

History of Illustrated Texts HTML Project (originally posted to class Blackboard site)

This assignment is designed so that you can demonstrate your understanding of many of the principles we've discussed over this semester, play with digital composition tools, and create your own illustrated text. For this assignment there will be two products: your group-designed and implemented webpage and a short (1 page) concept write up. You will present the webpage to the class on the final day of class, 4/25. Consider the possibilities afforded by the medium -- what can hypertext do that a medieval manuscript or early printed text cannot? What will you illustrate? Where will the image go?

For the webpage: Your group should select a scene or scenes from *The Canterbury Tales* (<http://english.fsu.edu/canterbury/>). You will then illustrate these scene(s) with one or more images. By the end of class on Tuesday, 4/23, you will have completed the design and encoding of your page(s). You will then email said page(s) and all relevant files to me so that I can upload them to the course webpage. Any images that are not your own should have full credit. Heck, if you take your own photos, give yourself full credit. Please keep images Safe For Work.

For the write up: This will be a one (1) page write up. You should have a rationale for the number of images, their placement, size, theme, etc. This rationale will be briefly described in the write up, to be turned in on the last day of course. Include in this write up anything you would like me to know about your group dynamic. I will use the write up when grading your final product.

When you are creating your page, remember that any links, embedded images, linked CSS, or other code needs to work. Sources to help with this include <http://w3schools.com/> (tutorials in HTML and CSS), and <http://mudcu.be/> (color codes and color theory). We will have the full class period on Tuesday to work on this together, with both me and a Digital Studio tutor to help. Please have your computer with you on Tuesday so you can work on it together. If you come prepared on Tuesday with all image files you want to include and with the planning you did today, you should have no trouble completing the page during class. Don't stress about this, it's meant to be fun, not frustrating. If you find yourself becoming stressed, email me.

I'm attaching the CSS I discussed in class, in case you want to use it as a base document for doing your own CSS. If you do so, rename the file so any changes are your own. (the link to go in the header would be : [less-than bracket] link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="eng3804.css"/ [greater-than bracket])