

5 WAYS YOU CAN USE...

A Blog

1 A blog can be used to promote collaboration and reflection among your students. Post a quote, excerpt from a novel, or news article and ask them to reflect in writing.

2 Blogs will encourage participation in discussions, which can be good for shy students. Create a weekly blog post asking a question and require students to respond.

3 Students can create their own blog and use it as a portfolio of their work and career goals. They can use the blog to build connections and network.

4 Easily incorporate “real world” sources in your blog such as news articles, videos, and current events to bring the outside world into your class.

5 A blog can be a host for a debate. Post a question or controversial topic and have students make their points and debate. This encourages both collaboration and critical thinking.



More Ideas for Using Blogs...

- Use a blog to coordinate class assignments-they are an easy way to post assignments and make announcements.
- Blogs increase students' accountability for their writing because it is publicly viewed by their peers.
- UIS' newly launched blog service, Wordpress, is available for all faculty, staff and students for free. Contact us or check out the ITS website to learn how to get started on your blog today!