1. The Director of First year Composition at UC Davis Professor Dan Melzer who teaches courses on writing composition and theory from the undergraduate to graduate level. Professor Melzer interests range from multiliteracies to writing program administration. Melzer has written books regarding this subject at length in Assignments Across the Curriculum.
2. These 6 keys attributes comprise the essence of what a discourse community entails first would be a group that have mostly the same goals that enable for a sense of atmosphere. For example, Melzer states “guitar jam group had shared goals…the group emphasized that these monthly gatherings… “Guitar players” or “people who like music”… are not discourse communities”(102). The excerpt above details that a set of goals are paramount in a discourse community for group understanding and destination for how the group pushes forward toward improvement. Another facet of a discourse community is communication within the group “communicated primarily through the Meetup.com…a Meetup.com group…focused on…shared goals… frequently interact can be considered a discourse community” (Melzer 103). This illuminates the obvious fact that groups that are unable to communicate often disband. Through the context of discourse communities an example of a community would include a narrow sub sect of the people on Meetup interested on similar goals with meetings that are often. Swales describes that provided feedback was sent through messages, presentations, print media, tools and more (Melzer 103). In my own terms this key term is that discourse community needs a feedback method for presenting updates and results that can be responded through with praise or reassignment in regards of providing constrictive criticism. Swales presents that genre in layman terms are sub sections of a larger group both Meetup.com and the chords and lyrics shared which were brought about by social action (Melzer 104-105). One or two items that are apart of broader groups enable a discourse community in advancing their aspirations that are facilitated by Meetup.com and the specific genre of chords and lyrics. Melzer documents that “We needed these specialized term…We needed these specialized term” (Melzer 105). Jargon in a discourse community enables better and more reliable communication in terms of having a group understanding which leads towards improvement. In a discourse community different levels of member proficiency leads towards a dynamic of effective and meaningful learning as knowledge new through experience enables an expanding pool of information (Melzer 105). Tiers of members ranging from new towards experience enables greater amount of depth in teaching and learning as information that improves often can come multilayered in parts of different aspects of the process.
3. A discourse community I was a part of was during high school when I did a program called Cyber Patriots where we had to find vulnerabilities this had all 6 elements. First the goals were to compete under the competition guidelines which were administered by the club that came from the official organization. The meeting twice a week and communication was sent though Schoology where people could post and notify about new information and resources. Schoology and the meeting were used to provide feedback with the genres were the specific challenges and Schoology. We have terms that were specific to cyber security such as vulnerabilities ports such as email and remote connection ports. The teams were divided based on experience and officers were usually the most experienced that would team, and new people also could provide information such as checklists and other things.
4. I would like to discuss clubs I participated an example of one was robotics during my senior year as it was a pivotal and momentous triumph for my school and myself as we were able to compete a well for a rookie team.
5. The muddiest was that the I was left puzzled on how exactly something could be considered a threshold of levels as that section is unclear on this. Melzer unclear recounts “beginner level… The most experienced players also helped educate everyone on the conventions”(105). The statements above detail on how people can be seen as experienced but are intermediate which people that are new would see them as advanced making clear distinctions would help clear up the confusion.5