

# Ten Ways to Use Social Media in the Writing Classroom

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## Defining Social Media

- [Brian Solis's Conversation Prism v. 4.0](#)

## Why Use Social Media in the Classroom

- [William Ferriter's blog post](#) (technology is a tool, not a learning outcome)
- My Bedford Bits blog post on [Teaching with Social Media](#)

## Ten Ways to Use Social Media

### Exploring online identity

#### (1) Literacy Narratives

- [Jen Michael's video](#)
- [DALN homepage](#)
- [DALN resources and help pages](#)

#### (2) Online Identity Statements

- My [Online Identity Statement Assignment](#)
- [Digital Badges Assignment](#) (by Jeanne Law Bohannon and Kim Haimes-Korn on Bedford Bits)

#### (3) Digital Identity Mapping

- My Bedford Bits blog post on the [Digital Identity Mapping Activity](#)
- [Digital Identity Mapping form](#)

### Connecting as a Community

#### (4) Class Brainstorming

- [Padlet](#)
- My Bedford Bits blog post on [Using Padlet for Class Brainstorming](#)

#### (5) Peer Review and Commenting

- My Bedford Bits blog post on [What Social Networking Can Teach Us about Peer Review](#)
- Grammar Girl's [How to Write a Great Blog Comment](#)
- Cool Cat Teacher Blog's [How to comment like a king \(or queen!\)](#) by Vicki Davis
- My Bedford Bits blog post on how to [Encourage Students to Connect with Social Media](#)

## Conducting research and analysis

### (6) Pattern Analysis

- [Wordle](#)
- [Tagxedo](#)
- My blog post on [Writing with Wordle](#)
- My blog post on [Tagxedo: The Next Generation of Word Cloud Fun](#)

### (7) Collaborative Researching and Writing

- [Forbes' September article on the Gamergate controversy](#)
- [The Guardian's article on Wikipedia's vote to ban some editors](#)
- [Integrating Wikipedia in Your Courses: Tips and Tricks](#)
- Wiki host sites: [PBWorks](#) or [Wikispaces](#)

### (8) Social Mediated Research

- [Storify](#)

## Focusing on Critical Thinking and Creativity

### (9) Rethinking Existing Texts

- [Around the World in 80 Days](#)
- ["Little Red Riding Hood"](#)
- [Chamber of PostSecrets](#)

### (10) Building New Texts

- My Bedford Bits blog post on [Assignments Inspired by Literary Starbucks](#)
- My Bedford Bits blog post on [Snapchat Mashups](#)
- My Bedford Bits blog post on [Ten Pinterest Assignments](#)

## Continuing the Conversation

- My Bedford Bits blog post on the [Teaching the Rhetoric of Social Media](#) group on Facebook