Language, Texts and Technology

Washington State University, spring 2009

Assignments due for: **April 1, 2009**

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Assignments:

[ ]   **Showcase draft (25 points)** – The final draft of your showcase project should be done and ready to present, including the draft of your tri-fold poster and explanations of whatever other accompaniments you plan to use at the Research Showcase (those not participating in the showcase can float their ideas for the final web presentations at this time). You will give a preview presentation in class as a group on April 1, followed by a critique session from your classmates. Please follow the individual group guidelines given to you in response to your showcase proposal.

To earn the 25 points for this draft:

[ ] All of your experiments now have been conducted, recorded and analyzed (5 points).

[ ] Final draft of the paper supporting your work is complete, or nearly complete; this draft will be submitted in a consistent academic style, MLA, Chicago, APA. (10 points).

>   That paper, minimum of 10 pages (12-point type, double spaced) should include:

- Introduction – Sets the stage for what reader will get, including the motivation for looking into this topic, a preview of the ideas that surround it and a snapshot of what the reader will learn about your investigation by the end.

- Literature review -- Minimum of five pages, about what has been studied on this topic before, what you learned from that study and what you have done to expand that study.

- Methods / Rationale – Minimum of two pages, explaining your experiment, who you experimented on (and why), the variables you chose, why you chose those, how you controlled and studied those, including the manipulated and responding variables and what you hoped to learn.

- Results – Minimum of two pages about what you did learn from those experiments, including solid findings (aspects that you feel have been proven; then back those up with the data), suggestive findings (aspects that might or might not have been proven but look interesting at this point), holes that appeared and what you would do next time, if you had the resources.

- It also needs to be built as a group, using NowComment.com as a tool to help in that process; minimum of five comments for each person (this portion will be graded individually in the final paper, 10 points total).

- Bibliography.

[ ] Final draft of your poster is complete, or nearly complete (5 points).

[ ] Present your plans for taking this presentation beyond a tri-fold poster (5 points).

Reading:

- Focus on your group's readings.