

**50** Quick  
&  
Easy

**Reading  
& Writing**

**Computer Activities**

**2nd Edition**

The following  
pages contain a  
sample activity  
from the book.



## Grade Level:

- K- 2
- 3 - 5
- 6 - 8

## CD-ROM Files:

- 21BlogResources.htm

## Overview:

A blog is a word created from the shortened combination of “Web” and “Log”. A blog is an instant online publishing tool that has many benefits for teachers and students.

### Benefits For Teachers:

- Teachers can post lesson plans and announcements.
- Teachers can have online discussions with parents, students, and colleagues.
- Teachers can easily post Web resources for students.
- Teachers can monitor / score student postings.

### Benefits For Students:

- Students have an instant worldwide audience for their writing.
- Students can post personal diaries, reading response journals, learning logs, etc.
- Students can work collaboratively with students in other schools, states, countries, etc.
- Students can engage in discussions with outside experts.

## The Teacher’s Role:

1. Enter an address from the following page or open the “21BlogResources.html” file from the CD-ROM and click the desired link.
2. Read some of the articles and discussions about the appropriateness and benefits of blogs in education.
2. Find and use the blog resources that are applicable to your classroom.



## Blog Resources and Information:

### Blog Resources and Articles:

- Blogger Basics & Beyond..... <http://tinyurl.com/twblogbasics>
- Blogging: An Introduction..... <http://www.learnnc.org/lp/pages/730>
- Blogging Idea File..... <http://weblogg-ed.com/why-weblogs/>
- Blogging Ideas.....<http://anne.teachesme.com/2004/10/05/ways-to-use-weblogs-in-education/>
- Blogging to Success.....<http://www97.intel.com/odyssey/story.aspx?storyid=299>
- Social Studies Central Blog Info.....<http://www.socialstudiescentral.com/?q=content/blogging-educators>
- Tammy's Blogging Bookmarks..... <http://delicious.com/tammyw/blogging>

### Blog Tools:

- Blogger.....<http://www.blogger.com/start>
- BlogMeister..... <http://classblogmeister.com/>
- Edublogs..... <http://edublogs.org/>
- OnSugar..... <http://home.onsugar.com/>
- 21 Classes.....<http://www.21classes.com/>
- Posterous.....<http://posterous.com/>
- Word Press.....<http://wordpress.com/>
- Blog Tool Conversations.....<http://blogtools.wetpaint.com/>