

PODCASTING LESSON PLAN

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<http://www.cpavts.org/podcast>

Objective / Purpose:

- Students will summarize the main ideas of current News stories, write a script for an audio broadcast, and then record their summaries onto a computer in the form of a podcast.

Procedures:

Introduction	Introduce Podcasting by listening to several examples of it on iTunes and the Internet. Discuss ways that Podcasting can be used in the computer field. Garner ideas from students how they might use Podcasts for their classes at school, sports they participate in, or from their interests outside school.
Sequence	<p>For my class, students first start out finding a news story on one of four topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Computer Operating SystemsComputer Networking ConceptsComputer Security IssuesComputer Game News <p>They then write a thirty-second script summarizing each story. Scripts must contain complete sentences and no spelling errors.</p> <p>Then, students record their scripts using a digital recorder or PC microphone.</p> <p>Finally, all student audio files are assembled and put into a completed Podcast, which is posted to the classroom website and to the Internet via Blogger.com, FeedBurner.com, and eventually, iTunes</p>
Closure	The final "podcast" is listened to by everyone in class, each week.

Materials / Equipment Used:

Computer with Internet Access, [Audacity](#) software, computer microphone / headset. Microsoft Word or another text editor. Optional: Digital Audio Recorder (remote interviews)

Standard(s) / Assessment Anchor(s):

Reading, Writing, Speaking, & Listening:

- 1.1.11.A: Locate various texts, media and traditional resources for assigned and independent projects before reading.
- 1.5.11.A: Write with a sharp, distinct focus..
- 1.5.11.G: Present and/or defend written work for publication when appropriate.
- 1.6.11.F: Use media for learning purposes; Create a multi-media (e.g., film, music, computer-graphic) presentation for display or transmission that demonstrates an understanding of a specific topic or issue or teaches others about it.
- 1.8.11.B: Locate information using appropriate sources and strategies.