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Issue Date: 09-06-2019 Blogging has been widely used by individuals and businesses for informal postings online. Now, the instructional potential of blogs has been increasingly acknowledged. Blogs can be used as group discussion, peer review and collaborated project. Blogging about a subject is more engaging than simply reading. Blogging gives students the opportunities to speak their ‘unique voices’. Students can practice their communication and conversation skills when they comment on others’ postings or reply to others’ feedback on their blogs. Blogging can also help students be courteous and thoughtful. Blogging develops students’ analytical thinking and increases learning to a higher level, not merely just “understanding” and "remembering” instructional materials. Before their thoughts can be written down, students need to analyze the subject and then clarify their thoughts about the subject. Then, they need to carefully formulate and stand by their own opinions. Blogging encourages students to contemplate how their opinions might be interpreted and reflected upon by others. Blogging facilitates creative expression when they develop original content and layout of their blogs. Students can be creative in terms of customizing the themes, selecting relevant images or videos, and designing the layout. This is the visual platform in which students can express themselves. Blogging can turn learning into a fun process. Blogging involves a lot of writing. However, an improvement in writing skills doesn’t come automatically. Instructors need to give explicit directions at the beginning of the project as far as; step-by-step directions on how to blog, how to be authentic, how to support your opinions, as well as communicate expectations for the learner. Before asking students to start commenting on a subject, instructors need to develop clear guidelines and expectations for your students. Some acceptable blogging policies are listed below: From the instructor’s point of view, blogs can be used for their own professional development. It promotes the exchange of their teaching experiences or ideas for transforming education. In addition, instructors’ are able to share where to find free software and educational tools. Edublogs can be used as instructional resources, in which teachers can post tips, explanations or samples to help students learn. Blogger is free and relatively easy to use. There are no setup or upgrade fees. Tags: Assessments and Assignments © 2024 Nova Southeastern University | 3300 S. University Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33328-2004 | 800-541-6682 Contact Us | Using Our Site | Privacy Policy | GDPR Privacy Notice | ADA Policy