

Final Project ELA 8 - Fall 2017

Objective: In the context of creating a multimedia report on an historical event of your choice, you will explore a variety of authoring and media tools and identify those that best suit your learning and communication styles.

In spring term 2018, some activities will allow you to make choices regarding what tools to use to complete your work. One of the purposes of this activity is to familiarize you with the variety of tools available to you.

Deliverables:

1. APA tutorial 25%
2. Tool review (attached) 25%
3. Report (in multimedia format of your choice, delivered by link) 25% – grading rubric located at <http://english.cailab.net/rubrics/MultimediaReportRubric.pdf>.
4. Presentation (to be scheduled) 25%

Tool Review

If necessary, create a free account to use each of the following tools. Your teacher can create an account for you or share an existing account.

Once you have access to a tool, spend at least 20 minutes exploring its functions and abilities. Click on different links in the tool, try different things, and have fun. Create throwaway files or pages for the purposed of testing each tool.

Keep notes regarding which tools you like most and least, and why. Answer the questions for Part 1 on the attached worksheet. Remember, it is impossible to ‘fail’ this task. The aim is to explore and try out different tools.

Minimum tools to test (must test at least 4):

- mindmap
- infographic
- wiki
- podcast or audio editing tool
- blog
- web page

See <http://url.cailab.net/40> for suggestions of specific tools for each category.

If you test these tools and decide you’d still rather use a tool you already know how to use, such as Google Docs or Word, that’s OK.

Tool Review

Tool: pbWorks

Category (podcast, wiki, etc.): Wiki

Comments:

2 things you liked:

2 things you didn't like:

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