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Changing A Bicycle Tube/Tire

Technical Instructions Planning Sheet: As you prepare to write your technical instructions, the following questions will help you assess the appropriate rhetoric and develop a plan for your writing and design.

1. Who will be the audience for your instructions? Why are these readers the best/most likely audience?

The reader will most likely be amateur cyclists that need to fix their bicycle tire in some way. Some cyclists may read the information beforehand, but most wait until the knowledge is actually necessary.

2. What are some common problems/misunderstandings/confusion that might arise for this audience?

Lack of knowledge of tools. Variance in bicycle design. Cultural differences (european bicycle designs vs american designs).

3. How will you have to tailor your instructions for this audience? What language will you have to use?

Straightforward language. Specific towards the focus. Simple for likely non-technical people, but still thorough. There will need to be multiple parallel steps for the variance in design.

4. How long will your instructions be? How many different parts will you have to explain for your audience? List the parts.

Partlist, remove wheel, prepare valve, remove tire, remove tube, check tire, replace/repair tube, replace tire, fasten valve, attach wheel, inflate

5. Will you need to include pictures or diagrams in your instructions? How many pictures will you need? What will those look like? Why are these important?

Pictures will certainly be helpful, especially for steps 1, 3, and possibly 2.

6. How might your finished instructions look? Will they be 1-page long or more? Will it look like a book or a pamphlet? How else might it look?

It will likely be more than a page. We anticipate 1 or 2 short to medium paragraphs per step, in an ordered list.

7. Wednesday Schedule?

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We live right next to each other, so it would easier for us to work on it in our dorm, likely Wednesday afternoon, once we are all done with classes for the day. If needed we can also work on it Thursday.