

BRIDGES TO UNDERSTANDING – WEBSITE TERMS OF USE

For Bridges website and discussion forums

1. Acceptance of terms

By accessing and using the Bridges website, I agree to the following Terms of Use.

2. Member class username and password

I understand that I will receive teacher and student usernames and passwords in order to access the full Bridges website, and I am responsible for maintaining their confidentiality, and I am responsible for all the activities that occur under our usernames.

3. Parent / Guardian permission

I agree to obtain parent/guardian permission for my students to participate in this online program. Bridges has a sample permission form available for this purpose. By accessing the Bridges online forums, I attest that my students have full permission to do so, and that content they post is released for use (see 5 d).

4. Member class participation:

I agree to have my class participate as follows:

We will watch & discuss a minimum of one Bridges digital story, using the associated story guide available on the Bridges website. We will use what is learned from the story as a starting point for our participation in the discussion forum.

We will post, as a class, a minimum of three (3) messages to the Bridges discussion forums during each of the sessions (September - November and March – May), following the website instructions and discussion guidelines on the website. We will make our best effort to post three times to the same discussion, so that students get a deeper experience from the project. We understand it will take some time before many discussions are active.

I will monitor my class's participation to ensure that we do not dominate the discussion forums, and I understand that this may mean we may only post one message per week (or less), and that we may have to wait longer than expected for a reply.

We will also have a class page available on the Bridges website available to post photographs. As time and our access to technology allows, we will go beyond this minimum participation, posting photographs, additional messages and making multimedia digital stories.

5. Member class conduct:

Me and my class, and not Bridges, are entirely responsible for the content you upload. I agree to regularly monitor my class postings to ensure the following:

a. Group-based messages. The Bridges forums are to be used for messages posted on behalf of the group or class, and are not for individual students to use for their own individual purposes (students can use myspace and other social networking sites for that). While an individual student may post messages, it should be clear that they are speaking on behalf of their whole class.

b. Education-based content. Messages contain appropriate content, with content directed toward the thematic areas and mission of Bridges.

c. Appropriateness. Messages do not contain language or imagery that is threatening, abusive, harassing, vulgar, obscene, hateful, racist or otherwise objectionable.

d. Copyright law and intellectual property. I agree to be responsible for the postings of my class, and that we will post only content created by my students, and will not infringe on any copyright law. (By submitting or uploading content, users attest that all content uploaded is the intellectual property of your students.)

My class will not download and use content produced by other Bridges students, except for educational projects within our class and with full credit to the students that created the work.

Further, I agree that Bridges may publish the media created by my class (photographs, voice recordings, music or other) in any medium throughout the world, including, but not limited to, educational settings, publications, film festivals and websites, as part of the Bridges program and for the promotion of Bridges' programs.

I understand that Bridges reserves the right to remove any content at any time.