

# Blogs



# What do you know about blogging?

A blog is a page on the **internet**, a way to **publish** on the web.

Originally, the term “blog” referred to a web log, or a page on which people listed links to various websites and shared them with others.

# What do you know about blogging?

Over time, people began to use blogs to write personal **comments** and **reflections**.

In this way blogs provide a place for readers to write down what they think about what they read.

# Why might someone want to blog?

- Sports
- News
- Favorite activities
- Personal journaling
- School



# Have you read any blogs before?

[Floorboards and Fireflies](#)

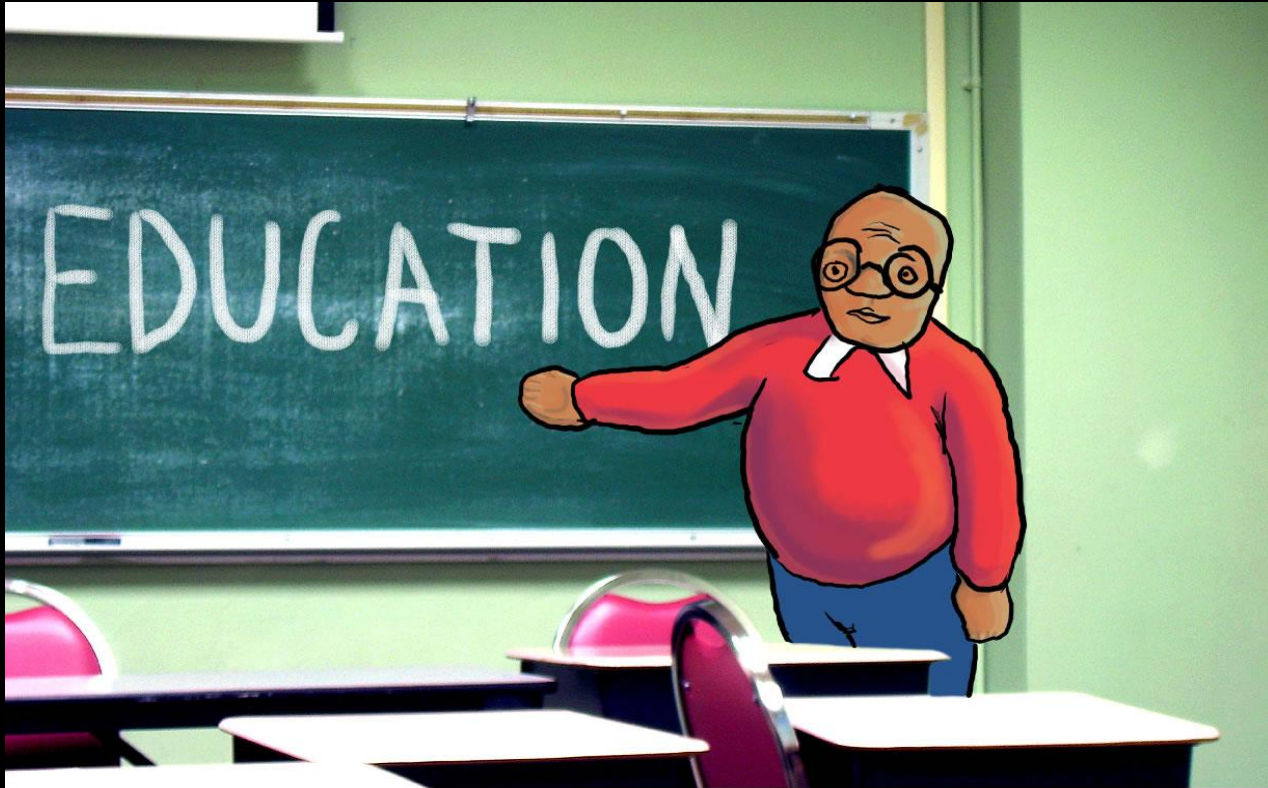
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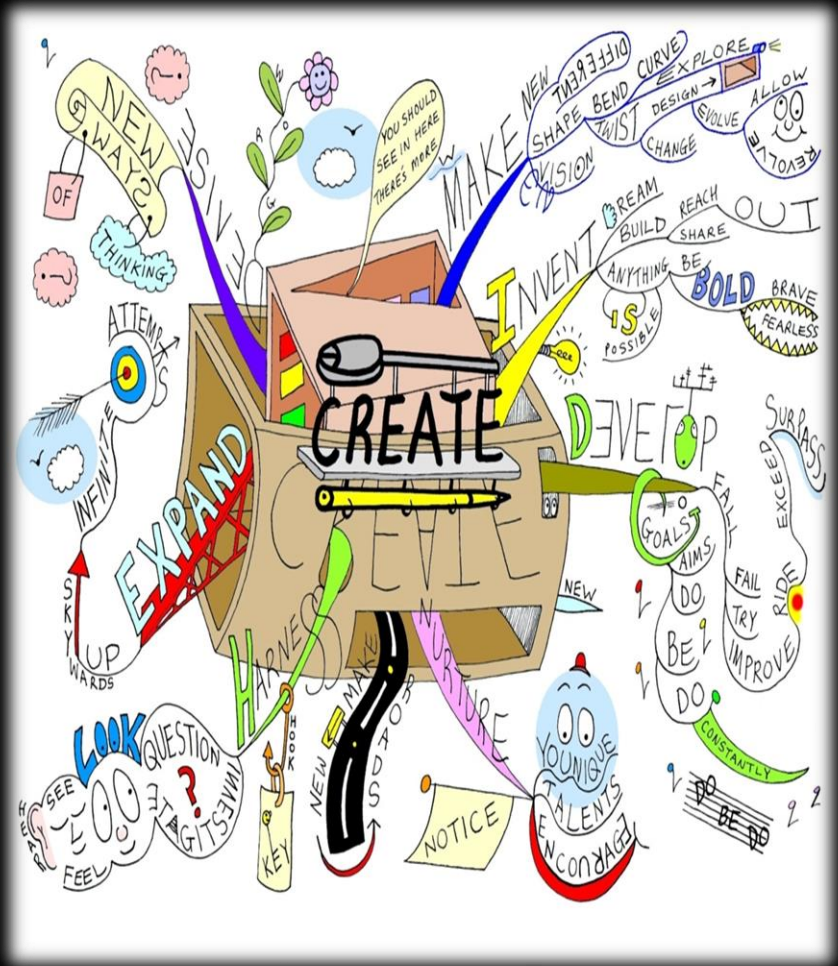
This year, you are going to do some blogging.



We'll be using our blogs for educational purposes only.

I want all of you to **feel comfortable** posting work to your blog space.

That means we all need to feel **safe** enough to create what we want and **post** it for our classmates to see.



# Why might a student not feel safe blogging?

Somebody might be mean!





# Assignment

Write one or two **paragraphs** about something you are **passionate** about; something that you could do all day, every day and not even realize time had passed.

It could be your favorite sport or hobby, or a topic that is of particular importance to you, like the environment or ending poverty or increasing teacher salaries.

You will start by creating a rough draft on loose leaf today. When you are done, be sure to revise, adding spicy vocabulary, and edit to make sure your grammar and spelling is correct.

# Commenting

Part 2

Almost as important as creating the blog post itself is **commenting** on your classmate's posts. My favorite part!

Ideally, others will read and comment on your blog resulting in an ongoing **online conversation**.

