

# What does an English class blog look like?

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**POST BY ANDREW S.**

**Reaction to Rilke [private]**

Rilke is a great friend. He does his best to keep the relationship between Kappus and him going. Sure there are times mentioned that months elapse between correspondence. However, Rilke had to write his own poetry and respond to of friends and fans.

Most of Rilke's advice seemed odd and out of place after I read his biography. He struggled through many hardships in life. After being married, he had a daughter and, shortly after that, his marriage fell apart.

I found it peculiar that he gave Kappus such deep and emotional advice when his own personal life was failing. This makes me doubt the credibility of his words. However, much older and wiser people agree with Rilke's advice to the young student. Which makes me marvel at the maturity and insight of Rilke's thoughts. He displays intellect and wisdom well beyond his years. In all, Letters to a Young Poet was intriguing and thought-provoking.

Posted by Andrew S. on 5/30/07 10:22 PM | 0 comments (delete)

**POST BY LAURA P.**

**Advice for the future [private]**

I really enjoyed Letters to a Young Poet by Rainer Maria Rilke. I thought that Rilke's letters were filled with a bounty of usable advice and meaningful quotes. It seems like we are reading the book at a very appropriate time, too, as we are ending our high school years and are beginning our journey into college and adulthood. It was easy to relate to Mr. Kappus in this way because he was also on journeys of his own. He was exploring his creative side through poetry, learning more about himself, and developing into a mature and educated person. Just as he had to endure the struggles and triumphs of his own journeys, we will have to learn from our mistakes and rejoice in our accomplishments as we become educated, mature adults in college. Also, it was at the beginning of the collection of letters that I was most inspired for the future. Rilke questions Kappus about his desire and willpower to write. He asks Kappus, "In the most silent hour of your night, ask yourself this: must I write?" This question made me think about the choices I am making for my own future and it forced me to look inside and think about what I really want to do with my life. Must I play music? Must I be an engineer? Its so difficult to answer these questions but after reading what Rilke had to say, I see why it is important. Rilke's wisdom inspires me to enjoy life as it comes-even the bad times because the hard things in life will develop your character and personality.

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**ENGLISH 12 HONORS BLOG**

Blog early. Blog often. Blog on Rilke deadline was May 30th... Good luck on your final!

**THIS WEEK'S FOCUS**

Reflections on the letters and poems of Rainer Maria Rilke. Consider his ideas on his writing, ar... work, love, solitude, spirituality, etc. He has a lot of advice to Kappus who is about your age. Can you relate? What do you find worthy of comment? Share your thinking about Rilke's ideas.

**POST BY BRIAN S.**

**What a summer! [private]**

Well, my summer was pretty good. For the first month after being out of school I didn't do too much -- mostly just relaxed one day, however, I talked to a friend online who hadn't talked with me in 4th grade. She had sort of grown apart. But she had asked me to meet 'em at the mall while she was visiting one day, which I thought was great, because I really wanted to go out and do stuff with somebody, and she was somebody who I had always admired.

After that day that I met her, my summer took a turn for the better. I started hanging out with her, and a few other friends of hers (who I also know) and we ultimately all became closer. This all led up to the annual Otakon convention, held in the Baltimore harbor at the end of July/beginning of August.

Two days after Otakon, I ended my and started my post-secondary schooling attending Kaplan Career Institute. It really isn't too much different than high school, which is nice in some ways. I guess I'm sort of used to having to wake up at 6 every morning, and still get home at 3. None of my classes are hard either which is a blessing. I still learn, however I don't have to mentally push myself to the limits to do so. I don't know if I really fit in though. My intellectual level seems to be way above most of the people here... though I will say that I learn more about life because of the other students.

Posted by Brian S. on 5/31/07 12:40 PM | 0 comments (delete)

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**POST BY ZACK S.**

**Patience in Poetry [private]**

One of Rilke's main themes was patience and how it is developed over time throughout the course of one's life. Rilke believed one of the reasons that love was hard to find was because people were too young and therefore very impatient.

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shanemac7	I agree with you about how it can be difficult for young people of today to find solitude as something valuable. I think that society makes it seem as if there is something wrong with being alone, whereas Rilke is able to express the importance of it.

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**Post Comment**

Name: Charles

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Comment: I'm glad you picked up on the Romanticist elements of Rilke's letters. He does find the sublime in solitude. This reminds me of episodes of Siddhartha and ideas of Lao-Tsu.

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## COMMENTS POP UP DIALOG BOX

# Anatomy of a Blog

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying an "ENGLISH 12 HONORS BLOG". A yellow callout labeled "Entry/Post" points to a blog entry titled "BLOG ENTRY OF DAN U" about Rilke's poetry. Another callout labeled "Prompt" points to a box titled "THIS WEEK'S FOCUS" with the text: "Discuss Rilke's ideas about poetry and life. Can you relate?". A third callout labeled "Comment" points to a comment by "brenden" in a "Comments" window. A fourth callout labeled "Add Comment" points to a "Post Comment" form. A fifth callout labeled "Navigation & Quotes" points to a sidebar with various text snippets.

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The screenshot shows a blog post titled "Breaking Blogger's Block" with a lightbulb icon. A yellow callout labeled "HYPERLINK" points to a link in the text: "TeachersTeachingTeachers.org". Another callout labeled "INTRODUCE" points to the beginning of the main text. A third callout labeled "INSERT" points to a quote from "James A. Beane's". A fourth callout labeled "INTERPRET" points to the author's analysis of the quote. On the right side, there is a list of bullet points: "Lead in/ Introduce", "Quote Evidence", "Lead out/ Analysis", and "Cite Source".

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