

For my final project I elected to create an intentional PLN for myself to manage, organize and encourage my continued learning within the networks we've explored this class. Since adding this as a portfolio piece, I've created a different account for personal use and retained this account as an artifact.

To view my PLN go to netvibes.com. The email used is Elaine.filter@gmail.com and the password is faith1. Feel free to log on and look around. The rest of this document will explain my choices for my PLN content (which is far from complete, however I'm taking the advice of David Warlick and growing slowly, only adding blogs I know I will read and benefit from.)

So far, my PLN has three "dashboards". I've titled them Life, Ed Tech, and World History.

My life dashboard contains weather and email widgets, and two blogs. Personal friends of mine from college write these blogs. They faithfully wax poetic (and often long) about their experiences. I try to keep up with their latest postings, but this will help me stay more connected to them.

My Ed Tech dashboard currently keeps me up-to-date on four blogs and my twitter feed (which I use for strictly professional reasons, joining in often on a social studies chat Monday nights. Technology Tidbits is a blog that reviews and recommends the newest apps. They aren't all appropriate for my age groups, but it is an excellent source to help stay abreast of the tools. Edtech Round-Up is a blog that gathers new stories and articles from reputable educational websites and summarizes them for readers. There is always a link, so if something catches your eye you can learn more about it immediately from the blog post. It references such sites as Getting Smart, EdTech, Edudemic and more. I have included here Michelle Green's blog which I discovered in week five during our discussion of digital age discipleship. Her blogs are both professional and personal in nature but tend to the advancement of digital citizenship. Also here is a blog called Saving Socrates. It's writer, Jenni Levy is a classroom teacher. Her blog discussed educational topics of all kinds. However, since she is a technology advocate, many of her entries are about that topic.

The World History dashboard has two blogs and an ongoing search on youtube for world history videos. On blog brings current events and historical entries about Southeast Asia and the other looks at Indonesian history. These are two areas of world history with which I need to become more familiar as they play an increasingly important role in my AP world history curriculum.

My goals for this PLN moving forward are to add video feeds, specifically a history and theology subscriptions I have on youtube. I will also create dashboards for the other disciplines I teach: German, Theology, Philosophy and PE. I'm especially excited about PE because this will be my first year teaching it, so I have lots to learn and many resources from which to learn!