Writing Assignment: Media Log

Word Limit: 1000 words minimum.

Points: 50 points.

The Reflection, Part 1, should (150 – 200 words):

- Describe your relationship to media technology.
- Did you ever feel excluded from certain communities because you didn't have access to technologies?
- What were your feelings going into this project?
- How did you view your technology use before this assignment?
- What did you think about how you used technology before the assignment?

The Reflection, Part 2, you should:

- Describe how you collected the data?
- Reflect upon problems collecting data?
- Write a "thick descriptions" of an hour or two of your observation. By "thick descriptions" I mean lots of detail. *You will lose points if it becomes apparent that you are writing more here to avoid the significant questions in paragraphs 3 and 4 or to pad your word limit.*

The Reflection, Part 2: **Do not only answer the prompts; think beyond them.**

- Show and Discuss what you discovered about your patterns and habits using your charts, graphs, data visualizations (embed these in your text).
  For example, compare the time you spend online with your friends to how much time you spend with them in the real? What conclusion do you draw from this?
- Were you surprised by your digital usage?
- What conclusions do you draw about your digital life? (Explain, don't deflect or ignore this question with a superficial answer)
- What do the facts say about how you use your digital devices?
  Are you addicted? Do you ignore school, friends, etc. to use your technology to check social media.
- Are you addicted to music?
- If you spend most of your time texting your friends, what does this imply about the type of life you prefer?
- If you use your phone to take notes, use GPS, etc. what does this say about your skills?
- Is your behavior normal? What is normal? Are you embarrassed by what you learned? (Be Honest!)
- Finally, what insights about yourself or your digital life have you learned from this?