can your reciprocation efforts contribute to the success of student blogging? Comment in the course comment section	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Outline</b> your commitment of making reciprocation part of your blogging. Write it out, create a flowchart,	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Advanced Blogger:</b> Share your experience about the reciprocation factor. Write a blog post to raise awareness of the importance of giving back to the educational bloggersphere	 	



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Quality  
*Factor*

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Choose professional, classroom or student blogs and <b>evaluate</b> them according to amplifiEDucation's quality writing rubric	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Create</b> your own quality writing rubric for blogs, specifically with your students in mind	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Share</b> your quality rubric as a link in the comment section below, on your own blog or via Twitter. Receive feedback from others	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Make it Visible:</b> As you are looking at the blogging sample, unpack evidence of quality or lack thereof. Take a screenshot and make your assessment visible via annotations	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Coach:</b> Suggest how you would coach the blog writer in your sample to improve	 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write a blog post, <b>reflecting</b> on your learning during the auditing process.	