

Creating A Website

Objective:

This assignment will have you exploring your research topic in a whole new light. You will find a way to make your argument not through a paper but on a blog, through both shortened prose and visuals. In four to six posts, you will integrate the use of images, design, and outside links that convey your topic and demonstrate your thesis and argument through several short, well thought out posts. This is meant to get you thinking about the other ways in which you can persuade a larger audience outside of just text, so feel free to get creative and use what you think works best for your argument.

At least four posts should be text-based posts of about 250-350 words. These will be used to communicate your argument to your audience. You can combine them with images or make separate image posts, whatever works best for your style. One of these posts should be in a list format rather than paragraph format, and one should be a reflection on the changes you made to your argument and the formatting and stylistic choices you made to present your blog. You should also include an “About” page, which is a separate page rather than post and gives any background necessary for an outside reader to approach your topic.

Goals:

This process will ask you to:

- Provide a comprehensive walk-through of your argument in a new medium
- Demonstrate your thesis and main points through well-chosen, shorter text (a text-based post should be between about 250-350 words)
- Enhance your argument through visuals, display, and multimedia
- Reimagine your paper for a non-academic audience

Process:

You will use wordpress.com to create your own blog, and use the features of the website to find a style that works for your argument. You do not need to pay for any kind of updates in order to complete this assignment, so please work within the free options on the website. Make sure to start your project early, so you have plenty of time to get used to the formatting options and decisions you have to make to create the perfect fit for your argument. Your final post will be a reflection on the remediation process, and how and why you made the changes you made to your project to best fit into the blog format.

Format:

Your website should be:

- Based on wordpress.com
- Have at least four text-based posts
- Reference any sources used through citations or hyperlinks
- Include some form of multimedia, be it photos, graphics, gifs, or videos (or all of these)
- Include a final, reflective post as one of your text-based posts
- Include one list-based post as one of your text-based posts
- Include an “About” page

Due Date:

December 10th, by class time

You will present your blog in a 3-5 minute presentation on this day