

Collaborative Project 1: WTFoucault Blog

Overview: Students will collaborate to understand Foucault's theories by contributing **weekly** to the course blog.

Learning Outcomes Met

Outcome 6: Students will collaborate with peers to further their understanding of Foucault's theories

Assignment Details: You will contribute to the WTFoucault blog weekly beginning 2 February. Your contribution will consist of both original posts to the blog and comments to your peers' posts. Pay close attention to the information below so you better understand the requirements for each component of this assignment.

Posts About Primary Texts: You may contribute original posts for any Foucault work read for the course (*Discipline and Punish*, *Use of Pleasure*, and *Madness and Civilization*) either working through a particular theory or facet of a theory you do not understand or explaining a concept you feel you understand well. For example, if you do not understand the function of the panopticon, create a new post that shows your peers what you *do* understand about the concept and raises questions about where you are lost in the concept. If a peer raises questions in their post that you want to answer in your post, be certain to mention the student's post you are addressing. These posts should be a minimum of 500 words.

Posts About Projects: You may contribute posts that discuss your projects throughout the semester. For these posts, you may write a summary of an article you submitted to the bibliography, interrogate a concept that you are exploring for a short paper or your semester project, or you may discuss a connection you made to Foucault outside the class. You may not post an excerpt from your paper. These posts should be a minimum of 500 words.

Comments to Peer Posts: In weeks that you do not wish to contribute a post of your own, you may comment to your peers' posts. Comments should be in-depth responses to the original post, and your comments should be approximately 200 words each. Two comments will equal one week's contribution to the blog.

Advice: Read the posts and comments of your peers as they will help you better understand the theories we are working with. Listen to the Foucault for the Masses podcast each week. Think about areas that you want to learn more about in the podcast, since I often get ideas for the next podcast directly from the blog posts and comments. If you create an engaging post that allows me the chance to clarify and expand on an idea, you will learn a lot more through the podcast.