
AI2 Assignment: Sequence of Drafts

This assignment is intended to assure that you ground your research in related scholarship, and that you remain mindful of scholarly considerations as you engage in the programming aspects of your project.

1. **Write a preliminary paper** with just a title, a short abstract, a brief introduction describing your project in very simple terms, several titled sections without content which are suggestive of a reasonable research paper narrative, and a bibliography with at least 10 items that relate to the work that you plan to be doing. Post it to your web work site.
2. In time, this preliminary version will become an historical relic, giving way to a next of what ought to be several iterations of this paper. By the time of the final iteration, the introduction will need to be revised and extended, the proposed sections/titles will probably be revised and reordered, the references will be pruned of those that end up not having a direct role in the paper, and augmented with others, not represented in the preliminary version of the paper, that do. And, of course, the section content will need to be written. **Do your best to produce a number of drafts throughout the semester which increasingly approach what might be a satisfactory research paper.**

It takes time and effort to find good sources, ones that are worthwhile, ones that will legitimize your research if you artfully incorporate them into your paper. That said, the temporal constraints of the semester require that you establish a first set of sources relatively quickly. Consequently, the due date for posting your your preliminary paper to your web work site will be **Wednesday, February 24th**.

Please note that I am not asking you to write a paper for this assignment. Rather, I am asking you to write a framework for a paper, but with some really nice resources stored in what is to become your bibliography.