

Research Paper
Due Tuesday May 10th by 11:59 PM in the Dropbox
Final Grade – 30%

Background: Throughout the semester and various assignments you have become an expert in a NRM; now it is time to show it. Building off of all the work you have already completed this semester relating to your chosen NRM, you will create six word clouds and analyze them throughout the paper, comparing the presentation and language of your NRM using a variety of sources.

Assignment

1. Take the six sources you covered in your Annotated Bibliography. If I did not approve all of your sources in the Annotated Bibliography, consult with me and together we will find appropriate sources.
 - a. After reading the sources, go to <http://www.wordclouds.com/> or <https://tagul.com/>.
 - b. Plug in your selected texts to create **two to six** “Word Clouds.” We will talk more about creating these in class.
 - c. If you are using Tagul, you may use the first five pages of the PDF; if you use WordClouds, you will put in the entire PDF or link.
2. Write a 6-8 page paper analyzing how the experience is presented differently in the sources, including the different words that were emphasized in each Word Cloud. No matter how many Clouds you have, **spend equal time on the popular and the scholarly sources.** Make sure to also turn in your Word Clouds as appendices in your paper.
 - a. Answer 3 of the 6 following questions (you can address all or other questions but 3 of these are required):
 - i. How are the presentations of the experience similar or different?
 - ii. What words were similar among them? What were different?
 - iii. Can you tell who the audience of the source is just by looking at the Word Cloud?
 - iv. Why was the source written the way it was?
 - v. How do these sources enhance your understanding of the NRM?
 - vi. Did the way the sources were written affect your understanding of the material?
3. Make sure that you not only analyze the Word Clouds themselves but also compare and contrast them!

Nuts and Bolts: This is a research paper so its needs to be *argumentative*! I expect to see a thesis statement and argument throughout the paper.

1. Submit the paper in Word or RTF (rich text file) format. If you don't have Word, I suggest sending the paper to yourself and re-saving it on a school computer.
2. 12-point font, Times New Roman, 1-inch margins, double spaced, paginated.
3. Use Chicago Style Notes/Bibliography for all citations.

Grading Rubric

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Thesis Statement (10)	Highly original, clear, and argumentative (10-9)	Argues a complex concept (8-7)	Argues a basic concept (6)	Very vague, undefined, or not arguable (5-0)
Comparison of Sources (30)	Thorough analysis of voice and language in all six articles (30-27)	Good analysis of voice and language but does not address all six articles equally (26-21)	Decent analysis of voice and language but does not address all sources (22-18)	Little or no analysis of voice and language; does not address all sources (17-0)
NRM depiction (30)	Demonstrates thorough understanding of NRM (30-27)	Demonstrates good grasp of NRM studied (26-23)	Demonstrates slight grasp of NRM studied (22-18)	Does not demonstrate any understanding of NRM studied (17-0)
Word Clouds (15)	Clean, clear, and well-presented word clouds that compliment student's paper (15-14)	Good word clouds that enhance some aspects of paper but are not always visually appealing (13-12)	Decent word clouds only vaguely related to paper and not visually interesting (11-9)	Poor or no word clouds that have nothing to do with paper or arguments (8-0)
Organization (5)	Logical organizational flow that enhances reader understanding (10-9)	Mostly logical flow that slightly enhances reader understanding (8-7)	Slightly logical flow that does not hinder reader understanding (6)	No perceptible organizational flow (5-0)
Language (5)	Clear language, few grammar mistakes (5)	Relatively clear language and some grammar mistakes (4)	Some unclear language and many grammar mistakes (3)	Incomprehensible; too many grammar and language mistakes to count (2-0)
Formatting (5)	Chicago Style – Notes Bibliography (2)	12 size font (1)	Times New Roman (1)	1-inch margins (1)

Comments:

Total: /100