

Crafting Digital History

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Annotation:

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“Electronic sources and digital tools offer fundamentally new ways for humanities scholars to practice their craft. Historians at George Mason University analyzed the titles of over 1 million British books published in the nineteenth century to test long-standing claims about a Victorian crisis of faith .”

Annotation Response:

The electronic sources are going to allow researchers to do amazing things in the future. The ability to glean data from decades worth of news papers is an incredible time saver for researchers and their interns. The ability to organize the data and display it in a GIS format is also a great achievement. It makes the data so much more valuable because people have an easier time of understanding it. This is an exciting time to be a researcher in the history field. - SMSleeter

My Response:

I find Smsleeter's response very interesting, mainly because of what I heard on the radio recently. China and the US are currently battling it out for who will obtain/launch 5G first? Once 5G is established the data itself won't be the commodity but rather the speed at which it is transferred. As much a good digitalization has done for the world the speed by which we transfer that information can be dangerous depending on who get a hold of it first.

Reflection: