English 102: Inquiry into the South

Sign up for your one-on-one conference and grab a cookie!
Group Chat: Coding

* Take 10 minutes and get in groups on 3-4 and chat about what you know about coding and what you are still confused on.

* Refresh yourself by looking at RI, by looking at the slides from last week, or by rematching moments of the coding video (with headphones) if you need to.

* Come up with a list of specific questions about coding.
Project Developments

- How are your projects going?
- What issues are you running into?
- What do you think about the interview process?
If my interview goes over 30 minutes do I need to transcribe all of it?

- Yes, unless you decide to throw out a number of questions for all participants.

- If you have found that you are getting the in-depth information you need and your interviews are running over 30 minutes you can consider cutting some interview questions from your study.
What’s a solid amount of codes for a 20 minute interview?

- Code everything you see that you think is relevant. These codes will translate into categories. You only need about 3 categories for your writeup.
Results & Findings

This section should be one of the longest, probably between 600-800 words. This section is where you report what you have found as a result of your study. **Refrain from adding personal comments, opinions, or interpretation here.**

Instead, think of it as an index-like entry of what you’ve found to be important as a result of your study. **You should structure this section with subsections around the dominant codes.**
Results & Findings

✦ You can use quotes and block quotes but be decisive.

✦ Summarize your findings of each code across your participants. If there is an agreement, you can tell me that they agree and maybe include one quote as evidence - you do not need a quote from each one in this instance.
Should we (or could we) tie in the quotes from the interviewees with the quotes that might be similar from the SOS?

- You can and you should in the discussion and analysis section of your qualitative paper.
- In this section you should refer back to your SOS to contextualize your interpretation of your results.
Discussion and Analysis

This is the most important section.

This section should be the other longest, probably between 400-800 words. This is the section all of the previous sections have been building towards; this is where you analyze and interpret your results.

This is where you get to show that you can not only produce first-hand research, but that you can also interpret what it means as well.
Discussion and Analysis

Here, you can present some sort of stance based on the results of your study, seen in the context of the larger scholarly or public conversation your research was responding to.

Here, you return again to the question that you’ve introduced at the beginning—based on what you’ve found, have you gotten any closer to an answer to your question? Do your results add to the larger research conversation about this question? If so, how so? If not, why not?

What should your audience take away from your study and how should they understand your findings. Compare your findings to past research.
Where do we talk about the topics that did not overlap between interviews?

- This could be something to bring up in the conclusion when you are suggesting what future scholars interested in research on your topic should consider.
Evaluation and Conclusion

This section should be 250-350 words long. Present the significance of your findings. What does this mean to future research? How might future scholars, including yourself, further investigate what you’ve found to be important in your own study?

Also critique your study. Did anything go wrong? Could anything have been done better? What could or should be improved if future scholars want to do something similar? After reflecting on your work, can you identify any gaps that you didn’t except at the beginning.

End your paper with an overall point that connects your thesis with the field you are engaging in.
How much of the final project have we already completed in our homework?

- At least over 60%. You will need to draft an introduction, analyze and comment on your findings, and conclude. Most of the other sections have been completed in your homework assignments. However, do not forget to integrate these sections so that they make sense together.
Questions for next class:

- How do I integrate the parts together into the final paper?
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Next Class

Bring a copy of your SOS assignment, protocol assignment, your transcripts, and your coding assignment to class. We will have a discussion about consolidating the moving parts of this project and using the provided paper template.
Office Hours

- No office hours Thursday.
- Instead I will be in my office Tuesday from 2:15-3:15.
- You can also email to set up an appointment. However, do so ASAP because I am going out of town.
Homework

Reading: Student Sample 2

Homework: Work on your coding assignment.