

ENGL 629

Writing Transfer Theory & Practice



Northern Illinois
University

Exploration Project

Description

Choose (or find) one article or book chapter that covers an area of writing transfer that we're not already covering in class (or aren't covering fully). Present what you learned from the text and guide a discussion on your chosen topic.

The Pieces

The Article or Chapter

Find an article or book chapter that includes a new perspective or additional insights on writing transfer. An ideal choice would cover something we didn't cover (or didn't cover fully) in other readings for class. The readings for today (Feb. 28th) will introduce you to a wide range of possibilities, but you can also look for newer articles/chapters or ones we missed!

The Presentation and Discussion

Present the content of your article or chapter in a *very* brief presentation (no more than 5 minutes). Use your reading to craft interesting discussion questions and/or activities about your reading. In total, your presentation, discussion, and activities should last no more than 30 minutes.

The Reflection

Prepare a short (500-1000 word) reflection covering your experience. The reflection should cover four things:

- Why you chose your article or chapter. In particular, what did it add to the class?
- How you designed your presentation. What choices did you make in presenting the information concisely?
- How you designed your discussion questions and activities. What did you hope your classmates would get out of them?
- How everything went. What went well and what would you do differently in the future?

Grading Contract

Choose the level of grade you'd like for this assignment and complete *all* of the criteria for that column. If you are unsure if you are completing a criterion, please ask. If B+ criteria are not met, your grade will be a B or lower depending on the circumstances.

Grades	A	A-	B+
Choose	You have chosen a new reading approved by Ryan—you have found an article not presented on in-class lists.	You have chosen a good reading approved by Ryan—very little overlap with other readings.	You have chosen a reasonable reading approved by Ryan—some overlap with other readings.
Present	Your presentation covers the basics of the reading as well as connects to other readings in the class succinctly.	Your presentation covers the basics of the reading as well as connects to other readings in the class.	Your presentation covers the basics of the reading and/or connects well to other readings in the class.
Discuss	You have prepared at more than three discussion questions and one activity.	You have prepared three discussion questions and one activity.	You have prepared three discussion questions or one activity.
Reflect	Your reflection covers all four required topics clearly and succinctly.	Your reflection covers all four required topics.	Your reflection covers three of the four required topics.

Due Date

- Exploration Project readings are due on **March 6th**
- Exploration Project presentations and discussions are due **March 18th-March 27th**
- Exploration Project reflections are due on **March 27th**