

## HTML Guide

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HTML stands for HyperText Mark-up Language. It is a semantic mark-up language, which means that it tells the browser (*i.e.*, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera, etc.) what part of a document the tagged text *is* rather than what it should look like when displayed. For example, HTML tells the browser reading it what level of heading (<h1>, <h2>, <h3>, etc.) a span of text represents, but does not tell it how big or bold the heading should be.

CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) control the styling of our site. For the purposes of this project, I will take care of that side of things, but each of you will need to mark up your work with HTML tags so that it will display properly when it goes online.

Some basics:

- You don't need a special program to write HTML. I recommend Windows "Notepad" or "WordPad" programs or the MAC "Simple Text" program to get started.
- Almost all HTML tags come in sets with an opening tag <> and a closing tag </> between which your text goes.

The following are the standard tags I anticipate you using:

Essay title:	<h1>[Text]</h1>
Author:	<h2>[Text]</h2>
Paragraph:	<p>[Text]</p>
Subheading:	<h3>[Text]</h3>
Italicized text:	<i>[Text]</i>
Block quotation:	<blockquote>[Text]</blockquote>
Image:	
Hyperlink:	<a href="[Full URL]">[Link Text]</a>
Forced line break:	 
Works Cited heading:	<h4>[Text]</h4>

Here are some useful custom (XHTML) tags:

Epigraph:	<p class="epigraph">[quote here]  &mdash; [name here]</p>
Bibliographic Entry:	<p class="workscited">[Lastname, Firstname.] ["Essay, Article, or Chapter Title."] <i>[Book Title.]</i> [Place: Publishing House, year.] [47-68.]</p>