

Blog FAQ

Use Blog FAQ to set up your blog.

Why are we blogging?

We blog so that we can learn to write clear, succinct opinions that are backed up with evidence. Not only does the internet allow for these to be uploaded instantly, but it allows sourcing (hotlinks, videos, etc) to accompany the blog easily so we know from where you are getting your information. Blogs also are a forum for commenting on the work of others in a way that is quick, easy, and relevant. We do not have to be in the same place, or blog at the same time, to maintain a dialogue with each other.

Where are we blogging?

Your blog will appear in at least two places. Firstly, you must use a word-processing document to create your blog. This will allow you to use word-processing functions (spellcheck, thesaurus) while you write. It will also allow you to maintain a blog portfolio – a document that you will submit to me at the end of the project for a grade.

Secondly, you must paste your blog into Edmodo, our in-class social networking site.

What are the expectations for our blogs?

1. You need to have completed at least 15 blogs by Friday, October 10.
2. Blogs might be in class writing, freewrites, research-based, or homework assignments
3. You are required to express your opinion on a topic.
4. Although blogs are personal reactions to topics, back your claim up with evidence (link to article, video, etc) whenever possible.
5. Good blogs are thoughtful, thought-provoking, and well thought-out (that's a lot of thinking!)
6. Good blogs are well-written, and showcase your ability to convey ideas effectively in writing.

How are blogs graded?

Blogs are graded pass/fail, but passing is more than writing something down. First, you need at least 15 individual blogs to receive a passing grade. Then, entire blogging portfolio will receive a passing or failing grade based on:

1. Quality of writing
2. Depth of thought and engagement with topic
3. The “real” weight of your blogging grade will be in your blogging portfolio analysis, a 1-2 page critical analysis of how your blog shows your critical thinking about the First Amendment, due before Exhibition. Date TBA

How do I set up my blog?

1. You will need an Edmodo account (Edmodo.com), which many of you have. If you do not have one, or can't remember your password, etc, you'll have to set up a new one.
2. Once you're into Edmodo, you'll need to join Humanities12, 2014-15. Code: kr5f5c
3. Create a word document that will be your blog portfolio.
4. Write your blogs in your portfolio (don't forget to date them!), and paste the text into Edmodo.