

Project #2

“A Shared Narrative”

Description

For this project, you are going to be collaborating with other students in the class to create a narrative-based series of web pages (a self-contained mini-site). This narrative will be both visual and verbal (images and text), with you and your partners sharing in the development of the common theme and each providing *independent* content. You will share this content with each other and develop your own unique web pages using the same content.

The first step will be to come up with a story idea. From this story idea you will create a written narrative or dialogue as well as contribute original images/artworks to portray the story visually (each participant will contribute 5 images for the project). You must use **only** original images (at least 10 images from the shared pool; no “acquired” images), so a large part of this assignment is learning to work with what you get and making the most of it through your own design skills.

The choice of “story” is completely up to you; creativity in idea and design is a big part of this project. You are also free to create the web structure of your choice – whether multiple pages, a frame set, or a single interactive page (html with behaviors). Whatever you choose should allow the viewer to follow a natural progression, since the content needs to be a narrative that will proceed from beginning to end.

Requirements

- Each student will be contributing 5 of **your own** images to be used in this project, which will be shared with your partners. From the combined images of you and your partners, you must use at least 10 total images in your narrative site, with at least 1 from each partner.
- Some form of text (narrative, dialogue, description, etc.) needs to be included on **each** page, developing your story and carrying your design.
- Create an external style sheet for your narrative-based pages – one that will carry a single look through the entire web project. This should be a different CSS sheet from the one you created to go with your “index” page (as it needs to be in the mini-site folder described below).
- Have appropriate navigation for the web viewer to progress through your narrative structure.
- Add links somewhere appropriate (probably on the last page of your narrative) to access the additional sites created by your partners.
- All pages must be titled, and this “mini-site” should be entirely contained in a sub-folder (named “narrative”) to your main webspace, with an “index.html” as the first page. Place **all** content that is part of this mini-site into this sub-folder (pages, images, css, etc.), as you will only turn in this folder.

Although you are sharing written and photographic content with your partner, your web pages must be uniquely yours – you are only sharing content.

Scoring

To remind you of what the syllabus says on scoring: “1/3 of the score will come from satisfactorily completing the requirements outlined [above], and 2/3 will be based on creativity, good use of skills learned, and overall interest and usability of the pages you create.” Remember, **spelling counts!** Use Dreamweaver’s spellchecker, or have a friend proofread your page.

Due Date

The “Shared Narrative” site is due at the beginning of class on Thursday, 16 October. Your page needs to be uploaded to your webspace **before** class. Any page not uploaded at the beginning of class will be late.