

# Writer's Blog Assignment

## Blog Entries

At least once a week, you'll post a blog entry that reflects on the writing that you have done during the week. This entry is your weekly opportunity to step back, think about what you've done, and talk about how your progress and what you are learning. You can include some summary details, but your main focus should be on thinking about what you have done and reflecting on why you've done it.

### *Requirements for each entry*

- Post your entry by the end of the school day on the last day of school for each week.
- Add a specific title for your entry that allows someone who sees the title only to know what the entry is about.
- Include a time and date stamp on each entry. The default settings will usually take care of this, but it's your responsibility to make sure it's working properly.
- Indicate the name of the poster. Make sure the entry ends with something like "Posted by" plus your nickname.
- Maintain an archive of your posts—don't delete them! You'll return to them later on.
- Allow others to comment on the entries. This ability is usually turned on by default.
- (Optional) Add categories or tags to your entries so that you and your readers can easily find all the entries on related topics (for instance, all entries that describe prewriting or all the entries related to your research paper).

### *Frequency*

Post at least once a week, every week. You can post more frequently if you want extra feedback or notice something that you want to remember about your writing.

## Blog Comments

In addition to writing your entries, each week you should read and respond to at least four blog entries posted by someone else in class. You'll read a blog entry and talk about the strategies that the blogger has described. Help the blogger analyze and think about the writing strategies described in the entry. You can work as a cheerleader and a problem-solver. Ask questions. Make suggestions. Share related stories about your own writing. Be friendly and supportive.

After you post comments on classmates' blogs, your next job is to go back and read the comments people posted on YOUR blog. The best comments can lead to a dialogue. Reply to any questions that you are asked, and respond to the ideas that others have shared.

### *Requirements for each comment*

- Post your four comments by the middle of each school week.
- Be sure to focus on the topic of the blog in your comment.

### *Frequency*

Post four comments each week on blogs written by someone else in the class. You can post more comments if you want.