

**Essential Question**: What can a quantitative examination of a novel reveal about its structure and the author’s style?

For my creative project, I chose to analyze *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* using computer scripts. The inspiration for this project came from a response paper in which I discussed the different writing styles that Foer employs throughout the novel. Building upon this response paper, I decided to apply my knowledge in computer science to take a quantitative look at literature. This method of analysis proved especially interesting when comparing the styles of the three different narrators: Oskar, Grandma, and Grandpa. I also used computer programs to count the occurrence of certain types of words, such as animals or numbers. The code for this project is hosted on GitHub at the following link: <https://github.com/dbeckmen2019/englishProject>