

# Aggies in the Know!!!

Agriculture Science 1 - Blogging Assignment  
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**What is a Blog??** A blog is a webpage maintained by a business or an individual regarding a specific topic (i.e. Sports, Agriculture, Cooking, Animals, Travel, Business Topics, etc.) A blog is most often used to spread information, awareness, or to provide facts and information to the public in a way that they will find interesting.

According to dictionary.com, the definition of a blog is: "a website containing a writer's or group of writers' own experiences, observations, opinions, etc., and often having images and links to other websites."

My favorite blog is The Pioneer Woman. She calls herself an "accidental country girl" and lives on a cattle ranch in Oklahoma, where she cooks for her family and the employees of the ranch daily. She has inspired me to not only cook delicious, yet healthy meals for myself and my family, but to use fresh, farm raised ingredients. Check her blog out! <http://thepioneerwoman.com/confessions/i-heart-blogging/>

## **Why Blog??**

- AGvocate!
- Personal expression
- Control of information
- Exploration of a topic
- Initiate interaction and communication with others in the Ag industry

## **Goals of the Blogging Assignment:**

- To expand your knowledge of Agriculture and interact with your classmates in a positive light.
- To create a weblog that has a clear focus of interest on agriculture
- To analyze how others make sense of, and use, the internet and blogging to support their industry.
- To bring technology into the Agriculture classroom.

## **THE ASSIGNMENT:**

1. Visit our class website at [mdaubendiekagriculture.weebly.com](http://mdaubendiekagriculture.weebly.com) and find the correct page tab that corresponds with your class (for example: 1<sup>st</sup> hour Agriculture Science Blog)
2. I will post a new topic each week, on Sunday.
3. Each week you will need to find ONE article that corresponds with the current topic, from a reliable source, and provide a 150 word summary of your findings. You will also need to post a link to that article. Links that don't work, will not receive credit. (10pts)
4. You will then need to reply to TWO of your classmates posts regarding the article that they found or information that they posted. Your responses must be a minimum of 50 words. (5pts each)
5. **Your article posting and replies must be posted by 3:00pm on Friday, or no credit will be given. This assignment is worth 20 points each week.**
6. You will be given class time, at the beginning of each hour, to work on your post; as well as any spare time that may occur from time to time. Please use your time wisely.
7. Remember to use quotations if you are using a direct quote, as well as the person's name.
8. Have FUN with this assignment! The goal is to expand your knowledge of Agriculture and interact with your classmates in a positive light.
9. Any rude, derogatory, or untasteful postings will be immediately removed and you will receive zero credit for that week.