

Blogging Information Sheet

The word *blog* is an abbreviated form of the term *weblog*. It is a website that contains information, commentary, and/or reflections about a particular subject. Most blogs contain text, images, and links.

- Blog content is dynamic, and can be easily updated.
- Blog entries are usually displayed in reverse chronological order.
- Many blogs are interactive and allow readers to comment on individual entries.
- Blog can also be used as a verb, meaning to maintain or add content to a blog.
- A blog owner can make his or her blog available to the public (anyone can find it on the Internet) or private (access can be password protected and available to invited readers only).
- A collaborative blog is a type of weblog in which posts are written and published by more than one author.
- Anyone with a computer and Internet access can create a blog. Some blog services are free, while others charge a monthly or annual fee.

Blogging Etiquette

- Respond to all comments made to your post; do not ignore any comments.
- Be polite, choose your words carefully, and remember: no profanity, insults, or slurs.
- Agree to disagree. Discuss why you disagree and respect that the other person sees things differently from you. There is no right or wrong interpretation, just different interpretations open to discussion.
- Spelling, grammar, and vocabulary count—put your best work out there for everyone to see.

Blogging Safety

- Do not share personal information.
- Be careful with whom you correspond.
- Use caution in what you say—the Web is public.