Creating Your Blog

You have options for creating your blog. Look them over to see which one you prefer. If there is another platform you'd like to use clear it with your instructor first by sending a message with another alternative and why you'd like to use that one versus the options below.

**Option 1** (fastest): Go to [http://www.tumblr.com](http://www.tumblr.com/) and click on *Sign up* Then click *Sign up and start posting.* From there you can give your name and email account, verify your account through your email and get started. Note: **Your blog URL and the link used to log in are not necessarily the same** (i.e. *tumblesthetumblintumblr.tumblr.com* is a valid URL *www.tumblr.com/blog/tumblesthetumblintumblr* is **not**.

**Option 2** (More features): To create your own blog on Blogger with your Google Account go to: <http://www.blogger.com/start> (More Blogger directions on next slide) Note: **Your Blog URL and the link used to log in are not necessarily the same** (i.e. https://www.blogger.com/blogger.g?blogID= *is* ***not*** *publicly accessible* for the rest of us.)

# Creating Your Blogger Blog

Click on the orange arrow in the middle of the page “Create your blog now”

Enter the designated information and click continue. If you already have your Google Account set up through Gmail then you have a Blogger account. Use that to log in.

There is the [Blogger Help YouTube channel](http://www.youtube.com/user/BloggerHelp/videos)

[Blogger Tutorial](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXx4zbid45Q)

To make changes to your blog go back to blogger.com and log in. [Here are some instructions](https://blogger.googleblog.com/) for advanced blogging with Blogger if you really get into it.

# Sharing Your Blog

Follow the rest of the directions and post your first blog entry. Post your blog URL for the rest of the class in the *Blogging Forum* once you have finished setting it up. Describe any special plans or features you have for your blog.

[See this page](http://thinktraffic.net/81-blog-topic-ideas) for some ideas for potential entries. Your blog entries should be **longer than a few sentences** (we're talking a few paragraphs here) and provide some information or insights into the topics of your choice.

Find a blog by someone with whom you have nothing in common and submit a comment on one of his/her posts. This kind of interaction with people all around the world can help foster greater understanding between points-of-view and cultures. Write about your experience. Was your comment approved? Did anyone respond?