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Q: Why Twitter?

Twitter users comprise 20% of adults who are online. However, those who are on Twitter are more engaged as social media users than the users of any other platform.

Social media matrix
 % of users of each particular site who use another particular site (e.g., 34% of Pinterest users also use Twitter)

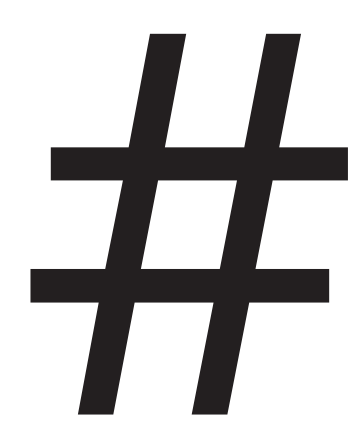
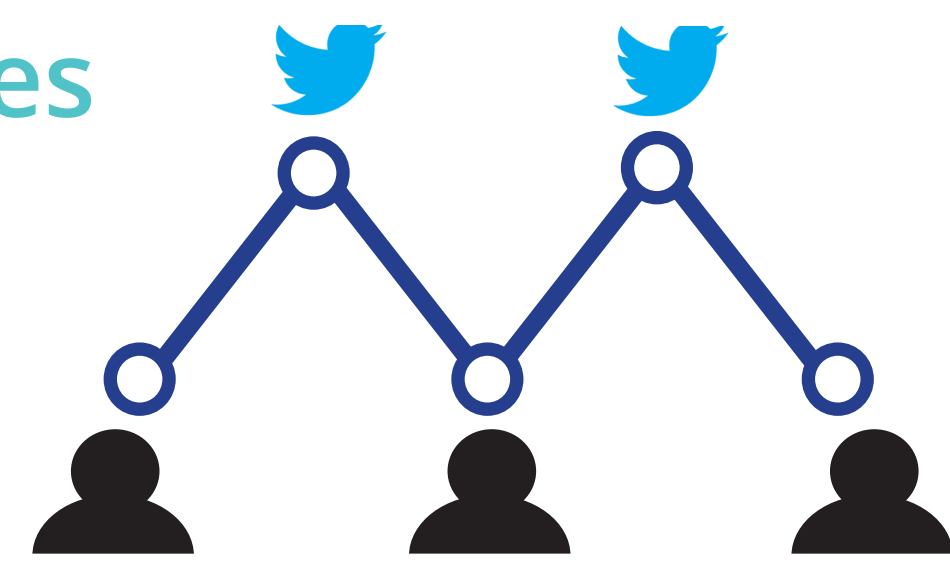
	Use Twitter	Use Instagram	Use Pinterest	Use LinkedIn	Use Facebook
% of Twitter users who ...	-	58%	42%	47%	91%
% of Instagram users who ...	52%	-	47%	38%	94%
% of Pinterest users who ...	34%	43%	-	40%	88%
% of LinkedIn users who ...	39%	35%	40%	-	86%
% of Facebook users who ...	29%	34%	34%	33%	-

Pew Research Center's Internet Project September Combined Omnibus Survey, September 11-14 & September 18-21, 2014.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Retrieved from: http://www.pewinternet.org/2015/01/9/social-media-update-2014/pi_2015-01-09_social-media_10/

Twitter also provides context to SCHOLARSHIP as CONVERSATION



...because Twitter's hashtags link users to (public) conversations

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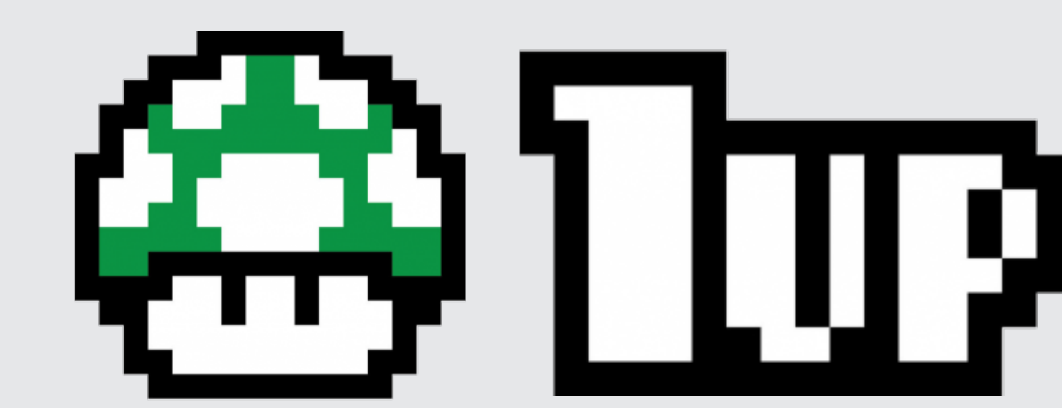
LIB200@SUNYPlatts @Lib200Platts Feb 3
 Team 1: Start with #ferguson in twitter advanced search. Try different search limiters. #LIB200A10

intermediate

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 Team 1: Next, identify 3 hashtags related to #ferguson. Write them down. #LIB200A10

ADVANCED

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 Team 1: 3rd Step, use hashtags you've collected to conduct an advanced search in "Find Articles" from: plattsburgh.edu/library #LIB200A10



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 Team 1: Last step, add links to #ferguson articles to your group biblio: bit.ly/1u2OeH8. Make sure they're scholarly! #LIB200A10

RESEARCH AS INQUIRY:
 TOPIC EXPLORATION AND DETERMINING THE NATURE & EXTENT OF INFORMATION.

SEARCHING AS STRATEGIC:
 SYNTHESIZE IDEAS AND CREATE A CONCEPT MAP OF HASHTAGS.

STUDENTS TRANSFER TOPIC SEARCH SKILLS TO SCHOLARLY RESEARCH IN A LIBRARY DATABASE.

STUDENTS CREATE AN ANNO-"TWEETED" BIBLIOGRAPHY: EVALUATE SOURCES, COMMENT AND ENGAGE.

A: Pedagogy!

Don't silence--Engage!

Apply so-called "distractions"-- for #infolit!

"...one of the fields where gamification may have a greater impact is online learning. Its potential benefits may address well-known issues such as...the lack of student motivation due to the limited capacity of interaction with teacher and classmates."

Dominguez et al, 381

Provide students with an alternative means of participation

Support experiential learning in digital literacy by using everyday tools to apply ideas about scholarship as a conversation.

Set-Up Your Game

1. Create a Twitter account
2. Give your class a hashtag --make it something unique!
3. Create a shared document --Google Doc, PrivatePad, etc.
4. Shorten any shared URLs --bit.ly, tinyurl, etc.

Privacy

If you don't want your students using public Twitter accounts, set-up a few Twitter accounts. Teach "team" can use one Twitter account to search & respond, which can then be re-used for future classes.

#Ferguson Used Differently on Twitter and Instagram

March 3-25, 2015

	% of conversation	% of posts
% that were directly related to Ferguson saga	86	38
% that were not directly related to Ferguson saga	14	62
% that conveyed information about a specific event	71	36
% that were about a theme or idea	29	64

Source: Pew Research Center analysis. PEW RESEARCH CENTER.

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