

Wikipedia definition - A **weblog** (now more commonly know as a **blog**) is a web-based publication consisting primarily of periodic articles (normally in reverse chronological order).

Merriam-Webster definition – website that contains an online personal journal with reflections, comments and often hyperlinks provided by the writer.

The word blog originated from the words “web and log”. The most simplistic view of a blog is that it is an online diary. A user can come to their blog and put in what ever they are thinking about. There are many blogs that are out there that do just that; talk about their day, their pets, job or many other topics.

For education there can be many other opportunities for students. If created and fostered correctly, students can use blogs to journal, write stories, share information. As a teacher or administrator a blog can be used to share information with parents, make announcements or create a forum for discussion.

Where to create blogs:

Bloglines – <http://www.bloglines.com>

Blogger – <http://www.blogger.com>

Six a Part – <http://www.sixapart.com>

Education blogs:

Blogs in Education - <http://awd.ci.uh.edu/blog/>

Weblogg-ed - <http://www.weblogg-ed.com/>

Blogmeister - <http://classblogmeister.com/>

(this site allows educators to take a look at student blogs before they post)

Blogs outside education (some material may not be suitable for all users):

Blog Directory – <http://www.blogwise.com>

Captain’s Quarters - <http://www.captainsquartersblog.com/mt/>

Dean’s World - <http://www.deanesmay.com/>

Articles about blogs in education:

Stephen Downes Article for Educause - <http://www.educause.edu/pub/er/erm04/erm0450.asp>

Using Blogs in the Classroom - <http://husd4-tr.blogspot.com/>

Blogging 101 - <http://www.unc.edu/~zuiker/blogging101/>

How Can Children Stay Safe Using Blogs –

<http://www.netalert.net.au/01679-How-can-children-stay-safe-using-blogs.asp>

Dan Mitchell’s Teachnology Blog –

[http://www.teachnology.org/stories/storyReader\\$150](http://www.teachnology.org/stories/storyReader$150)

Speak to your students or staff, more than likely some read blogs on a regular basis or have a blog of their own. Take some time and do some research on what blogs are and evaluate how they might be used in your area.

