



GRA 217 Blog Guidelines

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The Logistics

- Blogs make up 10% of your grade in this class
- Due to the size of the class, there will be two separate blogs, broken down by the first letter of your last name
- Have fun!



Timeline

- Blog posts are due at 11:59 p.m. on Fridays
- Anything posted on Saturday (or after) will be marked late!
- Each week, you will also have to comment on 2 of your classmate's posts; these are due Sunday night
- Assignments for the following week will be posted by Sunday night, giving you five full days to blog



Blog Etiquette

- Be respectful
- Only submit professional, well-thought out posts
- Blog posts are public; don't write anything you wouldn't want a future employer seeing!
- You will get out of it what you put into it

Grading

6	Post displays engagement and critical thinking; well-written; effort is clear	
5	Post is well-written and effort is clear; ideas could be further developed	Highest score possible if no comments are posted
4	Post shows understanding, but could be further developed; few grammatical errors	Highest score possible if LATE
3	Post lacks a strong connection to class material and assignment; few grammatical errors	
2	Post is difficult to follow and includes many grammatical errors	Highest score possible if same content is used
1	Post does not answer the assigned question	



Project Posts

- In addition to your weekly blog posts, you will be required to post JPEGs of your final projects
- These will be due the same time as your blog post for that week
- You will also have to comment on 2 classmate's projects by Sunday



Details, Details

Blog Address for A-P:

<http://graphics217A.wordpress.com>

Blog Address for Q-Z:

<http://graphics217B.wordpress.com>

Once you get an e-mail from Wordpress, login using the password they provide. You can change this password later under Users > Personal Settings

- Dashboard
- Blog Surfer
- My Comments
- Readomattic
- Tag Surfer
- Site Stats
- Akismet Stats
- My Blogs
- Subscriptions
- Upgrades
- Posts
- Media
- Links
- Pages
- Comments
- Feedbacks
- Ratings
- Polls
- Appearance

Dashboard

WordPress.com announcement: [Theme Updates for Custom Menus and More](#)

Right Now

Content	Discussion
1 Post	0 Comments
2 Pages	0 Approved
10 Categories	0 Pending
0 Tags	0 Spam

Theme **Redoable Lite** with **5 Widgets** [Change Theme](#)

Akismet blocks spam from getting to your blog.
There's nothing in your spam queue at the moment.

Recent Comments

No comments yet.

Incoming Links

This dashboard widget queries [Google Blog Search](#) so that when another blog links to your site it will show up here. It has found no incoming links... yet. It's okay — there is no rush.

QuickPress

Title

Content

Tags

Save Draft Reset **Publish**

Recent Drafts

There are no drafts at the moment

Stats



- Dashboard
- Upgrades
- Posts
 - Posts
 - Add New**
 - Categories
 - Post Tags
- Media
- Links
- Pages
- Comments
- Feedbacks
- Ratings
- Polls
- Appearance
 - Themes
 - Widgets
 - Menus
 - Extras
 - Header

Add New Post

Upload/Insert     

B *I* ABC                       

Paragraph                               


Visual HTML

Publish

[Save Draft](#) [Preview](#)

Status: **Draft** [Edit](#)

Visibility: **Public** [Edit](#)

 Publish **immediately** [Edit](#)

[Move to Trash](#) [Publish](#)

Categories

All Categories Most Used

- Assignment
- Extra Credit
- Identity System
- Info from Gretchen
- Just for Fun
- Magazine
- Poster
- Resume
- Uncategorized
- Web Interface

[+ Add New Category](#)



Closing Thoughts

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=livzJTIWImY>