

## Imagine a reader has found your blog and liked it.

She will want to ...

Subscribe to your blog, so she doesn't miss anything.

(Use BOTH of these!)

Search for topics she is interested in.

(Omit if your theme has a built-in search box.)

Find out more about you through your *About* page, and maybe send you a message.

(Link your Gravatar image to your *About* page!)

OR...

See what else you have written.

And read what others say about your posts.

Check out your blogging friends.

### RSS Links

Links to your blog's RSS feeds

### Blog Subscriptions

Add an email signup form to allow people to subscribe to your blog

### Search

A search form for your site

### Gravatar

Insert a Gravatar image

### Pages

Your site's WordPress Pages

### Recent Posts

The most recent posts on your site

### Recent Comments

Recent Comments

### Links

Your blogroll

## Widgets You Should Delete

As you can see, a sidebar gets crowded very fast. Solution: Get rid of useless widgets. I do NOT want to see these on any of our class blogs: *Akismet*, *Authors*, *Calendar*, *Platial MapKit*, *Top Clicks*, or *Meta*.

Don't add a widget just because it's there. Think about what your reader would want, and make it easy for her to find it — that's the point of a sidebar. Everything else is just clutter.

## Homework

Work on a post for your blog, and leave a comment on at least one classmate's blog.