

# Casting Your Voice Out to the World

## Audiocasting in the Classroom

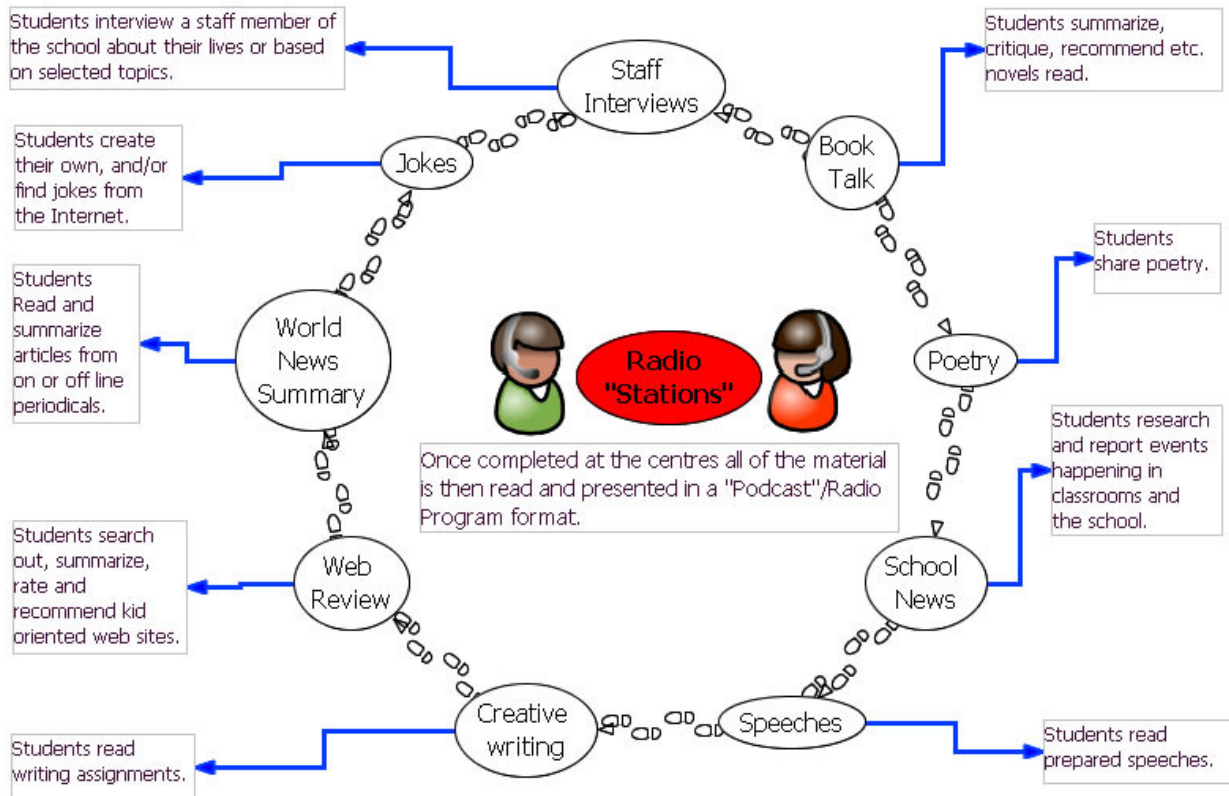
### What is podcasting?

*A **podcast** is a digital audio file, or a series of such files, that is distributed over the Internet using syndication feeds, for playback on portable media players and personal computers -- Wikipedia*

*All over the world, people are creating podcasts on subjects ranging from movies, to technology, to music, to politics and whatever else you can think of. This is new original content made by passionate people who want to share their creativity with the world. -- <http://www.how-to-podcast-tutorial.com/what-is-a-podcast.htm>*

### What are some classroom application of podcasting?

- ⇒ Students read and review literature books
- ⇒ Students write and record poetry/plays/short stories/essays
- ⇒ Students post and respond to questions of other students in the world
- ⇒ Students create current event analysis podcasts
- ⇒ Students podcast a “virtual” audio tour of their school/community



-- from <http://chatt.hdsb.ca/~magps/boylit/Podcasting%20in%20Education>

## What tools do you need to Podcast?

- 1) A **computer** with an internet connection.
- 2) A **microphone**. Many laptops come with built in microphones, but the sound quality is low. As the authors of "Podcast Solutions: a complete guide to podcasting" suggest, "Many would argue- and rightfully so- that the microphone is the single most important piece of equipment piece of hardware."
- 3) **Handheld Digital voice recorders** are now out that record voices very well, and convert the voice into files your computer can read (MP3). There are also many MP3 players that have voice recording options and attachments. All you need to do is to transfer your recordings onto the computer you'll be editing your sound with.
- 4) **Audacity** is a piece of sound editing software that is used by many if not most Podcasters. *Audacity is a free, easy to use, software-based audio recorder and editor. With Audacity, you will be able to record live audio using your computer's sound input and then do some simple editing to the recording and then export it as an MP3 file so that it can be placed on a web server...* Audacity is available at <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/> .

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## Some examples of educational use of Podcasting:

- Youth Radio: <http://youthradio.wordpress.com/>
- Long Elementary School: <http://long.dearbornschools.org/podcast/Long%20Elementary/HOME.html>
- Willow Web: <http://www.mpsomaha.org/willow/radio/podcasts.html>
- Chatham Middle School: <http://chathammiddle.blogspot.com/index.html>
- Read it-Write it-Say it Student Podcasts: <http://visitmyclass.com/blogs/rws/default.aspx>

## Podcasting 101: Some Online Resources:

- Some great overviews of Podcasting:
  - <http://teachdigital.pbwiki.com/podcasting>
  - <http://www.how-to-podcast-tutorial.com/22-free-podcast-hosting.htm>
  - <http://www.learninginhand.com/podcasting/>
  - <http://www.atomiclearning.com/podcasting>
- Video and Powerpoint Tutorials on Podcasting: <http://podcastingvideos.blogspot.com/>
- How to podcast with (free) Edublog site: <http://edublogs.org/2006/02/23/how-do-you-post-a-podcast-with-edublogsorg/>
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