



Podcast Training

Podcasting in the Curriculum

Podcasting @ CLRN

Podcasting can provide an authentic audience for student work. Before you proceed, we ask that you think about curriculum first. What are the outcomes you wish to achieve? What reading or language skills or content standards do you want to address?

7th Grade ELA Content Standards

Listening and Speaking

1.0 Listening and Speaking Strategies

Deliver focused, coherent presentations that convey ideas clearly and relate to the background and interests of the audience. Students evaluate the content of oral communication.

2.0 Speaking Applications (Genres and Their Characteristics)

Students deliver well-organized formal presentations

2.1 Deliver narrative presentations:

2.2 Deliver oral summaries of articles and books

2.3 Deliver research presentations:

2.4 Deliver persuasive presentations:

7th Grade HSS Content Standards

7.1 Students analyze the causes and effects of the vast expansion and ultimate disintegration of the Roman Empire.

3. Describe the establishment by Constantine of the new capital in Constantinople.....

7.2 Students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the civilizations of Islam in the Middle Ages.

3. Explain the significance of the Qur'an and the Sunnah as the primary sources of Islamic beliefs, practice, and law, and their influence in Muslims' daily life.

7th Grade Science Content Standards

Scientific progress is made by asking meaningful questions and conducting careful investigations. As a basis for understanding this concept and addressing the content in the other three strands, students should develop their own questions and perform investigations. Students will:

2. Use a variety of print and electronic resources (including the World Wide Web) to collect information and evidence as part of a research project.

3. Communicate the logical connection among hypotheses, science concepts, tests conducted, data collected, and conclusions drawn from the scientific evidence.

5. Communicate the steps and results from an investigation in written reports and oral presentations.

Potential Podcasting Uses

Classroom

Class lectures (course casting)
Review for tests/Preparation for high-stakes tests
Student work and projects
Narrate book reports, essays, stories, or novels
Language instruction (teacher)
Language practice (student)
Learning about cultures
Guest lecturers
Interviews with experts
Roundtable discussions
Homework assignments
Class rules
Storytelling
Podcasting poetry café (students reading poetry)
Daily announcements
Write and record a “400 words” entry (see below)

Create a “MathGrad”-like podcast that explains the math behind everyday situations (see the MathGrad podcast)
Conduct oral histories
Create a “Grammar Girl”-like podcast

School

Information about open house/back to school night
News items and commentary
School sports interviews and highlights
Provide school information
Broadcasting meetings (board and faculty)

Professional Development

Tutorials
Just in time professional development

I wish I would have known

Middle school student script and present about what they wish someone would have told them before they entered junior high.

Write and Record “This I believe” essays

Listen to a few of NPR’s “I believe” essays

iTunes: NPR: This I Believe

NPR: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4538138>

Refer to NPR’s “This I Believe” writing advice handout

Assign students to write and record their own.

Radio WillowWeb Podcast Guide

See handout “Segment Planning Guide”

Also at: <http://learninginhand.com/podcasting/RadioWillowWeb.pdf>

KidCast March

Special Ed

Students write a chapter summary of a novel

Reader’s Theatre

Create a community that exchanges original scripts with other schools

Each school records/performs the other’s scripts

Band Director Podcast

Share ideas; listen to band music; news for school bands; interview local band directors

STAR Test Smack down

Use videoconference/ desktop chat to create an online Jeopardy between two schools

Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Story Telling

Foreign Language

Create story-telling podcasts in other languages

Interview Techniques

Using contracts with students to guide student responsibility

Interviewing sources or personalities takes planning

Ask kids to think about people who are good interviewers

Play a couple good interviews from Terry Gross, Charlie Rose, etc.

Find unique questions that the person may not have been asked before

Why are we interviewing this person?

Who would be interested in listening to them?

What are the obvious things they've been asked?

What are five things they've never been asked?

Guidelines for Oral History Interviews

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/learn/lessons/oralhist/ohhome.html>

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/learn/lessons/oralhist/ohguide.html>

Where in the world is.....?

- A Carmen Sandiego type podcast hosted at KidCast (see handout)
- See "Where in the World Worksheet"
- Plan and create a short podcast featuring your students giving creative clues about where they are in the world. You may choose your actual location OR you can choose to describe somewhere else in the world. You can use the scaffold below to help guide your production.
- Be creative and have fun!
- Describe your location - You can use longitude/latitude information, as well as clues about continents, physical and historical landmarks.
- Describe unique cultural attributes of the area.
- Are there people in the area you are describing? If so, what do they do? What brings them there? What would make someone want to visit this place?
- Are there any famous historical figures or events that originated in this place?
- You must include a contact email address at the end of the podcast, so that participants can email their guesses to you.
- Link to a 3rd grade teacher's "Where in the World..." site:
<http://www.nashua.edu/novakc/Where%20in%20the%20World/where1.htm>

iPod Lesson Plans

<http://www.apple.com/au/education/ipod/lessons/>

Create a podcast that teaches short lessons about a topic (Grammar Girl)

<http://grammar.qdnw.com/>

Tips for better writing

Our City

<http://www.learninginhand.com/OurCity/>

Learninginhand's Our City podcasting lesson plan and project publication site. Cool elementary project with comprehensive lesson plan at:

<http://www.learninginhand.com/OurCity/resources.html>

Read Write Think Lesson Plans

<http://readwritethink.org>

A variety of podcasting lesson plans are available including:

http://readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson_view.asp?id=901

400 Words

<http://www.400words.com/>

Personal, nonfiction articles submitted by readers. Have your students write to each month's detailed prompt and then record a podcast of their work.