Podcasting
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Project Description: Students, working alone or with a partner, will create their own podcast as a separate tab in their blog. All podcasts will talk about books the students have read, they will also include items of interest to their peers. Students must have a standard introduction to their podcast that includes a verbal logo to help others remember their podcast.

The hardest part of this project is getting the students to record their voice! They do not like the way they sound. That being said, I started them off slowly and had them record a short intro to their blog, and they had to present this intro to the whole class. Next, I had them write an introduction to the podcast. They were to say what their podcast was going to be about, and they were to create what I call a verbal logo, like an advertising jingle, to help others remember to listen.

Before they could record their podcast, they had to write a script incorporating their book reports and some interesting chat about school. The goal was to talk for 15 minutes, a daunting task!

We used Vocaroo.com to record their original intros. Vocaroo will not store a file indefinitely. We are experimenting with Audacity, a program you download to the computer, then upload to their blog.