

Posterous.com

Using Posterous in the classroom by *What You Should Be Using*
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posterous™ is the dead simple place to post everything. just email us.

Returning user? [Login](#)

See you later!

step 1 | **Create an account.**
Skip it! No setup or signup

step 2 | **Email anything to post@posterous.com**
Attach photos, video, MP3's, and files

step 3 | **See the site you made**
We reply instantly with your new posterous at
http://yourname.posterous.com

Who's it for?

First timers

Casual bloggers

Social media pros

Families and groups

Posterous immediately takes you out of the norm by allowing you to use the site without going through an account signup.

But since we're using this in the classroom, we'll go ahead and set up an account now.

Click the **Login** link in the upper right corner.

On the following page, **click the link to sign up and get your own Posterous.** You'll receive a confirmation link by email, so follow those instructions to access your account.

Multiple Sites

After a successful login from Posterous.com, you will land on the **Manage** screen. Posterous allows you to create multiple sites. This would be very handy if you would rather have your students work in small groups. *More advice is available on WYSBU.com*

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Click here to set it up »
Hide this message »

Your blogs

- wysbu's posterous
wysbu.posterous.com
- Group 1**
jhsgr01.posterous.com
- Group 2
jhsgr02.posterous.com
- Create a new posterous...
Want more sites? Click here.

Settings

Your Account
Your emails, profile and password

Creating a new posterous site

Just choose a site name and a site address now. You can set up everything else (including privacy, password protection, group profiles, and custom domains) after this step.

Site Name
Group 1

Site address
JHSGroup1.posterous.com

Cool, this site address is good to go.

Create new site

Click the **Create a New Posterous** button.

Then **fill in information** for the new site.

Contributors

After clicking on the appropriate group's site in the left column, you can add your students as contributors to the site. *Be sure to review the tips for managing your students' content at WYSBU.com.*

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Posts | Settings | **Contributors** | Group Profile

CONTRIBUTORS

Your blog can easily become a group blog... that's also an email list.

Got an idea for a group blog? Want more people to post and collaborate? All you have to do is enter their email address and we'll invite them.

You are the only contributor to this site.

New posts will be sent to all contributors automatically. [Edit setting »](#)

You can add additional contributors to your site by entering their email address here.

Email address

Add contributor

Select the appropriate group, if you set them up.

Click on the **Contributors** tab.

Click the **Edit Setting** link. For educational purposes, you may not want to email all students when someone makes a new post.

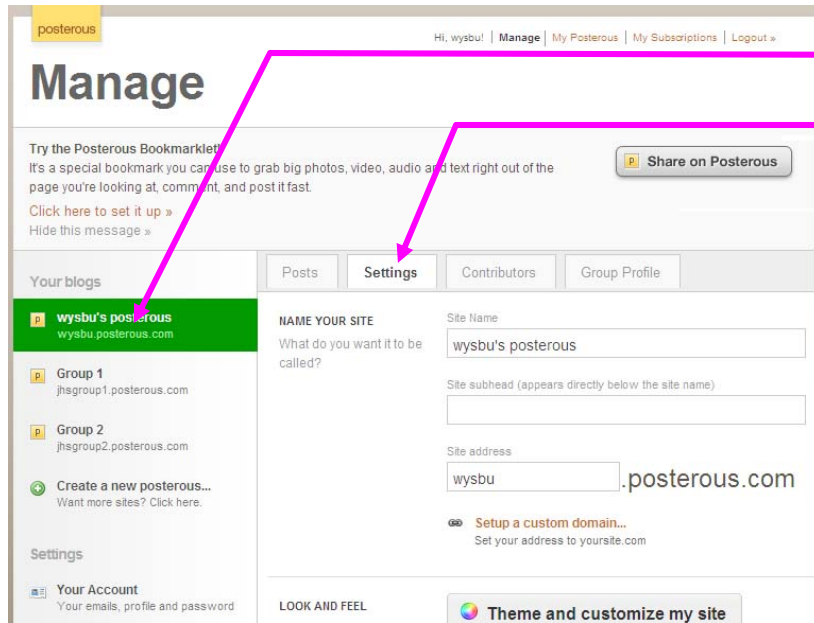
Read more about mobile addresses at WYSBU.com

Type or copy/paste your **student's email address** (or mobile address) into the text box.

Then click the **Add Contributor** button.

Settings

When teaching with online tools, your students' privacy is extremely important. Use great care in ensuring that you have the best settings for both your students' privacy and your assignment's objectives.



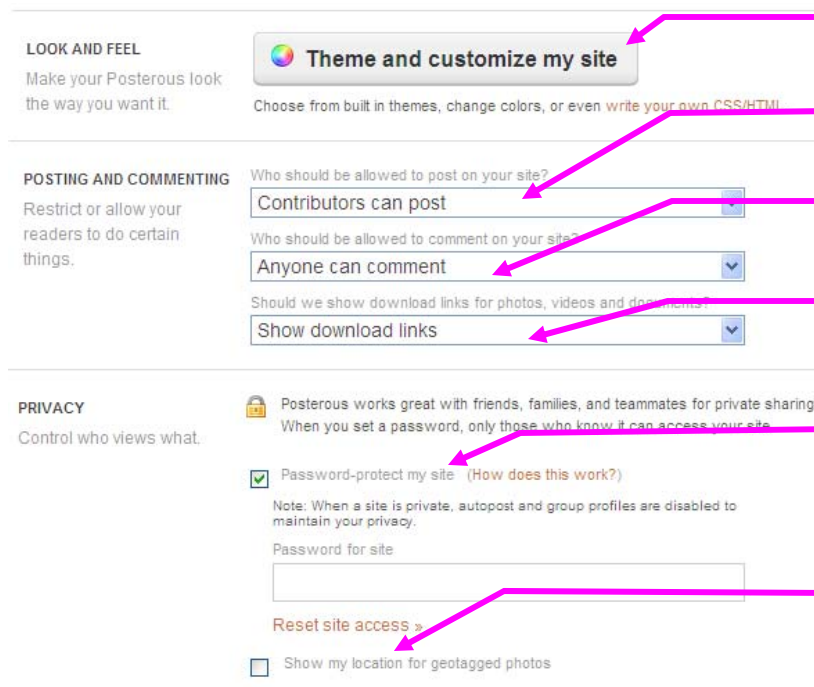
Select the **appropriate group**, if you set them up.

Click on the **Settings** tab.

This screen allows you to change your site's **Title** and add a **Subtitle**. Remember, if you decide to change your **Site Address** any links to the page will be broken.

There is much information on the Settings page. Continue reading for more information.

And check out WYSBU.com for suggestions on privacy and site settings.



The **Theme and Customize** button allows you to select colors and designs for your page.

Contributors can post – allows your students to email to the site

Anyone can comment – should only be used together with Password-protection (see below)

Show download links – allows students to download files that were sent to the site as attachments

Password-protect site – Ensures that the public cannot access your site. Students and parents use a common password before the site will be displayed to them.

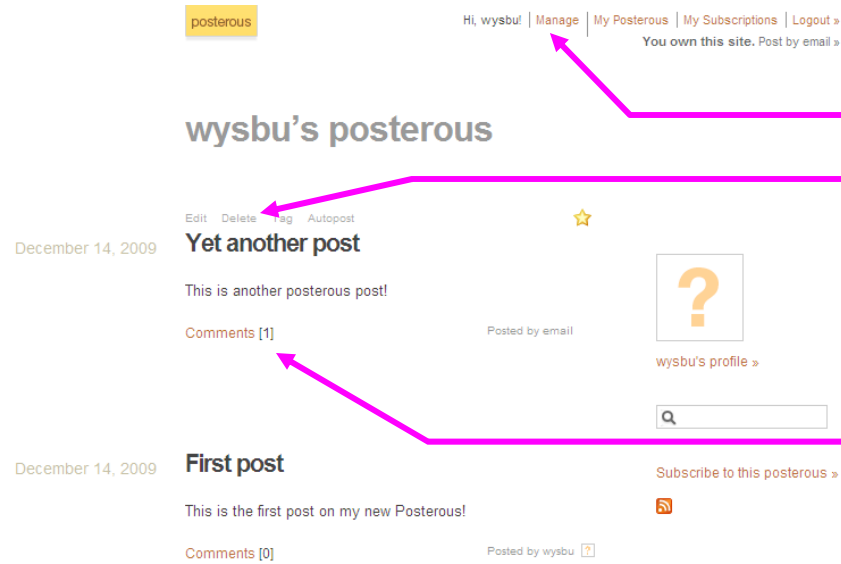
Show my location for geotagged photos – Not suggested for K-12 students! Geotagging shows the latitude and longitude coordinates of where a photo was taken. Ability to transmit this type of information is dependent upon the camera used to take the photo.

If you're just reading the guide, you're only getting half of the story!

WYSBU has so much more info on this topic and it's all free! Student tutorials for each site, tips and tricks, and site-specific suggestions to keep your students safe. If you received this guide from a friend, check out the WYSBU blog!

How It Works

Once your students have been added to the site, they can begin to contribute by email or text message. Students will compose a message to **POST@the name of your site.posterous.com** and the content will post automatically, including attachments.



Going to **http://the name of your site.posterous.com** will display your students' content in chronological order.

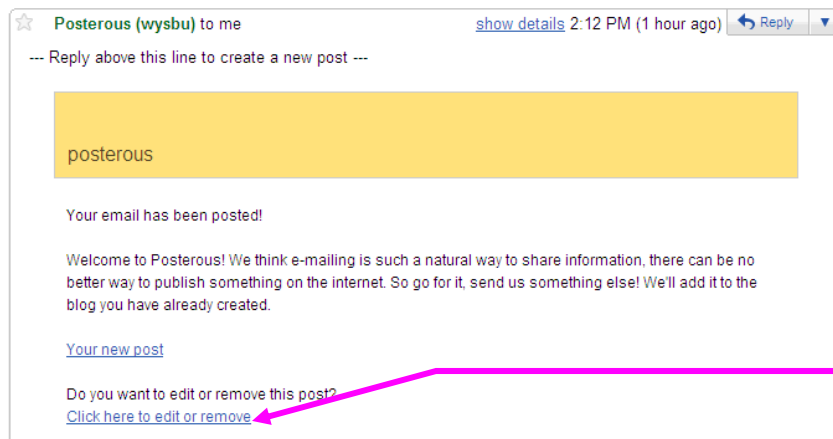
A link to **Manage** appears at the top of the screen.

When you are logged in, you will be able to **Edit** or **Delete** entries. Students can Edit and Delete with a **special link that is automatically sent** via email.

Read the warnings about messaging and data packages for cell phones at WYSBU.COM

In this example, **Comments** are enabled for anyone in the world to post. A delete link appears below each comment when viewed.

View privacy and settings suggestions at WYSBU.com



Students can Edit and Delete their post with a **special link that is automatically sent** via email.

In this example, Posterous sent a reply to a web-based email account.

Clicking on the **special link** will take the student to the Posterous website where the student may edit or delete the post that prompted this receipt.

Again, note that in the example above, this email was sent to a web-based email account on a computer. Should a student receive this email receipt from a cell phone post, clicking on the link from a phone will send the student to the Internet. Much like texting plans, phone companies also sell Internet data plans. Provide your students with a copy of the student guide, also available at WYSBU.com, so your students (and parents) can make an informed decision based on their phone's service plan.

Students may forward the email from their cell phone to a web-based email account and access the link by computer. This would allow a student to access the post (on the rare occasion that it needs to be removed or edited) without incurring Internet data charges on the cell phone if an Internet data plan is not included in their monthly bill.

Remember! A cell phone provider can answer questions about your service plan. Call the customer service representatives.

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