

A Malala-Inspired Activity: Listicle Blog Posts

Blogging is a great way to share ideas with many people all over the world, and it is good practice for opinion writers. Students can practice sharing their experiences or ideas in the form of a listicle blog post, just like the influential Malala Yousafzai. Malala is a Pakistani young woman who fought, at a very young age, for girls' rights to an education. She secretly wrote a blog to share her experience fighting for an education under the Taliban. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts in advocating for an education for all girls, becoming the youngest person to receive the honor. In this activity, students will start by learning more about Malala's life, and then will be guided in choosing a blog topic they are passionate about.

What You Need:

- Copy of the [Blog Template: Listicles](#) worksheet
- Computer, tablet, or another device to type up the finished blog post
- Copy of the worksheet [Malala: Nobel Laureate](#) (optional)
- Copy of the book [The Extraordinary Life of Malala Yousafzai](#) (optional)



What You Do:

1. Discuss the life of Malala Yousafzai. Review the information above, using the Malala: Nobel Laureate worksheet, or the book *The Extraordinary Life of Malala Yousafzai* to read more about her life.
2. Tell your learner that a blog can be a great way to share opinions and to try to convince people of something.
3. Brainstorm with your child a blog post they would like to write about. The topic does not have to be about girls' rights — they can choose whatever topic speaks to them!
4. Review types of blog listicles. Here are some examples from Education.com's blog:
 - [How to Teach Kids about Digital Citizenship at Home](#)
 - [12 Art Activities to Build Literacy Skills](#)
 - [5 Ideas to Teach Children Creative Self-Expression Through Dance](#)
 - [5 Ways to Motivate Your Reluctant Reader](#)
5. Review the worksheet Blog Template: Listicles, discussing the directions and the number of tips your blogger wants to include.
6. Ask your child to complete the graphic organizer. Answer questions and encourage your child to proofread their blog as they write down their ideas.
7. Tell your child to type up their blog post. They can also include photos or drawings that support their opinions or suggestions.
8. Discuss with your writer where they might publish their blog post. They could submit the copy to online websites, or post the printed blog around town or at the library.

No matter the blog's topic, words have power! Blogging about their ideas in a listicle format is the perfect way for your writer to succinctly share their opinions with the world.

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