

Overview of Blogs, Wikis and Discussion Boards

Tool	Mode	Primary Purpose	Uses
WIKI	Face-to-face Blended Online	<p>Collaborative <i>Draft, collect, revise</i></p> <p>Features: <i>Instructor can see all the versions of the wiki</i> <i>Only one person at a time can edit a wiki</i> <i>Better for drafts, not formatted documents</i></p>	<p>Brainstorming Listing Capture readings or class discussion Group writing Group project Group activity (e.g., pro/con) Peer Review Study Guides Collection of links Writing a collective document</p>
BLOG	Face-to-face Blended Online	<p>Solitary but public <i>Publish, Comment, Reflect*</i></p> <p>Features: Can be set up to index weekly or monthly Use as an individual or class blog Students can comment</p> <p><i>*Use a journal for private reflection</i></p>	<p>Peer comment or review Reflection or point of view Essay Portfolio Instructor blog with explanation and link to other sources</p>
DISCUSSION BOARD	Face-to-face Blended Online	<p>Solitary and interactive <i>Post a response, refine opinions, exchange ideas, comment</i></p> <p>Features: Editing option Useful with groups</p>	<p>Problem-solving Web field trips Interpretation of readings Case analysis Debate Evaluations</p>

Additional Resources: Blackboard Help <https://help.blackboard.com>