Integrative Assignment Form

Complete this form once for each Integrative Assignment (IA) assigned in your Themed Learning Community. Both Integrative Assignment Forms are due by Monday, July 16, 2012 to the Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning. TLC faculty stipends will be delayed until both Integrative Assignment Forms are submitted to OSEEL.

TLC teams wanting more materials on designing IAs are encouraged to visit the NIU TLC resource webpage for more information (http://www.niu.edu/engagedlearning/themed_learning/resources.shtml) or contact OSEEL.

Name of TLC: Technology and Technical Writing  
Instructors: Bittorf and Kocanda  
Courses: Tech 294 & UNIV 101  
Is this the first or second IA: first  
Week in the semester this IA is due: TECH 294 Sept 26, 2012 week 5; UNIV 101 Sept 12 and 19 week 3 & 4  
Title of IA: Observations of computer technology

Description of the IA: Students are required to write a short essay based upon Concept 1, the origins of industrial society. This work is strictly a subjective observation (in the eyes of the student participant) of how the technology has slowly evolved during the industrial revolution in contrast to how technology is currently evolving with current state-of-the-art electronics, mass production and mass marketing. The work emphasizes writing strictly as an observer as if travelling in a time machine where each participant creates a journal and subsequently writes a technical essay using the third-person passive voice. The students will be introduced to this writing style during the previous weeks of the course.

What concepts from each course will the IA draw upon?

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| 1) Introduction to basic research methods.  
2) Introduction to journaling.  
3) Introduction to technical writing. | Evolution of technology through the industrial revolution historical period. | |

How will each course assess/grade the IA Grading will be based upon the ability of the participant to create a journal and the ability to write a technically sound essay.