

Assignment 9: Website Creation

Rationale:

A good website is priceless. Just like any respectable business has to have a website, so does any professional teacher. Students will go there first for questions about homework, missed work, due dates, reading assignments, and directions on projects. Parents will use it to monitor Johnny's homework, missed work, due dates, reading assignments, or directions on projects. Your hard work will result in less worried emails and better serviced students. A good website can expand learning beyond the classroom. Students can go there to discuss a reading, post encounters they had with the course material in the real world, or continue a class discussion that ended too early. Parents will peek in and see all of the wonderful things Johnny is learning and you'll get the satisfaction that your students are actually applying what they learn in your classes. Additionally, a good teacher website allows you to share (albeit copyright protected) your intellectual property with the rest of your profession. The more we share, the better we get.

Directions: You are to design a website that you will be able to use during your student teaching experience. Many schools do not provide any resources for teacher websites and refuse to host the sites on their servers for security reasons. It is up to you to find a provider and create your site. Your site must contain the following essential elements:

1. Daily listing of what content you are covering in class.
2. Homework assignments and important due dates
3. A place to download major projects
4. About you section
5. Essential links to other helpful resources
6. A tool to extend learning outside the classroom such as a blog or social network.

(See rubric below for assessment.)

Website RUBRIC

	Advanced 4	Proficient 3	Needs Improvement 2	Failed 1	Student Score
Essential elements of a classroom website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each of the five elements are present, each provides thorough content for the subject at hand, and the student included a wow-factor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each of the five elements are present and all but 2 provide thorough content for the subject at hand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each of the five elements are present but 3 fail to provide thorough content for the subject at hand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one of the five elements are missing and/or more than 4 fail to provide the necessary content for the subject at hand 	x16 _____
Classroom Extension Tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A classroom extension tool is present Detailed explanation of how it will be used is given At least 3 examples are included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A classroom extension tool is present Explanation of how it will be used is given At least 2 examples are included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A classroom extension tool is present Cursory explanation of how it will be used is given At least 1 example is included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No classroom extension tool is present 	x13 _____
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The graphic design is of superior quality without being unprofessional or distracting from the content. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The website is graphically pleasing without being unprofessional or distracting from the content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall the website is graphically pleasing but at times it is unprofessional or distracting from the content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The website's design is unprofessional or it distracts from the content 	x12 _____
Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The website is easy to navigate using a toolbar or frames, the homepage is always accessible, and links are clearly marked as such. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The website is easy to navigate, the homepage is always accessible, and links are clearly marked as such. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At time it is difficult to find one's way around the website or the home page is not always accessible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was a train wreck and I want to go home. 	x9 _____

<p>Student Score</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">/ 200</p>
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