MI 488: Information and Communication Technology Development Project
Short Assignment #1: Writing Assignment
Due Before Class on January 19. When you are finished *upload to D2L.*

MI488 is a course that merges topics from the fields of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) with topics from African studies. The goal of this assignment is to understand students' knowledge of topics that we will discuss throughout the semester and to encourage thoughtful reflection.

What to do:

Take an hour (or two) to think about and write a short response to these questions. Each response should be between 100 and 150 words. Keep in mind that there are no right or wrong answers to these questions.

·What does the word Africa bring to mind?
·What does colonialism mean?
·How do you define design?

After you answer these questions, develop three questions addressing what you do not know/understand about Africa, colonialism, and design.

When you are finished, please upload your assignment to D2L. Your write-up should be between 450-500 words. Carefully proofread your assignment before submitting it.

How will the assignment be graded?

7-10: The assignment is complete and thoughtful. The response is well written.
6-4 Points – The assignment is complete but is not as high quality as it could be. The response is poorly written.
3-0 Points – The assignment is incomplete.

Acknowledgement

This assignment was inspired by a similar one found here:

Metzler, J. (2004). *Exploring Africa. Available online: http://exploringafrica.matrix.msu.edu/curriculum/*