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Blogs and Wikis and Podcasts

We've all heard about MySpace, Friendster, and Facebook, but there are other sites that allow students and teachers to create content for the web that has an educational application.

Blogs

According to a Pew survey, 19% of teens keep a blog and 38% read them. Educationally, blogs can be used for student book clubs, newspapers, discussions of current events, literature reflections, solutions for math problems, and peer review. Teachers can limit membership to a blog to student in a class.

These are sites that offer free blogs

<http://schoolblog.epals.com>

<http://blogger.com>

Wikis

We've all heard of Wikipedia., but students and teachers can use a wiki to create online collaborative projects. Students can work in groups to create content for a school subject. Access to the wiki can be limited to students in a particular class.

These sites host wikis

<http://www.pbwiki.com>

<http://wikis.com/wiki/Wikia>

Podcasts

A podcast is an audio file of a broadcast made available on the Internet and downloaded to a computer, ipod or mp3 player. Files are created by organizations such as NASA, the Smithsonian or PBS or by individuals. Podcasts can be used to record class discussions, lectures, world language education. In fact, Jenny McKenna-Daily created a video podcast for her Sign Language students to practice the national anthem.

To learn more about Podcasts

http://www.m-audio.com/procuts/en_us/PodcastFactory-main.html

<http://www.e-learningcentre.com.uk/eclipse/Resources/podcasting.htm>

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To Discuss

The Tenth Circle

