# Language, Texts and Technology

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Assignments:

[ ]     **Showcase Proposal DUE (25 points). This is the document that outlines your group's research project. It should have the full names of all of the team members, with an indication of who the captain is, be no more than two pages, single spaced, and include the following in an orderly manner, written with college-level formality:**

**How to earn the Showcase Proposal points (25 points)**

• **Research question** – This should be a highly refined tool for your group, following the guidelines established in class. Whenever you feel adrift or don't know what to do next, you should be able to come back to this question and focus your efforts anew on answering it. It needs to involve an emerging technology that fits under the umbrella of Language, Texts and Technology. **(5 points).**

• **Abstract** – Put you plan into a couple of paragraphs, no more than 250 words, which summarize the approach you will take to answer your research question. Also establish why your research question is of importance. **(5 points)**.

• **Research plan** – How are you going to do this? What actions are you going to take to investigate this research question? What sort of experiment are you going to conduct? What is going to be your manipulated variable (the one you control)? What is going to be your responding variable (the one that reacts to your manipulation)? What are your controlled variables (the ones that don't change from test to test)? **(10 points).**

• **Hypothesis** – What do you think is going to happen? Create a hypothesis such as this:  If we do [ _____ ], then [ _____ ], because [ _____ ]. **(5 points).**


[  ]     **Gathering research material --** Start collecting and reviewing the literature related to your research question. Bring at least two academic articles for your group to review.


Reading:


• W. Daniel Hills, "Nuts and Bolts," pgs. 119-128.

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