

## Web Presence Comparison Sheet

### **Blog:**

#### **WEB + LOG = BLOG**

A **blog** is a website where entries are written in chronological order. They are commonly displayed in reverse chronological order. Usually they are narrative in fashion.

<b>Pros:</b>	<b>Cons:</b>	<b>Classroom Applications:</b>
Fairly easy to use. Students can post information. Posts can be moderated. Anyone can comment on a post. Comments can be moderated. Opportunity to build community. Students can publish their work to share with a larger audience. Supports a variety of document types. Good for collaboration.	Information is organized by date of post and tags. Not very flexible. Finding specific information can be cumbersome. Size and type of file to post is limited.	Host class discussion. On-line Journal. Spotlight student authors. Collaborate with others. Student scribes. Post podcasts. Post homework assignments. Post videos, pictures. Add web links. Post student work.

**Blackboard** Blackboard is a secure, password protected online course management tool that can help teachers organize their course materials. Teachers use Blackboard to store on line material, post student work, post homework assignments, collect grades, and organize their course materials.

<b>Pros:</b>	<b>Cons:</b>	<b>Classroom Applications:</b>
Fairly easy to use. Teacher controls the content Can re-use year to year. Can upload a large variety of documents. Secure grade book. Password protected viewing. Can post copy protected material that you have rights to. On-line test taking.	A closed environment – only those with a user name and password can enter a Blackboard Site. Students must know their password to access information. Information is organized in a folder system. Not very flexible. One way posting of information. Hard to find documents (search). Limits collaboration with other professionals.	Post podcasts. Post homework assignments. Post videos, pictures. Host class discussion. Add web links. Collect grades. Email.

**Weebly:** Weebly is your own professional website where you can add content such as documents, video, pictures text etc. Teachers can customize the content and easily manage multiple pages to support multiple class content.

<b>Pros:</b>	<b>Cons:</b>	<b>Classroom Applications:</b>
VERY easy to set up. Simple drag and drop editing Is viewable by public.	Limited to the available templates and designs. May be blocked at some point.	Post podcasts. Post homework assignments. Post videos, pictures.

<p>Can be used collaboratively. Easy enough (and free) that students could create their own sites. Can upload and attach documents. Students can publish their work to share with a larger audience.</p>		<p>Host class discussion. Add web links. Post teacher made documents Spotlight student authors.</p>
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