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ENGL 340 Journal Entries

Journal #1:

I am just starting to read The Information by James Gleick and the first chapter really stood out to me. It is about an old form of communication and the way information traveling in Africa. There was a system with drums where they could send messages and have information travel at a rate that was the best in the world at the time. At a time where people were trying to magnetize two needles and then go to different places and try to communicate through the needles. Meanwhile African tribes have this messaging system all through the beats of a drum that can travel very quickly. I was just amazed by this and it is something that I really had no clue about.

Journal #2:

I was interested in class about how you can see the coding of a regular websites very easily. You can just right click, click inspect and then you have this long list of code that makes the page you are looking at. I knew that websites where essentially all coding but I didn’t realize how readily available for you to see it is.

Journal #3:

I ended up writing a blog post about how words were not as set in stone as it had always seemed to me. If I remember correctly it was only four hundred years ago or so that when someone would set down to write they would just write how they thought it sounded. I was do some reading for another class I am in which is about immigration history in the US. I was reading a pretty old letter and one of the first things they wrote was city as “sitty” and I immediately thought about how the readings from these two classes connected. I was very surprised by this information because in my own mind words feel so cemented in how they are supposed to be spelled.

Journal #4: