

Space Essay assignment description

Draft due Tuesday, May 4th for workshop
Presentations May 6th & 11th, Final due May 14th

We have been reading and thinking and talking about ourselves and other people and a bit about our place in the universe. Think about **the spaces you inhabit**—travel, home, school, the grocery store. Where have you been and where are you going? You can write about a city, a trip, the wilderness, a coffee shop, a walk in the woods, your room, a mountaintop, the ocean, a route you run or bike or hike or kayak. This will be a multimodal work, with interactivity and text, and also images, audio, and video if you choose. These web-based hypertexts are meant to be “digital-born,” meaning composed in the medium and for the medium; as we’ve seen, electronic texts should need the medium in some way. You should consider multimodal elements you have seen that worked or did not work, forms that were appropriate for the medium and those that were not. Compose your design to reflect your narrative, the space you are taking us to, and the meaning you want to convey.

Method

You have several software options for this project. Since we are focusing on our place in the world and the spaces we inhabit, you will be using map or link-based software for this project. Good options are: Google Earth, Knightlab’s StoryMap or Scene (easier than Timeline!), Twine, or ThingLink. We will look at these in class and you can decide what works for what you want to create. Choose a medium that fits your message.

Google Earth: <https://www.google.com/earth/>

Knightlab StoryMap or Scene: <https://knightlab.northwestern.edu/>

Twine: <https://twinery.org/>

Twine Wiki: <https://twinery.org/wiki/twine2:guide>

ThingLink: <https://www.thinglink.com> (invite code: M53WBC)

As you have already discovered this semester, as with any technology, there will be hiccups and tweaks, make sure you plan extra time for this. We will also spend some time in class working on these together as well as a workshop, and presentations the last two days of class for additional feedback.

Length & format

Approx. 1500 words (5+ pages). You will also be turning in a word doc. for comments. These pieces can be as multimodal as your tools and imagination will allow! Be creative! This assignment is worth **20%** of your final grade.