

## Web project tips

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- Remember, everything is due Tue 12/16/2014, unless you have prior permission from me.
- Try to finish the substantive revisions to your written report (the project two final) before completing a full draft of your web site.
- Read the assignment and my comments on your project framework several times (if you have not already). Think carefully about the ways you are addressing the five key remediation elements named on the assignment.
- Focus more on writing than graphics and design. Making web pages do flashy things takes a lot of time, and that should not take away from writing. Similarly, while we would be worrying about mobile if we were making production web sites, we simply can't focus on that here.
- Since you are doing this work for a class, you don't have to ask for permission, but make sure you include credits for all of the sources you use on your web site (as you would do in writing). If you like, make a Sources page and document them there. Track these sources as you go, just the same as writing an essay.
- Revise and write in a word processor or on paper before copy and pasting or typing into WordPress. Back up your project files!
- If your site is private, you'll have to add me as a reader (at least) to allow me to view the site. Do that under Dashboard (WP Admin), Users, Invite new.
- As you edit and revise, use two computers, or a lab computer and your laptop, or your laptop and a tablet: one screen to make edits, and one to browse through your site. This way you don't have to constantly reload and go between the dashboard and viewing pages.
- Ask someone not familiar with your discourse community to work through your web site and voice their reaction as they do. Take notes about what does/not work and make revisions accordingly.

## Getting help

- If you spend longer than 10 minutes trying to get WordPress to do something, see what the WordPress help has to offer (<http://en.support.wordpress.com/>). Or stop and email or call me to ask for help. Or bring the problem to class. (Only have one more chance for that last one, though.)
- If you need help with other things like editing photos, I'm pretty good at that, too. So please feel free to ask for help with ANY part of the project.
- Remember if you are asking for help to share the address for specific pages with me (something like <https://cbdilger.wordpress.com/curricula/>). If you are working on a draft (unpublished) page, you'll have to either publish the page or invite me to be an administrator on your site.
- In a 10 or 15 minute conversation, I can give you LOTS more help than I can in the same time by email. So the best way I can give you feedback on your web site is in office hours, by making an appointment, or talking on the phone at a time that works for both of us.