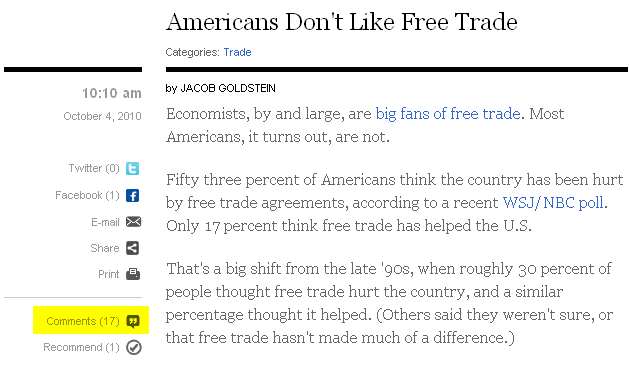


Contributing to Lawrenceville's Technology Blog

Blogs (a shortened form of "web log") are interactive web sites that allow visitors to comment on the material posted there. If you have ever left a comment at the NY Times or NPR web site, you have used a form of blogging:



A screenshot of a Blogger post. The title is "Americans Don't Like Free Trade" and the author is "by JACOB GOLDSTEIN". The post is dated "October 4, 2010" and is categorized under "Trade". The main text reads: "Economists, by and large, are big fans of free trade. Most Americans, it turns out, are not. Fifty three percent of Americans think the country has been hurt by free trade agreements, according to a recent WSJ/NBC poll. Only 17 percent think free trade has helped the U.S. That's a big shift from the late '90s, when roughly 30 percent of people thought free trade hurt the country, and a similar percentage thought it helped. (Others said they weren't sure, or that free trade hasn't made much of a difference.)" On the left side, there are social sharing options for Twitter (0), Facebook (1), Email, Share, and Print. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Comments (17)", "Recommend (1)", "E-mail This", "Print", and "Share".



A screenshot of a Blogger post. The title is "Quotes Uncovered: Wit and Wisdom from Economics and Finance" and the author is "By FRED SHAPIRO". The post is dated "September 30, 2010, 12:00 PM". The main text reads: "Continuing with my requests for famous quotations and sayings that might make it into the next edition of *The Yale Book of Quotations*, I'd like now to ask for memorable recent (or not-so-recent) words of wit or wisdom from the realms of economics and finance. These could be theoretical insights, sound-bites from the economic crisis of the past few years, or proverbial maxims." On the left side, there is a profile picture of Fred Shapiro. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Comments (46)", "E-mail This", "Print", and "Share".

Lawrenceville currently has a technology blog hosted on Google's blogging site (Blogger.com, aka Blogspot.com):

<http://lvilleTech.blogspot.com/> - A blog about educational technology; Anyone may participate

To comment on this blog, you must have a Google account. If you use Gmail, Picasa, or any of Google's other services you already have an account. If not, it is easy to create a free account by visiting:

<https://www.google.com/accounts/NewAccount>

To access the blogs

Go to the link above and sign in with your Google account information:



A screenshot of the Blogger sign-in form. The form has a blue background with the Blogger logo on the left. The text reads: "Sign in to use Blogger with your Google Account". There are two input fields: "Username (Email):" and "Password: (?)". Below the password field is a checkbox labeled "Remember me (?)". A "SIGN IN" button is located below the input fields.

There are 3 elements to the blog:

The screenshot shows the Lawrenceville Technology Blog homepage. At the top, the title "Lawrenceville Technology Blog" is displayed in a large, white serif font. Below the title, a white text box contains the introductory paragraph: "This is the blog site for the technology committee at the Lawrenceville School. We hope to use this site as a place for discussion about the role of technology in a Lawrenceville education. We will also maintain a collection of related resources here." The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a post dated "THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2010" with the title "Welcome!". Below the title is the same introductory paragraph. At the bottom of the post, it says "Posted by Blogs @ Lawrenceville at 10:43 AM 0 comments" with a small icon of a comment bubble. A red arrow points to this comment link. Below the post is a social media sharing bar with icons for email, Facebook, and Twitter. The right column has two sections: "TOPICS" and "LINKS TO RESOURCES". The "TOPICS" section lists: Welcome!, Important Questions, Distance Learning, Connectivity Pros and Cons, Disruptive Technology, Technology Tools, and 21st Century Learning. The "LINKS TO RESOURCES" section lists: Did You Know? (v2) video, Did You Know? (v4) video, Wesch video: Information R/evolution, Wesch video: A Vision of Students Today, and Technology Excerpt from Convocation 2010. Below the "Welcome!" post, a second post is partially visible, dated "SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2010" with the title "Digital Natives, Digital Immigrants by Marc Prensky".

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Posted by Blogs @ Lawrenceville at 10:43 AM 0 comments

2 TOPICS

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- 21st Century Learning

3 LINKS TO RESOURCES

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2010

Digital Natives, Digital Immigrants by Marc Prensky

It's interesting to note that Prensky first wrote this in 2001. Some key

- 1 The active discussion – you can add your comments to the topic by clicking on the **comments** link.
- 2 The topics – discussions are grouped into a series of topics
- 3 External resources – links to web sites and documents related to the subject. (You can also post links inside your comments and make them available to everyone.)

When you click on the comments link (indicated with the arrow) at the bottom of each “post,” you can read the comments left by others and add your own. When you do this, or if there are no comments yet, you will see a “Post a Comment” box. Enter your text in that box and then click the **Post Comment** button:

The screenshot shows the "Post a Comment" form. It has a dark red background. At the top, the title "Post a Comment" is in a white serif font. Below the title is a large white text area with the placeholder text "Your thoughts and comments can be entered here...". At the bottom of the form, there is a "Comment as:" label followed by a dropdown menu showing "Select profile...". Below the dropdown are two buttons: "Post Comment" and "Preview".

Please note that the Technology blog is open to anyone in the world. Therefore, we need to keep our discussions to themes and ideas, and should avoid using any names, especially of students.