

## Spring 2010 // WSU-TC // AmSt/Engl/DTC 475

### Extra Credit Blogging Opportunities

Completing (in detail, akin to a 3 or 4 on the blogging rubric) an extra credit blogging opportunity will give you **two points** (per opportunity) added to your blogging total.

For example, as of now you could have earned up to 40 points for blogging. Let's say you've earned 75% of those points (this is average), or 30 points. If you complete two extra credit blogs and get full points, your blogging points will now be 34/40 instead of 30/40. This difference of 10% in your blogging grade adds 2.5% points to your overall course grade. That makes a LOT of difference. Those of you with lower blogging grades will actually see more of a difference in the overall course grade. Math is funny that way.

#### **Extra Credit Assignment 1 - Blog on Ada Lovelace Day**

- **Due:** sometime on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> (Ada Lovelace Day)
- **Steps:**
  1. Go to <http://findingada.com/>
  2. Complete the "Pledge Now" form
  3. Read the FAQ at <http://blog.findingada.com/faq/>
    - You might also want to read some of last year's posts; links at <http://ada.pint.org.uk/list.php>
  4. On your blog, write a post about a woman in technology or science whom you admire. The goal of the Ada Lovelace Day project is to celebrate the achievements of women in technology or science by raising awareness of these achievements and introducing others to their work.
  5. Return to the Finding Ada site and complete the "Submit URL" form to add your post to the list.

#### **Extra Credit Assignment 2 - summarize article, add example**

- **Due:** by Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm
- Summarize the argument being made in Holcomb, Bakelaar, and Zizzamia, "The Internet in the Aftermath of the World Trade Center Attack" (CR 638-650). After summarizing the argument, describe and explain another situation (e.g. one not discussed in their essay) that would support that argument.

#### **Extra Credit Assignment 3 - question not answered on the mid-term**

- **Due:** by Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
- Select one of the questions from the mid-term that you did *not* answer, and answer it in essay form. This one is actually worth 3 points if you do it very well.

#### **Extra Credit Assignment 4 – rhetorical analysis/virtual communities**

- **Due:** by Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
- Visit <http://www.syfy.com/caprican> and analyze the overall site and its content in terms of the rhetorical triangle (ethos, pathos, logos) and the ways in which this content has been created to mimic an online newspaper. In other words, why would people think this is real?