How to Set up Kidblog for the American Revolution

1. Go to [Kidblog](#).
2. Click on the upper right hand side **Create a Class**.
3. Fill out the form. Under **Display Name**, type your name for the blog, for example Boston Gazette Editor. If you will be setting up more than one class blog, choose a class name such as Boston Gazette Editor's First Hour so students will be able to easily select their class blog. Click on **Create Class**.
4. Now you are in the Dashboard. First customize your settings. Click on **Settings** at the top of the page in the middle. Under the General tab you will find the URL for your blog that you can post to the class wiki or Web site. Also, you can change the Avatar for the class blog. To accomplish this, open a new tab and find an image that corresponds with the American Revolution. Save the image to the computer. Return to the Settings tab, and click on **Change Avatar**. Click **Choose Image** and select the image you have saved. Click **Upload.** You will probably be prompted to crop the image. Once completed, click **Crop Image** and you will be returned to the **Settings** page. After making any modifications, always click **Save Changes** at the bottom of the page.
5. Now click on the **Themes** tab. Choose a theme that you like and click **Activate**.
6. You will not need to change anything under **Widgets**, but you make a change under **Posts**. Check the box beside **Post Approval** so that you will approve posts before they appear on the class blog. Complete the same action under **Comments**. Last of all in settings is **Users**, and nothing needs to be modified under this tab.
7. Next set up your profile. Click on **Users** at the top of the page next to **Settings** and then **Your Profile**. Change the **Display Name** to the title you have decided for your blogging entries, for example, Boston Gazette Editor. Likewise, change the **Blog Title** to reflect your role, for example, Boston Gazette. Scroll down to bottom of the page and click **Update Profile**.
8. Open a new tab and find an image to reflect your role. Save the image to the computer. Return to the Profile tab, and click on **Change Avatar**. Click **Choose Image** and select the image you have saved. Click **Upload.** You will probably be prompted to crop the image. Once completed, click **Crop Image** and you will be returned to the Profile page. Finally click **Update Profile** to save these changes.
9. Now you are ready to set up student accounts. Click **Add New Users**. For **Display Name**, enter the name of each American Revolution person. For password, type something that will be easy for students to enter the first time, such as 1234. Students will change their passwords after they log-in the first time. Click **Add New User** after filling out the information each time for each person.
10. Next create your first post. Kidblog automatically sets up a sample post for you, but you will want to change this to your first entry. Click on **Go to class blogs** on the right at the top. Click on the sample blog called **Welcome to Kidblog**. Click **Edit this Post**, and put in your first post. When you are done, click **Update** on the right hand side. You are now ready for students to start blogging.