

Final Ethnographic Essay Due July 3

No late work! You need this essay to pass this course!

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A writing center visit is required for this assignment! Turn in the yellow copy in class on Thursday.

Final Draft Due: April 28 before midnight to the dropbox (highlight the changes you made). Remember to also post it your portfolio blog (which is due on April 30).

A final essay detailing the results of your study, what your findings mean in relation to the field of literacy studies, etc. Look to chapters four and five in *EIIW* for what this project should *look like*. You can use parts of the other essays you've written for this class. However, don't just copy and paste them together. Work in parts of them, revise, build on them. This needs to sound like one paper. **(10-15 pages does NOT include bibliography or images. If you have images, include them after your bibliography.)**

Minimum required sources: 6 (can be from textbook, videos from lecture board on Pinterest, or sources from your annotated bibliography. At least 3 of them need to be from your annotated bibliography. No wikipedia or sites like about.com! If you discuss a website then you need to add it to your works cited but it doesn't count as one of the required 6.

Possible Outline for Ethnography

1) Introduction

- a) Your fixed and subjective position as it connects to why you chose your site (anecdote)
- b) Your assumptions about this discourse community and their literacy practices or events.
- c) Research questions:
 - what literacy practices do these discourse communities use online?

- what types of media are they creating and sharing?

d) Your definition of literacy in the digital age (WA1)

2) Background "facts" on your general topic and particular site (outside research such as from your annotated bibliography)

3) Your visual walkthrough What websites did you visit, what do they look like / how do they work, how do they operate as a discourse community?

4) Literacy at your site (field note observations and/or WA3)

a) If you conducted interviews you can use that information here.

c) Your results

5) Conclusion

a) What surprised, intrigued, disturbed you (in class writing assignment)

b) What you learned overall

c) What you might pursue in the future