

Blog Assignments Part 2
Fall 2008
EDM 310

The assignment for September 29 on the original Blog Assignment List is CANCELLED

During the remainder of the semester, only one post of 4 or more substantive paragraphs (and pictures and links if appropriate) is required . Due Dates are now SUNDAYS .

October 3

Watch <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-8201478015841155798&vt=lf&hl=en> Randy Pausch's Last Lecture. Think about the teaching methods he advocated and used at MIT. Identify and comment on those techniques in a blog post of at least 4 substantive paragraphs. NOTE: This lecture is over 1 hour long. It is well worth the time and this assignment is REQUIRED. It covers the assignment for the ENTIRE WEEK.

October 10

This assignment is designed to familiarize you with different approaches that are taken to podcasts. It is in 4 parts. What I want you to do is to listen to about 10 minutes or so of each of these podcasts and to think about how they are done. Write up your notes and post them to your blog in at least 4 substantive paragraphs. I have selected 6 podcasts. If you wish to substitute others, you may do so. If you do make substitutions, make clear what they are and where they can be found.

SmartBoard Lessons Podcast

KidCast

ConnectLearning One of these Episodes 90, 91, 92 (unnumbered), or 96

EdTechtalk

MacBreak Weekly

This Week in Photography

Here is how to find and use the Podcasts:

I strongly suggest that you **subscribe** to the podcasts you will listen to. When you subscribe to a podcast the audio is downloaded to your computer. This enables you to use the "scrub" bar on the audio track to quickly move to various parts of the podcast. It takes a minute or two to download the audio file but it is much easier to use after it is downloaded. You can always throw it away (and the subscription) in iTunes. Just select it and hit delete on the Mac or Backspace on a windows device.

Open iTunes

Click on iTunes Store

For the first four in the list above, under iTunesStore click on Education. Then under More Education click on K-12. In the big middle panel you will find an icon for SmartBoard Lessons. Click on it. The remaining four can be found (in order) under Listeners Also Subscribed To. So go to SmartBoard lessons, dabble around and listen for at least 10 minutes. Remember that you can move the "player head" anywhere you want so that you can move around in the podcast quite easily. Then go to KidCast. Do the same. Then go to Connect Learning. Do the same. Then go to EdTechTalk. After you have finished with the Education Podcasts, in the upper right search for MacBreak Weekly. Listen to the podcast (again, move around in it to get a a flavor how it is done. Then search for This Week in Photography. Do the same. You MUST listen to these Podcasts so that you can be a better Podcaster yourself. If you are not doing a Podcast you will have a better understanding of how podcasts are done.

October 17

In the following assignments I have shown the path you follow in iTunes

iTunes Store

iTunesU

Featured Providers/Edutopia

The Edible Schoolyard AND A Night in the Global Village

Listen to both podcasts. Write a summary of the podcasts and post to your blog. Add two or more paragraphs to your post explaining how can these podcasts, or other like them, can be of use to you as a teacher.

October 24

iTunes Store

iTunesU

Featured Providers/WGBH

K-12 By Grade

Grades K-5 OR Grades 6-8 OR Grades 9-12

Find a video podcast in one of the grade sections and watch it. You can watch more than one if you want and you can mix different grade levels. Feel free to explore! Write a summary of the video podcasts and post to your blog. Add two or more paragraphs to your post explaining how can these podcasts, or other like them, can be of use to you as a teacher.

October 31

iTunes/Universities/Stanford/The Stanford Challenge: Seeking Solutions, Educating Leaders/See All/Improving K-12 Education/"Growth" vs. "Fixed" Minds

Watch the podcast with video . Write a two paragraph summary of the video podcast. In a third (or longer) paragraph discuss how this discussion affects you as a teacher.

November 7

iTunesU/Maine Department of Education/Mathematics with Technology

Listen to both podcasts. Write a summary of the podcasts and post to your blog. Add two or more paragraphs to your post explaining how can these podcasts, or other like them, can be of use to you as a teacher.

November 14

Path will be provided when known.

Listen to 4 EDM 310 podcasts, including the podcast in which you participated. Make a list of suggestions for improvement. Don't say "They were great. No room for improvement." We will not get it perfect the first time, I assure you! Be a positive critic! Post your suggestions in a blog post of at least 3 substantive paragraphs.

November 21

iTunesU

Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University

iTunesU/Duke University/Humanities and Social Sciences/Arts and Sciences/center for Documentary Studies

Wednesday November 24 (the midnight before Thanksgiving)

Select one other person in EDM 310 (from any class). Read ALL of their blog posts. Now, thinking about your experiences with your blog, and the experience of one other class blogger, write at least 4 substantive paragraphs on the pluses and minuses of blogs in a classroom.

Wednesday December 3

These posts to your blog MUST BE MADE if you want a grade in this course:

1. **Think about the many things we covered in class. Did you learn anything in this class this semester? If so, list what you learned and comment about it if appropriate. List as many things as you can think of. If you did not learn anything from this class, say so. I hope, however, that was not the case.**
2. **Are there things you would like to have learned in this class but did not?**
3. **Create a second post titled: My EDM 310 Blog Assignments are Now Complete. In the message area, write a brief note to your fellow classmates.**