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Parts of a Blog

Your task: To explore some blogs and become familiar with the different parts of a blog. You can also get ideas for what to put on your blog.

Visit one or more of the following blogs to become familiar with their parts.

[**http://www.booknerdblog.com/**](http://www.booknerdblog.com/)

**http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/blog/**

[**http://gemmaccs11.edublogs.org/**](http://gemmaccs11.edublogs.org/)

[**http://xavierccs11.edublogs.org/**](http://xavierccs11.edublogs.org/)

[**http://www.artnarticlesblog.blogspot.com/**](http://www.artnarticlesblog.blogspot.com/)

[**http://abbeyr.edublogs.org/**](http://abbeyr.edublogs.org/)

[**http://icubedcoleman.edublogs.org/**](http://icubedcoleman.edublogs.org/)

[**http://adorasv.blogspot.com/**](http://adorasv.blogspot.com/)

1. Scroll down the main page of the blog. How are the posts ordered? Earliest to latest or latest to earliest?
2. Look at the comments. How long are they? Do you see any conversations happening in the comments?
3. Find the archives (may be called “past posts” or something similar). What are they for? Visit an archived post.
4. Look at a blog with a blogroll- what’s the purpose of a blog roll? How could it be useful for a blog reader?
5. Is there a way to search the blog?
6. Look at the tags (also called labels or categories). What are they for?
7. What kinds of ads appear on the blog?

8. Are there any common pages that appear on every blog you see?

9. What’s a widget? (see the below link if you’re not sure)

<http://weblogs.about.com/od/bloggingfaqs/f/FAQWhatAreBlogWidgets.htm>

What widgets do you see on the blogs you’re visiting?