

Choosing the Best Wiki: A Short Course for LATTE Support - October 1, 2008

Handout - Thinking Critically about Teacher Goals and Wiki Choices

	Teacher's Goal Statement	Wiki Description	Some Critical Learning Design Questions	Settings: Wiki Type + Group Status
1	I want to deliver information to everyone in the class.	Make one wiki that only the teacher can edit. All students can view the wiki contents.	How could this be different from a News Forum? How could this be different from "Compose a Web Page?"	Teacher + No groups
2	I want to deliver different information separately to each group.	Make one wiki for every group that just the teacher can edit. Students can view the wiki of their own group only.	Would information delivered to one group create confusion (or undesirable results) if the other groups see it?	Teacher + Separate Groups
3	I want to deliver different information to each group and all students should see the information of each group.	Make one wiki for every group that just the teacher can edit. Students can view the wikis for all groups.	Do you want to present students with multiple points of reference? Do students have to be in groups to make this useful?	Teacher + Visible Groups

4	I want to collaborate with the whole class in authoring and editing a page or set of pages.	Make one wiki. The teacher and all students can view and edit this wiki.	How will you organize roles and responsibilities?	Group + No Groups
5	I want groups of students to author and edit content together, separately from other groups.	Make one wiki per group. Students can view and edit the wiki of their own group only.	Will the groups of students be evaluated on the same set of instructions?	Group + Separate Groups
6	I want groups of students to author and edit content that anyone in the class can view.	Make one wiki per group. Students can change the wiki of their own group only. They can view the wikis for all groups.	Will each group have a different sub-topic? Will you want to combine their work into one wiki at the end?	Group + Visible Groups

7	I want a private communication area for myself and each student.	Start a wiki item that has one wiki for each student that only they and their teacher can view and edit.	Do you want to use a template for organizing student input by weeks or topics? Could a forum work if you set it up with separate groups?	Student + No Groups
8	I want every student to have a space of their own exclusively for delivering information to members of their group, but not to the whole class.	Every student has their own wiki that only they and their teacher can edit. Students can view the wikis of other students in their group.	Are students expected to closely read and analyze or evaluate each other's work as part of the learning activity.	Student + Separate Groups
9	I want each student to have a space of their own for delivering information to everyone else in the class.	Every student has their own wiki, that only they and their teacher can edit. Students can view the wikis of all other students in the course.	How is this different from a blog in LATTE? How well would this serve the same needs as what we call course-level blogs?	Student + Visible Groups