

NPHC BlogIt – How It Works



Welcome to NPHC BlogIt! We are very excited to be reading, writing and sharing ideas with you. The following is a breakdown of the five weeks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of us (emails at the end).

LENGTH: 5 weeks

START: November 2nd, 2015.

END: November 30th, 2015

Each Week Has FOUR Parts

Part I

Weekly Discussion and Activity page - Posted Sunday afternoon/evening to the NPHC BlogIt site. We will email all participants the link as soon as the page is up. We will also post it to the NPHC BlogIt Google Community.

NOTE: This project was completed in 2015 and the

Part II

Two Weekly Live Readings of The Not Perfect Hat Club with Jena

Two live reading and a Q&A session with Jena will be recorded and posted for all to see. We will be randomly selecting classes to take part in the readings. See instructions below.

Part III

Weekly Twitter "Slow Chat"

A question to start the discussion on Twitter each week

NOTE: CritterKin and NPHC are no longer on Twitter.

Part IV

Opportunities to Connect with other classrooms for Live Chats via Skype or GHO

NOTE: It is up to each of you to find and connect with other classes to blog with. The NPHC BlogIt team will be dropping in on and commenting as we are able (see Part IV below).

Part I. Weekly Discussion and Activity Page

The Discussion and Activity Page will serve as the backbone for our collaboration. Here you will find:

- The link to the recording of the live reading
- The week's Twitter "Slow Chat" topic (**NOTE:** CritterKin is no longer on Twitter so Slow Chats are not available)
- The reading of the week - The chapters we will all be reading and discussing from the book
- The "Question of the Week" - This is meant to serve as the starting point for all the classes so you have something in common to talk about
- Additional questions for discussion
- Vocabulary
- Suggested creative activities, resources and links

Part II. Live Readings and Q&A with Author Jena Ball

On Monday of each week, Jena will do two live readings from *The Not Perfect Hat Club*. Three classes from each time zone will be randomly selected to participate in each reading. We have done our best to accommodate all the various time zones:

Reading Time #1

Monday: 8:30 am PST/10:30 am CST/11:30 am EST, 12:30 pm Argentina, 4:30 pm UK

Reading Time #2

Monday: 11:00 pm EST - Tuesday: 8:30 am India, 11:00 pm Hong Kong & Singapore, 2:00 pm Australia

If you would like to have your class selected to take part in the live reading and discussion, please sign up here:

NOTE: This project was completed in 201 so the sign up form is no longer available

Part III. Weekly Twitter “Slow Chat”

Each week we will post a question related to the reading to get the chat started. Please feel free to expand or change topics as the conversation grows. We will be using the hashtag #NPHCBlogIt, so please be sure to include that hashtag in all your replies so we can see your Tweets.

Part IV. Opportunities to Connect via Skype or GHO for Live Chats

We encourage you to reach out to one another to find blogging partners and to set up live visits using either Skype or GHO. To help you find one another, we have compiled the list below and will update it as more folks join near the end:

NOTE: This project was completed in 2015 and the sign up form is no longer available.

Please take photos, video, and share written highlights with us. We'd love to celebrate your visits with you. To see examples of the work created by the students and teachers who participated, visit:

[tps://www.pinterest.com/JenaiaMaui/nphcblogit/](https://www.pinterest.com/JenaiaMaui/nphcblogit/)

Miscellaneous Stuff

If you have not yet decided on a blogging platform, we recommend “WriteAbout.com.” The founder has graciously offered to upgrade all participants to a pro account for FREE. To register, go to: writeabout.com/NPHC

Questions?

Email Jena: JenaBall@CritterKin.com