ENG 7980
History and Theories of Composition

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Gap Project

The field of composition is large and varied. In addition to leaving out certain important articles that we looked at in the Expansion Project, we also had to leave out whole conversations and areas of inquiry. The purpose of the Gap Project is to fill some of those gaps. For this project, you will choose a "gap" in what was covered. You will read 5-10 articles or 2 books on the topic. You will write a report giving an overview of your gap and present this report to the class. Unlike the previous presentations, this one is expected to be more formal.

Possible areas to consider for your "gap" are:

- WAC
- WID
- Technical Writing
- Science Writing
- Professional or Business Writing
- Legal Writing
- Writing Centers
- Literacy Studies
- Disability Studies
- Abandonment
- Fan Fiction Studies
- Video Games
- Social Media
- Translingualism
- Neurocomposition

You can also choose another area or expand on an area we covered (if you can make the case that we skipped an important part of that area).

Objectives

- To fill in some of the areas that we weren't able to cover.
- To explore additional important areas of composition.
- To provide classmates with an overview of areas of study they may be interested in exploring.

Requirements

- Reports must be a minimum of 2000 words or the multimodal equivalent.
- Presentations should be between 7 and 10 minutes.
- Presentations should be prepared in advance, practiced, and supported with supplements.

Due Dates

- Presentations will be given on Tuesday, November 14th, and Thursday, November 16th.
- Reports are due on Thursday, November 16th.

Additional Requirements and Tips

- Gaps will be chosen today. Gaps cannot be changed without approval.
- The purpose here is to give an overview. Find the main articles, books, and scholars in your area. Consider what's important for someone new to the areas to know.
- Reports should be submitted in Google Drive as a Google Doc (not as a Word doc or PDF). Multimodal projects can be submitted as a file in Google Drive or as a link in a Google Doc. Please name your document with your name, the class, and the specific assignment: e.g. "Malcolm Reynolds ENG 7980 Gap Project."

Grading

The following criteria will be used to determine grades for the Gap Project report:

Expectations	Exceeded	Met	Not Met
Breadth of Overview	You touch on a wide variety of articles, books, and scholars in the field.	You touch on a minimum of 5 articles or 2 books.	You touch on fewer than 5 articles or 2 books.
Mindful Curation	You have selected texts and scholars carefully. You are hitting the primary texts and people associated with your area.	You have texts and scholars that are important to your area.	You are missing important texts or scholars, and/or you are including several sidetracks or unimportant areas.
Theories and/or Pedagogies	You present the main theories and/or pedagogies of your area clearly and concisely.	You present the main theories and pedagogies of your area.	You are missing or misrepresent main theories or pedagogies of your area.
Form	The form of the report helps to make the information clearer. The writer has used a unique or engaging design.	N/A	N/A

The following criteria will be used to determine grades for the Gap Project presentation:

Preparation	You are very well practiced. You move through your presentation well, time points well, and fall within the time limits.	You have practiced. You do not stumble regularly or read from a script.	You are not practiced. You stumble regularly, read, work out ideas as you're saying them, and/or fall outside of the time limits.
Explanation	You explain your gap clearly and concisely. You present the information for an unfamiliar audience.	You explain your gap well.	You do not explain your gap well. Information is confusing or overly complicated.
Supplements	You use supplements to help your audience understand the material. Handouts and presentation software are used effectively.	You use supplements. Handouts and/or presentation software are used.	Supplements are not used or are used ineffectively.
Questions	You answer questions well.	You are able to answer questions.	You cannot answer questions.

Grading (Continued)

Your grade for both the report and the presentation for the Gap Project will be determined by how well you meet the above criteria.

A   You exceed the expectations for two or more of the criteria. All others are met.

A-   You exceed the expectations for one of the criteria. All others are met.

B+   You meet the expectations for all of the criteria.

B   You do not meet the expectations for one of the criteria. All others are met.

B-   You do not meet the expectations for two of the criteria. All others are met.