Data collection

1- When your team started, how did your team decide what to annotate and how to annotate it?

We quickly decided on all proper nouns and events, as these are easy to record. We moved from there to isolating events that pertained to the case.

2- How did CAnalytics help or hinder your team in annotating data?

The networking function made it easy to see how are various reports were connecting. Especially as it was shared in real time.

Data analysis

3- How did CAnalytics help or hinder your team in finding relationships of importance between entities?

CAnalytics made it clearly easy in identifying the relationships, though sometimes the network looked so crowded we couldn't read it properly, we just had to reposition the data to get a clearer picture. It was a fantastic tool.

4- How did CAnalytics help or hinder your team in finding evidence to eliminate suspects?

CAnalytics didn't really help or hinder in this regard. Recording in the hypothesis section was really good as was eliminating data with the filter option. But at the end of the day we spent more time just making a list ourselves than using the extra steps in CAnalytics. The one thing I found constantly annoying is how I can't permanently set the network nodes. They constantly change everytime I log on and off, giving me a few minutes of headaches trying to reorient myself whenever I wanted to work.

Hypothesis development

5- How did you develop hypotheses as a team using CAnalytics? If your team had never created a hypothesis in CAnalytics, explain why your team did not believe the function be helpful.

Generally we found the hypothesis use to be a little cluttering and counter-intuitive to what we were used to using. At first we enjoyed it, but soon we found that by writing out the connections on a separate document and pulling that up as a reference was easier, also we enjoyed making hypothesis together, and the tool quickly got out of hand when we all just tried tossing in info.

6- Think of a time when your teammate shared a hypothesis in CAnalytics, how did you respond?

It was useful to see what they were indicating, but I still had to call them over to fully explain their rationale and logic. It was a good start point, but without them explaining in person to me what patterns they were seeing I was having difficulty making the same conclusions.

Coordination

7- Give an example of how CAnalytics helped you stay aware of your teammates' activities
It was always updating in real time. We would divide the work at the start of each class, and I could see my team adding the data they were supposed to be adding.

8- Give an example of when you had a problem coordinating with your team when using CAnalytics
Outside of class was a little more difficult. Sometimes we would text each other that we were on, but we still couldn't see each other. It would also sometimes not allow us to enter data, and outside of class became a real struggle.

9- How does your experience with your team differ when you were using CAnalytics versus your prior information analysis experience (e.g. when using Analyst's Notebook, PARC ACH, Google Doc)

It felt a lot like Analyst's Notebook, but the google Docs version of it. Being able to share in real time, and go back and view anytime was very powerful!

10- Did you use any other tools in the project (e.g. Google Doc, Groupme, Analyst's Notebook, PARC ACH)? List any tools you used in addition to CAnalytics and describe what you used them for.

We used google docs a bit, but that was more just to be used for small notes. We didn't actually map or draw out anything there. All our networking, timelines and everything were accomplished in CAnalytics.