

EDM Project 6

Electronic Contact Assignment

Your assignment is to find a teacher, another student (at a different school not in Mobile or Baldwin counties), or a class with which you can carry on a discussion/conversation about some aspect of technology and education.

Here are some thoughts on some questions you may have about this assignment:

Are there ground rules?

Yes. The teacher/student/classroom should NOT be a local person. Try to contact someone in another state, or even another country.

Where can I find some names of people to contact?

Well, some of your blog assignments require you to find blog use, for instance, in other places. Often you might find a way to communicate on those sites.

Or you might pursue the leads that are available (after you watch Shift Happens) at <http://shifthappens.wikispaces.com/>

Or you might get in contact with ACCESS teachers at other high schools in Alabama. You have an ACCESS assignment. If you do that soon you should be able to establish some good contact at other schools in Alabama, maybe even in other states and countries.

Or you might post a request for contacts through your blog.

Or you might go to the site of a high school, an elementary school, etc. and see what contacts you can develop.

Or you might do a joint blog (another blog) with the person or class with whom you communicate. Blogs can have multiple authors (you specify them).

Or ... think about this and come up with your own approaches.

What tools might I use?

Well, for starters try email. Even better would be something like GoogleTalk or Skype.

For those of you with Twitter, Facebook, or similar social network accounts, you might try there.

Or listen to some of the Podcasts or Videocasts that are available through iTunes

Or use your imagination!

What am I supposed to do?

Make the contact.

Carry on the conversation.

Document the conversation in some way so that I can see what you have done. (Emails, blogs, the records of conversations that are carried on in Skype/GoogleTalk, etc.)

Write a report on your contact and conversation. Post that to your blog.

When Is It Due?

This project is Due no later than 5 pm on Wednesday December 3

Why Do I Have To Do This Project?

The world has changed. It is much smaller now. I want you to make contacts elsewhere. You will learn about what others are doing. I also want you to explore how you might provide opportunities for your students to share activities / programs / ideas with other students - all over the globe!

Will I be graded on this project?

Absolutely! The more imaginative, thoughtful, and successful that your contact, conversation and report is, the better your grade. This is one of eight projects and two exams. This project, therefore, constitutes 10% of the course work for which you are responsible in this class.

Any suggestions?

YES! Get started NOW! This is NOT a project that can be successfully done at the last minute.

If you get good ideas that would benefit your fellow students about how to do this project, post your ideas and thoughts to your blog.