Reflection

I use the CCP corpus for my text analysis since I worked on for the previous assignment and I intend to work with it for my final assignment as well. It was a difficult start for me, because this corpus is about a community that I am not a part of. And keeping their principles for use in mind, I decided it would be unwise to do something creative with it.

So, I started to get a better understanding of the kind of words used by playing around in the WWVT sandbox, trying to see if there was a pattern or some strong connection between certain words that stood out. This analysis led me to think about the topics they discussed in the meetings, the location of the meetings, and where were most of them from.

I converted the ccp_corpus text file into a pdf to be able to use the 'find' function. I used the WWVT to locate different words, searched their frequency through the (almost 2500 page) pdf and noted the number in an excel file.

The consistency in the format of the minutes and constitutions was helpful to search for 2 or more words together. For 'what did they discuss', I used the word cloud tool on the WWVT to get words connected to convention, constitution, and so on. For the 'where did they meet' section, the filter of "held in the city of" was used. For 'where are they from', I referred to the cities that the first couple of minutes listed for the Delegates who composed the Convention, as well as the cities which had a high frequency for 'where did they meet'. While there are limitations to the methods I've used, I believe a more refined process for this would give some very informative results.