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School: Guyer High School	LA: Texas
Teacher: Stephen Shade / Elizabeth West (student)	Students: 11 th Grade
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Learning Focus: To practice and develop speaking and writing skills in French and German.	
Curriculum Focus: French (Writing- drafting and editing) German (Writing- drafting and editing)	
Tools used: Blog	

How this worked in practice: The student in this example has used the eportfolio to create a blog to help develop writing in French and German. The student demonstrates a keen interest in languages and instead of creating a diary to record events in school life the student has opted to do this using foreign language skills using a blog. Each entry is written once in German and then again in French by translation. On one occasion the blog is also repeated in English to ensure all viewers can read this specific entry. Teachers and peers can access and comment on the blog; these responses can be in English, French or German, however the student will always respond in either French or German. The example above shows a student using one of the cLc social networking tools to talk to friends and teachers within the safe cLc environment, at the same time the student has chosen to use the tools to develop their own language skills. Those reading the blog will also be influenced as the entries will test translation skills amongst the viewers. The language theme is consistent throughout the eportfolio. Personal introductions are translated in three languages and visitors will also find helpful links to support foreign language studies. This is clear evidence of a student using the eportfolio to support their learning inside and outside of traditional school boundaries.

By the end of this sequence of work students had developed skills in:

Modern Foreign Languages: Reading and Writing in French and German

Next Steps: The blog demonstrates clear ability to write in all languages studied, a good development of these blog entries would be to use the sound recorder to now also extend speaking skills.