

Creating a Blog



Today's the day! We're going to begin our blogging journey where you'll get to create a real footprint of your work in the world and set up a digital space that is all yours. Take pride in your digital space. It can be as artistic as you wish. It is a direct reflection of you and the digital imprint you'd like to make. There are a few instructions for you to follow to get started and then we'll let you off on your own to play and design. Let's begin!

www.LauraRandazzo.com

www.PinkSlipInspiration.com

www.JillianinSpain.blogspot.com

www.musingsofanerdygirl.wordpress.com

www.thereadinessisall.com

Student artwork displayed in their blogs: [This is from the blog "The Missing Piece"](#)

1. Please go to www.blogger.com
 - a. There are many blogging platforms to choose from, but we will all be using blogger with our school email addresses.
2. Click on "New Blog"
 - a. Create a title for your blog: you may change it later
 - b. Create your web address or URL. **It must follow this format. If it is not available please let the teacher know before proceeding.**
 - i. YourFirstNameLastInitialS18
 - ii. Example: JillianWS18
3. Once on your dashboard go to "Settings" on the sidebar on the left
 - a. Under "basic" click "add author"
 - b. enter your teacher's email address as an author on your page.
 - i. Note: This will give us editing privileges on your blog should we need to moderate any of your content.

Now it's time to design your space!

1. Click on the "Template" tab in the left sidebar.
 - a. When selecting a template, you're selecting the general aesthetic and layout of your blog. Once you've selected your template you will be able to customize all backgrounds, colors, fonts, etc.
2. Select a template: You can change it later if you dislike it.
3. At the top of the template page click on "customize"
 - a. Explore the "background," "adjustable widths," "layout," and "advanced settings" to customize your blog.

Criteria you must meet for your blog in its final design:

- ☐ A creative Blog Name prominently placed in a header at the top of the page
- ☐ One image
- ☐ One Widget or Gadget
- ☐ An “About Me” section
- ☐ Set up Blogger Icon (No photos of yourself.... curious as to why?)
 - ☐ Go to “Layout” and click on “Favicon- edit”
 - ☐ Select an image from Google to use as your favicon
 - ☐ Search icon images on Google and click on “search tools”
 - ☐ select images “labeled for reuse” this means you will not be infringing on copyright
 - ☐ Download the image to your chromebook and then add it to your favicon
 - ☐ If you’d like to use one of your own photos from home, you may insert this favicon later

Today is the **only** day you will be given in-class time to design and create your blog. Should you wish to update it throughout the course of the term you may do so on your own time. It can be addicting :)

Remember it can be as simplistic or intricate as you wish.