



this process creates a system where the blogs are owned by the school and students are invited users (authors or admin) teachers or IT can manage and access all student blogs

Setting up Blog for Younger Students:

1. create a new account in GAE domain to create and manage each set of classroom blogs
 - a. i.e. ablogadminname@yourgoogledomain.org
2. log into blogger.com with that blog admin account and create a blog for each student in the class
 - a. you can create up to 100 blogs per account
 - b. use Google Chrome in the incognito mode
 - i. this avoids getting blocked by using the same IP address for making multiple accounts
 - c. name each blog by the students first name (last initial)
3. adjust the settings for each blog as follows: (from the blog admin account blogger dashboard)
 - a. layout - add a gadget
 - i. select the "label" gadget
 1. students should learn to tag posts by content, i.e. "science", "literacy" "socialstudies" "math" etc...
 - b. settings - remove the word verification -remember to "save" (removes the requirement to enter weird letters for commenting)

Basic

Posts and comments

Mobile and email

Language and formatting

Search preferences

Other

Comment Moderation ?

Only members of this

Always

Sometimes

Never

Show word verification ?

No

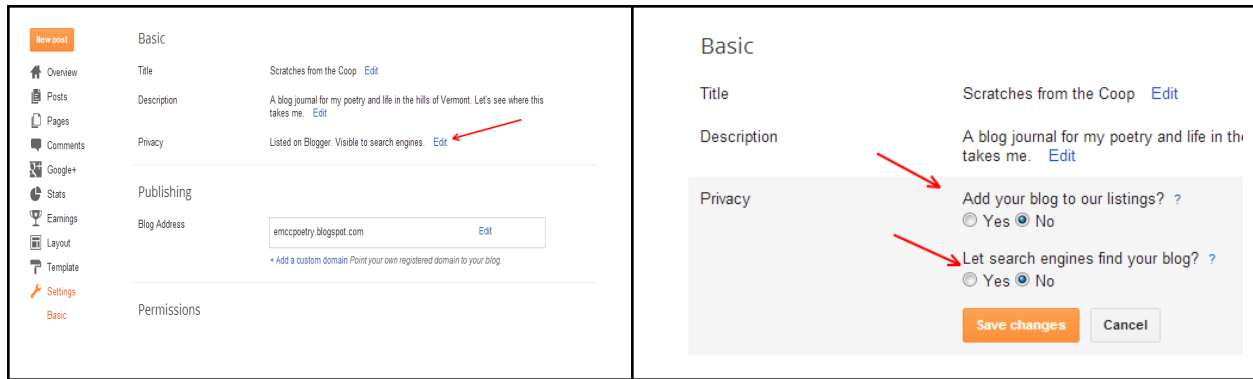
Show Backlinks ?

Hide

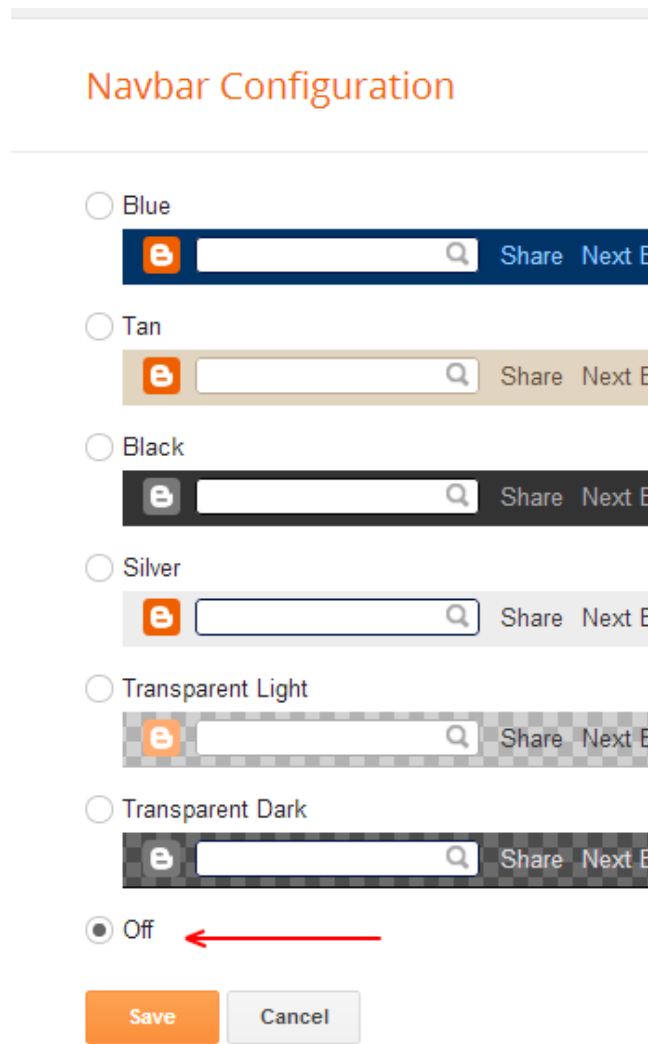
Comment Form Message

Add

- c. remove the blog from being Listed on Blogger.(will not be visible to search engines, only those with link will see it)
 - i. go to settings, basic, privacy, edit and change "yes" to "no"

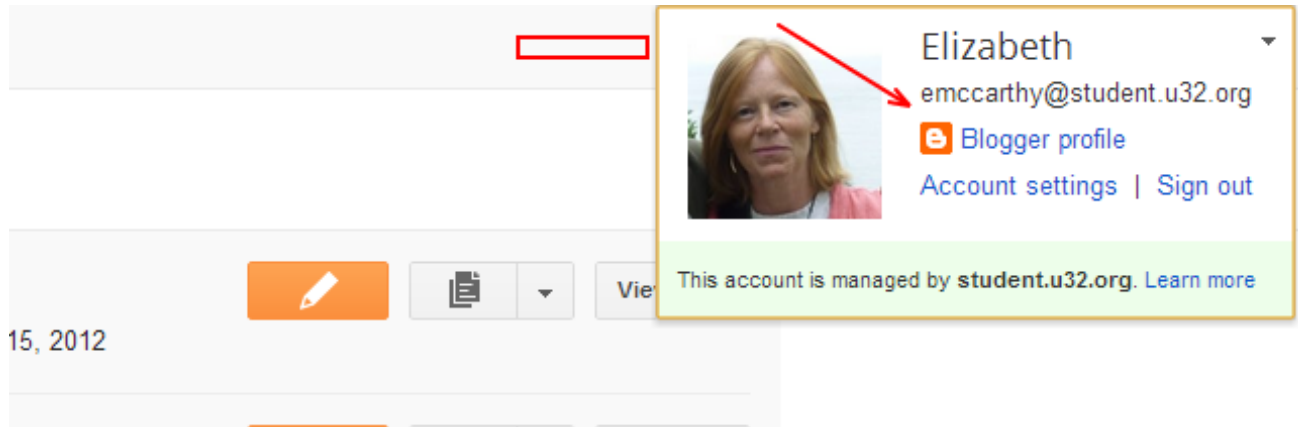


- d. settings - basic: invite the student by clicking on “add author” and enter students school google mail address
- e. remove the top nav bar which allows access to public blogs
 - i. go to layout - edit nav bar - click on “off” and save



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4. Now go to each students mail and accept the invite by clicking on “here”
 - a. create a Blogger Profile using their first name (maybe last initial)
 - b. delete the invite message in their inbox
 - c. for older students after the invite is accepted we might go back to the settings and make them “admin” of the blog so they can change the style/design
5. students can create a new post by going to...
 - a. blogger.com
 - b. sign into their school google accounts
 - c. click on the pencil icon for a new post
6. another way to access their blogs would be to create a list of the blogs owned by the admin account
 - a. login to the blog admin account
 - b. go to blogger.com
 - c. click on the blogger profile link
 - d. copy the link which is a list of all the blogs owned by that account



- e. edit the blog account profile to add a picture that is reflective of your class blog master
 - i. see example of class blog list...by copying the Blogger profile url
 1. <http://www.blogger.com/profile/06746492858516397259>

Here is an example of Student Blogs from New Zealand

<http://www.ptengland.school.nz/index.php?mid=6>

Note: The initial setup takes a lot of time and work but once done students can carry forward their blogs to future grades, no need to redo it each year as the blog posts will be archive

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