

EN / HY 500: Digital Humanities
Spring 2015

Sample Project Review Format

[Title your WordPress entry simply with the name of the project itself.]

Project Name:

Project URL:

Project Author, Team, etc:

Reviewed by:

Review Date:

Tags or keywords: (Pick keywords associated with the project or its usage. Refer to our lesson on metadata and choose your keywords judiciously.)

Genre: Is the project interpretative or more of a tool or data set? Common genres for DH projects include: digital archive, electronic scholarly edition, database, online journal, collaborative research group, research tool, hyperfiction, multimedia exhibit, teaching resource, virtual community, or some combination of these genres.

Project Objectives: Briefly describe the purpose of the project or what its scholarly goals are. This information is usually available on an About page.

Review: Essay form. Consider some of the following:

Content (Is the scholarship sound and current? What is the interpretation or critical stance?);

Form (Is the writing clear? Is the site easy to navigate? Does it have a clear, original, and effective design? Is the structure coherent?);

Technology (Does it make effective use of new media and new technology? Does it do something that can only be done in a digital format, or is it essentially a print resource on the web?);

Malleability (Is data cross-referenced or linked or easily searchable for multiple potential uses?);

Pedagogy (If the project claims to have a pedagogical component, is the material suitable for classroom use?);

Standards (Are digitized objects preserved in a high-quality format? Does the project follow best practices and guidelines? Does it use community-accepted methods or tools, such as TEI?);

Peer review (Does the project have an advisory board? Has it been vetted by other scholars in some way, such as through the award of competitive grants? Does the project collaborate with other respected projects in the field?);

Value (What is the overall contribution the project makes to scholarship in the field?).

***Open Access:** Is the project willing to share its technology or model with similar projects? Is the data from the project available for reuse in other projects, such as through an API? Does the

project website link to any other projects with whom it collaborates? You may not be able to determine this from the project website, so this section of your review is optional.

Similar Projects: Do a quick search to see if anyone else is conducting a similar project. If so, you may wish to compare projects in your review. Provide a link to any similar projects.

Expertise Required: Indicate how expert you would need to be to make academic use of this project. Is it designed for anyone to use? Must you be an expert to benefit from it? Does it target multiple audiences (researchers as well as outreach to schools or the general public)?

Other Reviews: Provide links to any other reviews of this project you may have consulted.