

Project two final

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Because the project two draft assignment is quite detailed, and because I gave everyone detailed, specific feedback on that draft, this assignment is quite short. Please refer to the draft assignment sheet, or ask me if you have any questions about finishing your discourse community report.

Your final grade will be based on the following criteria:

1. How well does your report accomplish the six tasks identified on the draft assignment (opening and background, describing your service, documenting methods, describing your community, considering texts the community uses, and describing literacy trends)?
2. How did you improve, extend, and better develop your report in the month since you submitted your draft?
3. Is your report professionally written, formatted, and carefully edited, with clear evidence of attention to writing style?

Suggestions based on drafts

- A) Include detail—quotations and specifics which describe your work, your interactions with your discourse community, and your conclusions in depth. This was by far my most frequent comment on the drafts. Use “For example...” sentences, multiple stories from different participants, excerpts from their texts, etc.
- B) Recount your methods from day one; don’t simply cut and paste what you wrote for the draft, then add an update.
- C) Use secondary research to provide background and depth. You can include a Background section or refer to it throughout your report.
- D) Don’t feel the need for a traditional introduction or conclusion—note the examples in Deans don’t take this route. Nor do you need nifty transitions between sections; that’s one of the purposes of writing with sections and subheads.
- E) Finish a day or so early, and set the report aside. Do other stuff for a day. Then go back—you’ll find ways to improve your writing and address mistakes you would have missed.

Format and delivery

Assignment length: 8–10 pages double spaced (2,100–3,000 words) plus appendixes.

Structure and style: See my comments on your draft report. Most of you are following one of the examples from Deans which I referenced on the draft assignment.

Delivery: On the due date, email an attachment (.doc or .docx format) to me with the filename “lastname-report-draft.doc.” If you create appendixes as separate files, use file names “lastname-draft-appendix1.doc,” etc.

Format: No cover page. Use Times New Roman, 12 point. Use 1” margins and include a running head with your last name and the page number.

Submission: Due 12/16. I plan to begin grading at 5:18am on 12/17/2014. So please have the final to me at this time (unless you’ve made arrangements with me in writing).

Points: 150.