

Review of a Key Journal Assignment

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Select a periodical that you think will be "key" in your on-going research (see below) and write a five to seven page review that focuses on the last three issues of the periodical.

Among other things, your review should:

- provide a general description of the topics that are addressed in the articles published in the periodical;
- describe the genres of the articles published in the periodical (e.g., essays, research reports, case studies, narratives, etc.), and their average length; and
- indicate the types of research carried out by the authors whose work is published in the periodical (e.g., ethnographic, experimental, case study, survey, etc.).

Here are some things to think about:

- By "key," I mean something that you think (as you embark on your research) is going to be important for your project. As an easy example: if your project involves anything having to do with the connections between technology and writing, then a key periodical for your research will certainly be *Computers and Composition*.
- By "periodical," I generally mean academic journal. I certainly do *not* mean a popular publication like *Time* or *Harper's*. While I would encourage you to think in terms of a more or less traditional "paper" published journal, I will consider allowing you to write about an electronic publication if you think it's appropriate.
- The tone of this essay should be of a review that you might see in an academic publication: a narrative and informative essay which includes quotes and proper citation from what you are reviewing, and enough explanation to get across your points to an audience not necessarily familiar with the publication in question.
- *Tentatively*, this project is due on February 22; however, this date might be pushed back to after Winter Break, especially if we decide we want to do a peer review of this exercise.