

Twitter Thread

Find a recent article on an author, novel, or topic studied in class that interests you and may be of interest to you classmates/ other people interested in the topic of our course. Use the course research guide (link on our course website) to search through journals and read paper abstracts until you find a peer-reviewed article (post-2000) that you think is innovative and thought-provoking.

It is impossible to complete this assignment in a single tweet. Instead you will need to generate a twitter ‘thread’ by posting an initial tweet, and then commenting on this tweet a number of times (usually 6–8 per article).

1. The first tweet — this should be an #OMG statement about the article—typically one sentence. You selected this paper for a reason. If you cannot come up with an #OMG statement, pick a different paper. The rest of this first tweet should be a shout out to the authors of the paper using their twitter handles (if they have one) or names. A link to the paper, at the journal website, should be provided in this first tweet too. Tweeting at the journal is also encouraged. It can be tough to get this all into 140 characters, but it is possible. One of the reasons to link the authors and journals is to generate traffic to our class tweets (#italit).
2. The next tweets should relay the important arguments of the article. You should paraphrase sentences from the abstract, but you can add value to your post by including screen grabs of images or figures from the paper that illustrate the information you presented in that tweet. There may be a number of these types of tweets describing different findings from the paper. Shorter tweets with complementary images are better than longer tweets with no images. There should be four to six of this type of tweet in your thread.
3. The last tweet should be some sort of wrap up or conclusion. Here is where you can add value, perhaps by suggesting an extension of this work, or ask a question of the authors/other readers.

The twitter thread should be composed in a word document first so that all of the tweets can be posted relatively simultaneously once it has been edited. Students remember each tweet is only 140-280 characters long (you can estimate this using ‘word count’ on Word). Images do not count as a character.

Here’s a link on composing a Twitter thread:

<https://help.twitter.com/en/using-twitter/create-a-thread>