

The Internet and the Constant Need for Contact

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Ben-Ari, E. (2009). Twitter: What's All the Chirping About? *BioScience*, 632. Retrieved From JSTOR.

This article is relevant due to the fact that it's all about Twitter. The online communication system that let's people interact with one another. Twitter has become a media sensation and this article gives insight to the frenzy surrounding tweets across the world. This article looks at Twitter through a scientist's mind, and explores the connection between scientists online. This article is important because it shows how people can use this tool to stay connected with other professionals within their field of study.

Bianco, J. S. (2009). Social Networking and Cloud Computing: Precarious Affordances For the "Prosumer." *Women's Studies Quarterly*, 303-312. Retrieved from JSTOR.

This article explores the social networking scene through the Internet and how people interact online. Bianco discusses the "prosumer," a producer/Consumer who is constantly in contact with the outside world. This article shows how everything is available at our fingertips and how social media are so important to the world. People use these resources as a way to post about problems, organizations and even political campaigns. Everything today is available online, this article explains how the shift from paper to screen occurred out of the blue.

Corbett, S. (2007). To Blog or Not to Blog? *Publishers Weekly*, 254(10), 24. Retrieved from EBSCOhost.

This source is helpful because it has a different outlook, and it shows studies of blogs for children's books. This article will show a different aspect of the blogging world, and will be useful when writing about different subject areas. Children's blogs are a different subject matter, which many seem to read. It is important to know the different criteria for blogs, and why people are passionate about certain subject areas. This article shows promise for an insightful view on different types of blogs.

Cowan, T. Three Tweets for the Web. *The Wilson Quarterly*, 54-58. Retrieved from JSTOR.

Cowan describes a world of bookstores and newspapers, describing how we have received information for years, and suddenly these materials are available online. This article explores how the world has basically transferred everything into digital form. We can almost see everything we need right on our computer screens, making it easy to find information fast. This article gives an interesting insight on how the world has made this transfer to the web, making everything accessible. Cowan explores how we have become a multitasking community, constantly in contact with one another.

Freese, J. (2009). Blogs and the Attention Market for Public Intellectuals. *Society*, 46(1), 45-48. doi:10.1007/s12115-008-9159-4

This source will be very helpful because it shows how blogs are changing the workforce. This article explains the importance of blogs in the business world, and how they are helpful. Being that blogs are so influential to many people on the World Wide Web, it is crucial that their need to be updated is discovered. Many ordinary people write blogs, with this article it becomes apparent that blogs are a way of life, and many depend on their daily update. Blogging is a digital diary and it is interesting to see how so many people, not knowing one another, can connect through the Internet.

Hollenbaugh, E. E. (2011). Motives for Maintaining Personal Journal Blogs. *CyberPsychology, Behavior & Social Networking*, 14(1/2), 13-20. doi:10.1089/cyber.2009.0403

This source proves to be helpful because of its connection with personal blogs. This source shows the importance of personal blogs and how people maintain them and are motivated to update their blogs constantly. People who write blogs have a need to let their thoughts out. With writing a blog they can reveal their most intimate secrets to strangers. With this article its interesting to see how people can tell their secrets to complete strangers, while still feeling safe and hidden from public view.

McLean, C. (2010). A Space Called Home: An Immigrant Adolescent's Digital Literary Practices. *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, 13-22. Retrieved from JSTOR.

This article explores how online communication websites can become home to a person. McLean follows an immigrant from Trinidad and Tobago and learns that the only way she can feel at home is through websites like Facebook and MySpace. This article is interesting given that this girl, Zeek is a high school student surrounded by many, feeling alone. This shows how kids are dealing with peer pressure and sometimes feel alone, not having many to talk to but their online community of strangers. This article is interesting because it shows how the social community becomes dependent on the Internet and staying in contact.

O'Sullivan, C. (2005). Diaries, On-Line Diaries, and the Future Loss to Archives; Or, Blogs and the Blogging Bloggers Who Blog Them. *The American Archivist*, 53-73. Retrieved from JSTOR.

This article proves to be interesting because it shows how often people start blogs. Blogs are very important to people, and some are extremely dedicated to their blog, as if its readers need them on a day-to-day basis. This source has interesting content concerning the blogging world, showing a different aspect of the person behind the scene, the blogger. The blogger is the reason for the blog, and its information. There is a question

to be asked: What makes the blogger blog, and how do certain blogs become popular?

Sweetser, K. D., Porter, L. V., Soun Chung, D., & Eunseong, K. (2008). Credibility and The use of Blogs Among Professionals in the Communication Industry. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, 85(1), 169-185. Retrieved from EBSCOhost.

This source is an exciting view of blogs in the business world. There are blogs for many different activities and areas. This article shows the importance of blogs in the communication world, and how young professionals can interact through the Internet. This article reveals how people can talk to one another discussing problems in life and career. Sweetser explores the communication industry and how they communicate with one another in today's technological society.

Tyree, J.M. (2011). The Dislike Button. *Film Quarterly*, 46-54. Retrieved from JSTOR.

This article is a film review of the most popular, *Social Network*, a film based on the creation of Facebook. Although this article is a film review, it is helpful because it describes the background of Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook. This article is relevant due to the fact that Zuckerberg created this communication website, that only keeps growing. With this article it is discovered that the creation on Facebook led to many lawsuits

against its creator. This article will give an interesting aspect to the dangers of posting material online that some may not want to see.