



CLASSROOM BLOGGING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Student Agreement and Parental Permission Required to Participate

- 1. Students using blogs are expected to act safely by keeping personal information out of their posts.** Students agree to not post or give out their family name, password, user name, e-mail address, home address, or other information that could help someone locate or contact them in person. Students may share their interests, ideas, preferences, and opinions insofar as they relate to the topics in the course of study.
- 2. Students using blogs agree not to share their user name or password with anyone besides teachers, museum educators, and their parents.** Students agree to never log in as another student.
- 3. Students using blogs are expected to treat blog spaces as classroom spaces.** Speech and visual communication that is inappropriate for class is inappropriate for blog posts, images, and comments. While we encourage students to engage in debate and discussion with other classmates, we also expect that they will conduct themselves with civility. Students agree not to post or distribute any material that (a) is defamatory, abusive, harassing, insulting, threatening, or that could be deemed to be stalking; (b) is bigoted, hateful, or racially offensive; (c) is vulgar, obscene, or sexually explicit; or (d) encourages or advocates illegal activity. Your school's code of conduct applies to this participation.
- 4. This blog will be a forum for student expression, but limited to responses pertaining to the relevant topics.** All content is to be related to topics in the course of study.
- 5. Student blogs are to be a vehicle for sharing student writing with real audiences.** It is expected that participants to this blog who leave comments will do so in the spirit of respectful, constructive, and helpful expression. If a student receives a comment that is not respectful, or is made to feel uncomfortable by such a situation, the student should tell his or her teacher immediately.
- 6. Students must ask for permission when borrowing other people's work.** Students agree not to post or distribute any material that infringes and/or violates any right of a third party or any domestic or international law, including but not limited to (a) copyright, patent, trademark, or other proprietary rights; (b) right of privacy (specifically, students must not distribute another person's personal information of any kind) or publicity; or (c) any confidentiality obligation. Students may quote briefly or link to other people's posts so long as they meet the above standards in item #3.
- 7. Students are to use links outside of the *Life on Mars* web site carefully and appropriately.** When linking to content on the web, such as web sites or images, students are to make certain that they are pertinent to the course of study.
- 8. Students maintain the non-profit nature of the blog.** Students agree not to sell anything, or to use the blog for commercial purposes of any kind.
- 9. The blog is designed to be a productive, educational, and secure collaborative project.** As such, any participant that notices a breach of this design should bring it to the immediate attention of the teacher.
- 10. Students who do not abide by these terms and conditions may lose their opportunity to take part in this project.**

If you agree to the above terms and conditions, please sign below, and submit to your teacher.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I have read and understood these blogging terms and conditions. I agree to uphold them.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION

I have read and understood the blogging terms and conditions. I have read the introductory letter outlining the scope and purpose of blogging in this course. I grant my permission for my student to participate.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____