How Students Use Blogs

Instructors may create assessments or activities using the blog tool. A blog is a type of website about a specific topic. New entries are added to the blog frequently, similar to how one would use a journal. Your instructor might create a blog site for the whole class, groups of students, or individual students for writing and reflection activities.

To Create a New Blog Entry

1. Go to the area in your course where your instructor has posted a blog activity. Click the blog activity’s “View” link to access the blog.

2. When you arrive at the blog page, you may see blog entries from your instructor or classmates. To add your own entry to the blog, click the “Add New Entry” button.

3. In the “Add New Entry” pop-up form that appears, give your blog entry a name and click “Continue”.

Weekly Fieldwork Experiences Blog

Each week that you participate in the fieldwork activity, complete one blog entry summarizing your experiences and lessons learned. This blog is meant to reflect upon what you are learning and share it with your colleagues.

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4. In the text-editor that appears, add your blog entry content. The text-editor includes toolbars for formatting your text, attaching files, creating links, and embedding pictures.

5. When you are done adding your content, click the “Save & Exit” button. Your entry will be added to the blog and be displayed in chronological order with the other entries.

**Viewing and Adding Comments**

If your instructor has enabled a commenting tool to promote discussion on the blog, you will see a comments area underneath every blog entry.

**To View Comments**

Click the “Viewer Comments” link at the bottom of a blog post. The comment area will expand and show you the comments that have been added to the entry.

**To Reply to a Comment**

When viewing a comment, click the “Reply” button associated with it and complete the form that appears.

**To Add a Comment**

When viewing comments, click the “Add a Comment” link and complete the form that appears.