

Handout 13.1. Resources for Learning about Blogs and Creating Your Own

1. Find a blog on a topic you care about.
 - a. Browse through these favorites:
 - i. Blogger's Choice Awards: <http://bloggerschoiceawards.com/>
 - ii. *TIME* magazine's 2009 list of best blogs: <http://www.time.com/time/specials/packages/0,28757,1879276,00.html>
 - iii. Best of the Web blog directory: <http://blogs.botw.org/>
 - iv. Weblog Awards: <http://2009.bloggies.com/>
 - v. 100 Best Blogs for Those Who Want to Change the World: <http://www.bestuniversities.com/blog/2009/100-best-blogs-for-those-who-want-to-change-the-world/>
 - b. Search through these popular search engines:
 - i. <http://technorati.com/>
 - ii. <http://blogsearch.google.com/>
 - iii. <http://www.blogged.com/directory>
2. Create a blog of your own.
 - a. Go to Google's blog page: <http://www.blogger.com/start>.
 - b. Use their support site: <http://www.google.com/support/blogger>.
 - c. Use YouTube videos for help.
 - i. Go to <http://youtube.com> and type in "blogger setup" for a series of helpful and easy to follow videos.
 - d. Use NCTE's <http://www.readwritethink.org> site. Type "create blog" in the search bar.
3. Visit the blog for my American Studies class, <http://americanstudies2009-2010.blogspot.com/>, and click on the examples of websites created by students. You can also click on the full set of directions provided for them.