

Create a Post for the class Blog today!

You will document your work for the two projects this quarter on our blog. The purpose of today's mini-workshop is for you to review/develop some fundamental skills so that you can present next week's homework on your blog.

A. REVIEW THE DESCRIPTION OF NEXT WEEK'S HOMEWORK:


- Go to our blog → resources → handouts → unit plan outlines...
- Or, go directly to page: <http://blogs.evergreen.edu/investigations/unit-plan-outlines-possibilities-for-technology/>

B. GET TO KNOW THE FEATURES OF A WORD PRESS BLOG:

1. Explore what the VIEWER sees on the blog: <http://blogs.evergreen.edu/investigations>.
List the kinds of features that you will need to know how to apply in order to make your two web-pages. For example, you'll need to add text. What else? ¹

- add text _____
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2. Explore what the DESIGNER sees on the blog – identify the tools that might help you do the above?

- Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and click “Log in.” (note: you should see “Howdy [your name]” on the TOP RIGHT side of the screen when you are successfully logged in).
- Click on the  on the TOP LEFT of the screen. Then click on the “Dashboard” link.
- *Without making changes to the website (i.e. don't update, save or publish anything)* → Explore what the links on the left menu seem to help a designer do.
- Which of these features might you need to use in order to write up next week's homework? Why?



1. (note: you should probably review the two parts of the project at this point too ☺)

1. Get your materials for your Unit Plan Idea POST ready:

- Write your assignment on word or whatever program you regularly use to do your homework. Save a copy.
- Create a folder on your desk top which will have all the materials you need for the blog in it. Create another folder for **images** in that folder.
- Save the photograph you want use in your images folder.

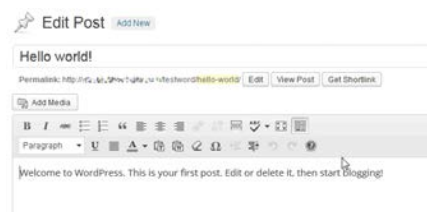
2. Create & Publish the Post

- Go to Dashboard → **Create Post & Name it** --- “Name—unit plan idea” (*Put notes on how you did that here*):
- Add the photograph** → click Add MEDIA under the title field in order to upload the photograph.
 - Here’s the link to the help wiki with more information on how to do that: [How to put an image in WordPress.](#)
 - Click on the picture icon in your post to get options for changing the size and position of your picture.
 - *Notice how it looks when you stretch or shrink it to size – does it still look clear? If it’s too grainy and blurry you probably need to find a picture with better resolution (i.e. more pixels -- aim for about 300 x 300 pixels. Anything bigger takes forever to load. Anything smaller may be too blurry. – ask peer, use the help wiki or Sonja if you have questions about this)* Also - here is the [Help Wiki page with information about resizing images](#): see in particular links at bottom of page to "Digital Image Basics" and "Image File Formats" on this page. Notice information on the difference between resizing a picture & changing the resolution.)
- Add a title** that describes the essential question of the unit (put the discipline students will work with in parentheses)

- Add text.** Explore the different features on the text edit menu.

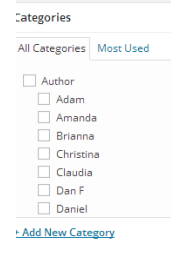
How can you:

- add a heading?
- add bullets or a numbered list?
- indent
- add a link to another website?



- Save your work** by clicking on save draft/update

- Add the category** that would help someone looking for your work to find it. In *this case AUTHOR & your name.*



- Make your post public** (e.g. submit) then hit the green button that says **PUBLISH**

