

## Final Project: Creating a Website

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For your final project, you are to create a website of six pages.

**Website Submissions:** If there is a problem accessing your URL or opening the zipped files of an early submission I will notify you and you will have an opportunity to re-submit an accessible version of your Final Project.

**Website Content:** Making decisions about web page content is all about keeping the content of a website appropriate to the audience, being a cohesive unit of work, and following your established theme and purpose. As you begin to look ahead, there are some sample web sites available for your review included in the course content. Remember many of these samples were created before the new 6th edition of APA, so the formatting of cited references may be incorrect. Use these sample sites to spur your imagination and to see the types of projects others have submitted, but not as a model for creating a web site.

**Wikis:** Wikis are great collaborative tools, and can help teachers to create rich learning environments, but as we learned in our course content, **wikis do not qualify as websites.**

As you begin this Final Project, be sure to review the [WebSite Rubric](#) for grading criteria. You are to develop a World Wide Web site based on any educational topic (such as Poetry by Whitman, Clouds, Trees, Physical Education, Chemical Reactions, The Inside of a Computer, Plants, The Civil War, etc...) There will be flexibility in what you do; but there will be some requirements of what you must have:

- You must have at least six html files in your final project. One is the homepage, and the other 5 (or more if you like) are files that are linked from the homepage.
- You must have at least **five links** on the home page that will take the user to other pages about your site (such as a navigation menu). **All pages must have a return to home page. If you are using your Project 8 WebQuest, there must be a link on it to return to the home page of your final project website.**
- You must have a section at the end of your home page titled **Interesting Places to Visit** (or something like that) which will list some interesting sites related to your topic that you've encountered throughout this course. You must have at least **5 hyperlinked sites** in your list (you may also place the Interest Sites list on a separate page if you like).
- Your site must contain at least **one table** located on any of your pages. The table must have multiple rows and columns.
- There must be a minimum of **ten graphics** displaying throughout your site which are appropriate to the theme of the site.

- Graphic enhancements are a criteria of the grading rubric and include but are not limited to: **embedded** audio, **embedded** video and customized forms and art/design features. **NOTE:** embedded audio and video is not the same as a link to an audio or video file.
- Any graphics or text that you obtain from sources other than your own must be **referenced in APA format**. Check Unit 7 for proper formatting of text and images.
- You must have a **references page** that provides **hyperlinks** to sites where you obtained your web content. These sites must be referenced in **APA format**. If the entire web site content was produced by you, then state that on your References page. You must provide a link to this page on your home page.
- Every page must have a **footer** containing your name, date, and your e-mail (**with an e-mail hotlink**).
- One page of your website may be your WebQuest. The WebQuest can be counted as one of the six required pages of your website. **Note: There must be a Return to Home button added to the main menu of your WebQuest if it is used as part of your website in the Final Project.** **Note:** Executing this button would bring the viewer back to the Home Page of your **Website**.
- Your website must:
  - Demonstrate the generally accepted elements of good design.
  - Promote, support , and model creative and innovative thinking and inventiveness
  - Address the diverse needs of all learners by using learner-centered strategies providing equitable access to appropriate digital tools and resources.
  - Be composed of working links, graphic design elements, content which models and follows copyright and fair use guidelines with all resources correctly cited in APA formatting.

Once your website is completed, the folder containing all of your html pages, images, sounds, and video must be uploaded to your studentweb location using VPN. Use directions in previous assignments to help you with this task. Using the Final Project dropbox, type the exact address of your website into the submission box. Attach a compressed (.zip) of all of your files using the Add a File button and submit.

You have learned how to do all of these things throughout the course. Go back to previous Step-by-Step Guides for help completing the criteria in your Final Project.

Just a review of the connection and submission process.

Connect to <https://webvpn.wilkes.edu> (see VPN in unit 9 topics).

- All subsequent connections to the w drive, are made by double clicking Cisco AnyConnect VPN Client program, which was installed on your computer during the initial connection process.
- Keep in mind your VPN connection shuts down each time you log off or shut down your computer

- You must launch the Cisco AnyConnect VPN Client program before you can attempt to upload (or slide a folder) to your w drive space.

If you have successfully made your VPN connection and mapped your W drive on your computer, you can slide the Final Project folder from your computer to your webspace.

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