Educator's Guide

Technology Simplified

Educator's Guide to ePortfolios using Google Sites and Blogger

Overview:

Students will learn to set-up an eportfolio to organize and display their work as well as using a blog for reflection and processing of learning.

Grades and Subject Areas:

9-12

Objectives:

- Student can sync Google Password and District Password
- Student can set-up and maintain their Google Site
- Student can layout their Google Site as an ePortfolio
- Student can set-up a blog on Blogger
- Student can organize their Blog and add the feed to their Google Site

I Can Statements:

- I can use Google Sites to setup my ePortfolio
- I can use Blogger to create a blog
- I can feed my Blog to my Google Site

Curriculum Connections:

Alaska Content Standards:

6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.	**6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.**

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ISTE Student Standards:

Communication and Collaboration
- Interact, collaborate, and publish with peers, experts, or others employing a variety of digital environments and media

ISTE Teacher Standards:

Promote and Model Digital Citizenship and Responsibility

- Promote and model digital etiquette and responsible social interactions related to the use of technology and information

Technology Integration:

Hardware and Software Needs
- Laptop or Desktop computers with Internet connections
- Google Apps accounts

Tips and tricks
- Be sure to setup the google apps accounts prior to the lesson

Resources:

Handouts or Downloads
- How to setup Google Sites
- How to setup Blogger
- How to link Blogger to Google sites

Links to teaching resources
- How to Set-Up a Google Site: https://sites.google.com/site/plgl2550/creating-your-portfolio-using-google-sites

Web resources
- Blog feeder for Blogger: https://support.google.com/blogger/answer/97933?hl=en

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- How to setup a Portfolio:
  https://sites.google.com/site/eportfolioapps/online-tutorials-sites/sites-how-to
- Tips for writing Blogposts:
  http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2013/08/15/step-3-write-your-first-posts/#tips
- Understanding Fairuse and Copyright when blogging:
  http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/2012/08/20/activity-7-fair-use-copyright-and-introduction-to-using-images/

Lesson Directions

Prep Time:

60 minutes

Prior to Lesson:

Teacher Prep:
- Complete Digital Citizenship lesson
- Setup a Sample site and blog

Student Prep:
- Sync GoogleApps Account
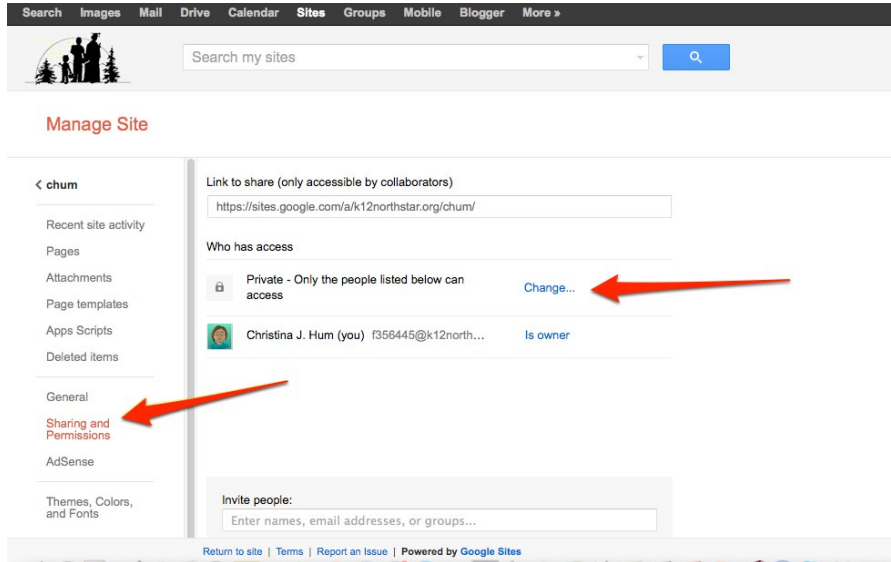
Time Needed for Lesson:

2 60 minute lessons

Directions:

Step 1: Sync Google Sites Account (See handout here:
https://docs.google.com/a/k12northstar.org/presentation/d/1Yfp8JRuXZk56SWWpbNZsFJxdmXZZ31rsaMtjBQTx-jI/edit#slide=id.p14)
Step 2: Setup Google Site: https://sites.google.com/site/plgl2550/creating-your-portfolio-using-google-sites
Be sure to make the site private:

Step 3: Organize site with the following set-up
- Create a first page as an introduction and table of contents
- Set up a structure around the goals/themes identified in purpose statement
- One page for each goal/theme with links to first page
- Upload artifacts to page or create hyperlinks to documents online from Google Docs
- Write reflections about how the artifacts demonstrate achievement of goals
- Write future learning goals

Step 4: Setup Blogger Blog:
http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2013/08/updated-86-page-guide-to-using-blogger.html#.UiPOy7yE5Xs
Step 5: Organize your blog and create your first entry.
Step 6: Add the rss feed to your Google Site by adding an RSS widget to your Google Site :
https://docs.google.com/a/k12northstar.org/file/d/0B4Pu8O-k0wBmVzZUVVFvNTJlaFE/edit

Extension / Challenge:

Idea 1: Create a senior portfolio
Idea 2: create a portfolio for Fantasy Football

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