

## GENERATING IDEAS THROUGH READING BLOGS AND ARTICLES

Reading what others have written about issues in your field of study can often help you to generate your own blog post topic ideas. A blog about teaching strategies can generate ideas for your own blog about what parents can do to help their children do well on homework. An article on the rapid increase in gang violence among teenagers in the last decade could, for example, generate ideas for your own blog post offering parents a suggestion for a way to help their children stay out of this destructive behavior.

Below, you will find a short list of blogs and articles on various issues in the fields you are currently studying. This list is not inclusive, so it may or may not contain a topic that interests you. Do not limit yourself to these topics or articles. Find your own topic that interests you by brainstorming, talking to others, and searching for blogs on the internet or articles in the PG Library or using a search engine like Google Scholar.

Remember, your own blog post is not about these blogs or articles. Your task is to instead create your own point about an issue in your field of study. Use the links to blogs and articles as a way to generate ideas for topics.

**Links to blogs** <http://www.teachthought.com/pedagogy/52-education-blogs-you-should-follow/>

<http://www.coolcatteacher.com/> <http://randomactsofleadership.com/> <http://blog.kevineikenberry.com/>

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