Assessment Tips for Multimedia Assignments

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Multimedia Assignments present a unique challenge in assessment, since a degree of the criteria is qualitative rather than quantitative.

PURPOSE

» Multimodal learning, writing, and creation can increase student engagement at all levels. Creating a clear grading rubric for assessment of these projects assists students in feeling confident that they can meet or exceed expectations for success.

PROCEDURE

» Determine the learning outcomes for your assignment, and base your grading criteria primarily on those.

» Decide whether you are going to create an analytical or holistic rubric.

  » Analytic rubrics identify and assess components of a project

  » Holistic rubrics assess student work on the project as a whole

» Include some quantitative criteria, such as number of sources, number of images, at least three of the following media types, etc.

» Explain and discuss with the class any qualitative criteria.

» Explain weighting of criteria when applicable.

CONSIDERATIONS

» Student technical abilities will be of differing levels - sometimes pairing students or creating groups for projects can overcome the digital divide or student fear. Faculty are encouraged to partner with their institutions technical staff to support multimedia assignments.

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