

## **Tweeting**

According to people who know, students are finally flocking to Twitter.

So far, Twitter is unblocked, so let's get after it while we can.

Have students sign up for twitter using during class, but caution them to NOT set Twitter to text message their phone.

**For all Teachers:** Here's a wiki site with lists of twittering teachers and subject twitter pages.  
<http://twitter4teachers.pbworks.com/>

[Polldaddy](#) - a way to poll your users via Twitter and your website. It's incredibly easy!  
For multiple choice and/or short answer.

[Twtpoll](#) - a feedback tool that helps you to create and distribute polls/surveys on Twitter, Facebook, FriendFeed or on any other social media site. 17 different types of questions.

**ENG:** Have students create a twitter page for a novel. Assign each student in a group a character and require the character to tweet to the site. This can be done easily thanks to gaggle, hotmail, yahoo, and gmail. Characters must be true to their personality, vernacular, actions, etc. For instance, Steve Rayburn, a teacher of high school juniors and seniors at University High School in Illinois, used Twitter to have students post comments from Dante to his beloved Beatrice from each of the nine circles of hell and one from before or after the journey. Rayburn said the students were excited about the project and he could see evidence they read the assignment.

Post grammatically incorrect sentences on your tweet site and have students fix one error until the sentence is finally tweeted correctly.

Post vocab. words and a specific sentence structure (Adj. Phrase-S-LV-PN) and have students tweet a response.

Try posting one test question on the site to see if anyone is checking and then tell them if was there after they finish their test.

Twitter Poetry - each student tweets a line to create a twitter poem. Challenge the students by requiring certain poetic devices be used.

Play Chain Stories. Students and bored office workers everywhere have played this game. Give it new life and make it educational by adding Twitter. Have students tell a story, 140 characters and one student at a time. Check out [twittories](#) to see how others have done it.

Word Play Post a Word and Guess... Anagrams - post 8 letters and see how many new words can be formed? Post definitions for a word. Who can guess the correct meaning? Synonyms? Antonyms? Homonyms

**GEO:** Students can be assigned a country and tweet others in the class with information about the country and post questions to others.

Scavenger Hunt- Have students find websites, pictures, or other online documents that fit a certain criteria related to your subject area. For example, if you are studying China,

you could have students locate a map of China before PRC was formed or a narrative account of the Tiananmen Square incident. Students then post links to Twitter, and once a resource has been posted, it cannot be posted by another student/group. This could be used in conjunction with teaching research skills & information literacy and/or as a method for collecting resources.

Connect with classrooms in a different geographic location. [Collaborate with another classroom](#) to expand the possibilities of learning. Share projects, have students do research specific to their geographic location, and collaborate all with Twitter feeds. This one looks really fun and involves Google Earth.

**Foreign Language:** Practice a foreign language. [Students in foreign language classes can use Twitter](#) to connect with other Twitter users who are native speakers of the language students are learning. Using their budding language skills in this situation provides invaluable experience and instant feedback on how well they are doing.

Track a word or phrase. Select a topic relevant to what is being learned in class, then track it to see what news stories or conversations are revolving around that topic. Another way to use the tracking method is to track a word or phrase [to see how it is being used](#) by others. This is a great way to learn the nuances of words and phrases.

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**Social Studies:** Follow mentors or famous people. If professors, mentors, or other key figures in your field of study are on Twitter, follow them to keep up with their research and activities. Even events have twitter sites set up. <http://twitter.com/eventsoftheday>  
<http://twitter.com/Time>

**Personal Finance:** Follow Dave Ramsey at <http://twitter.com/daveRamsey>

**Science:** Here's a Q and Q twitter for biology questions - <http://twitter.com/BiologyQandA>