English 102: Inquiry into the South

Please pick up the handouts at the front of the room.

Monday, March 28th 2016
Check your weighted grades on Bb

- Know that if you did not submit homework for the qualitative unit that your grade will drop significantly.
- Know that for every absence over 4 you will lose 1/2 a letter grade off your total grade.
- If you want to know how any absences you have you can check with me after class.
Extra Credit Opportunities
What actually are the “humanities”?

- *Humanitas*: A Latin word that refers to human nature, civilization, and kindness.
What are the digital humanities?
The digital humanities today is about a scholarship (and a pedagogy) that is publicly visible in ways to which we are generally unaccustomed, a scholarship and pedagogy that are bound up with infrastructure in ways that are deeper and more explicit than we are generally accustomed to, a scholarship and pedagogy that are collaborative and depend on networks of people and that live an active 24/7 life online.
“A Short Guide to the Digital Humanities”
Questions to drive your thinking this unit:

“How can skills traditionally used in the humanities be reshaped in multimedia terms? How and by whom will the contours of cultural and historical memory be defined in the digital era? How might practices such as digital storytelling coincide with or diverge from oral or print-based storytelling? What is the place of humanitas in a networked world?”

Taken from “A Short Guide to the Digital Humanities”
Your Digital Humanities Project

Unit Three: Historical/Archival Research Assignment Sheet
What’s your experience with researching history and using archives?
Performing archival and historical research

- Performing this type of research requires you to deal with the original objects being discussed.
- These objects are usually stored in archives - a database and/or collection that houses the primary source.
- Executing this research involves a lot of digging through the archives to find the primary object you want to use.
Homework

Reading: *RI* Chapter 6 pp. 143-166; “A Short Guide to the Digital Humanities”

Think about how you would answer the questions posed at the beginning of “A Short Guide to the Digital Humanities” and be ready to discuss those answers on Wednesday.