

Catlin Gabel Blogging Guidelines

As a student blogger, you are expected to follow these guidelines.

- 1. Only post things that you would want everyone (in school, at home, in other countries) to know.**
Ask yourself: *Is this something I want everyone to see? Is there anything in my post that should be private?*
- 2. Do not share personal information.**
Ask yourself: *Could someone find where I live based on this information?*
- 3. Think before you post.**
Ask yourself: *What could be the consequences of this post? Is anyone harmed in any way by this post?*
- 4. Know you are communicating with people all over the world.**
Ask yourself: *Who is going to look at this, and how will they interpret my words?*
- 5. Consider your audience and that you’re representing Catlin Gabel.**
Ask yourself: *Do I have a good reason/purpose to write this?*
- 6. Know how to give constructive feedback.**
Ask yourself: *What will I cause by writing this comment? Is my comment helpful, or just criticism?*
- 7. Treat other people the way you want to be treated.**
Ask yourself: *Would I want someone to say this to me?*
- 8. Use appropriate language and proper grammar and spelling.**
note: style for blogging is more familiar, conversational, narrative, etc.; less formal than academic writing, but you should still use good diction and grammar.
Ask yourself: *Would I want this post to be scored for grammar and spelling?*
- 9. Only post information that you can verify is true (no gossiping).**
Ask yourself: *Is this inappropriate, immature or bullying?*
- 10. Anytime you use media from another source, properly cite the creator of the original work.**
Ask yourself: *Who is the original creator of this work? Can my reader tell who should get credit?*

Basic Commenting Guidelines

IMPORTANT: Please read the separate [Catlin Gabel Commenting for Blogs Guidelines document](#).

As a blogger, you will be commenting on other people’s work regularly.

Good comments

- are always related to the content of the post;
- consider the author and the purpose of the post;
- are complementary in some way;
- ask or answer a question;
- add meaningful information to the content topic;
- are constructively critical, and never hurtful;
- include personal connections to what the author wrote;
- follow the writing process.
- in the end, these too are a published piece of writing.

NOT a Good Comment: “I like your blog!”, “Johnny (author) rocks!”, “History classes suck.”