

## WebBlogs or VBlogs

Weblogs are increasingly being used in education by researchers, teachers, and students.

Professors are keeping research blogs, requiring students to blog, or creating course weblogs.

Students are keeping course blogs or personal blogs. Scholars are studying and writing about the weblog phenomenon while keeping weblogs about weblogs. So, this is a time to prepare our first academic blog.

### What's a blog anyway?

Review this definition:

[http://www.blogger.com/tour\\_start.g](http://www.blogger.com/tour_start.g)

### What are the benefits of blogging?

You can review this website to learn about this:

[http://www.a1technology.com/book/benefits\\_blogging.htm](http://www.a1technology.com/book/benefits_blogging.htm)

### Can we teach with blogs?

Sure, see this comment: <http://www.educause.edu/node/166276?time=1238469461>

Please work in the following four activities:

#### Activity 1. Blogging in Education – what's in?

Review other teachers' weblogs, and think in developing your own weblog. This weblog should be prepared to motivate your students to participate in a discussion.

See this library of 100 education blogs:

<http://oedb.org/library/features/top-100-education-blogs>

In addition, Teacher magazine hosts a variety of teacher blogs, that can give you ideas to create your own blog.

<http://www.teachermagazine.org/tm/section/blogs/index.html>

#### Activity 2. Create your own weblog

Create your own blog. You can use any free website to create a weblog. I would recommend <http://edublogs.org/> were, you will need to sign up, and also review some of the video tutorials at <http://edublogs.org/videos/>

However, you can use any weblog site available to prepare your blog (there are several). One very simple and friendly is [http://www.blogger.com/tour\\_start.g](http://www.blogger.com/tour_start.g)

### Activity 3. Invite people to participate in your blog

Invite your classmates to your weblog!...post a message in blackboard's discussion board "here it is, my blog" and invite people to participate on it (include the link and any instruction necessary to post messages in your blog)

### Activity 4. Blogging and Blogging

Review one of your classmates blogs, and post a comment on it.,

**Deadline for the blogging is also April 12.**

This is the end of this **session...I will be thrilled if you:**

- ✓ Review and understand how blogs work
- ✓ Prepare your own blog in a teaching area
- ✓ Post your blog in blackboard's discussion board "here it is, my blog"
- ✓ Post comments on one of your classmates blogs.