

Re: New requirements for skinny and yolasites (tabs!)

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Same here :)

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I think it looks good.

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--John Donne, "Meditation 17"

>>> Yvette Davis 1/30/2012 2:07 PM >>>

Okay, I think we have it now:

**Yolasite:**

1. Home (include name, title, picture)
2. Resume
3. Personal Statement (college essay)
4. Letter to the Judges (with integrated reflection question 5)
5. Abstract
6. Product Proposal
7. Steps, Obstacles, and Successes (include 12 steps, 12 pictures, brief learning stretch and reflection on mentor collaboration in this slide)

Here's the link: <http://yvettedavis.yolasite.com/>

Please, let me know if I need to adjust anything else. I'll see you tomorrow. :)

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>>> Donna Coccaro 01/30/12 9:53 AM >>>

Since we are actually making the kids write a proposal in our classes this year, we need to leave it. Also, the Juniors are not going to do it this year, but next year, they are going to have the kids start working on the Yolasite in the 11th grade. At that time, if we feel the proposal needs to be in the 11th grade, they will be able to add the proposal to the site then.

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>>> Yvette Davis 1/30/2012 8:40 AM >>>

Thanks for your insights, Candace. Okay, I see where you'd like to put in the learning stretch. That makes sense. I included it in Nancy's sample, but I wasn't sure whether you all liked it there. So, everyone will simply remind the students to cover their learning stretches on the steps page, right? I think your suggestion about revising the Letter to the Judges to reflect the problem solving question is great. Does anyone else have thoughts about deleting the reflection tab? I'll go ahead and do that. At the same time, I'll pull the wording from question 5 into the letter page to make sure we don't miss it.

Other thoughts on the proposal tab? Keep it? Kill it? Just let me know. :)

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>>> Candace Phillips 01/30/12 7:46 AM >>>>

As stated in the original email regarding the Yolasite tabs, we'd like to have the learning stretch covered in the Steps, etc tab (see below). It seems to me that we cover pretty much all of the questions from the Reflection document you sent in the Steps, etc. tab with the possible exception of #5 about the problem solving, which we can include as part of the Letter to the Judges. I do not believe that we need a Reflection tab separate from the Letter to the Judges tab because at that point, things start to get redundant.

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Actually the other docs don't cover the learning stretch, which is one of the most important aspects of the project. A learning stretch is about putting oneself in a level of discomfort, as in having a moment of pause wherein the student is uncertain about whether or not he/she possesses the skills or knowledge to proceed. At West, students must explain their stretch thoroughly because they are assessed on this piece and will not pass without it.

As far as the proposal is concerned, it's actually better suited to juniors because that's where they are choosing topics in anticipation of products (as they do at Southeast). By the time they get to the product piece here, it's too late for a proposal. The product plan and the letter to the judges cover the same content as the proposal would.

So how's this set up?

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7. Reflection

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Yes, we DO want the proposal tab in the yolasite. We are going to have the students type up actual proposals this semester. We just couldn't last semester because by the time we realized we needed one, it was a little too late.

As far as the Reflection document you attached goes... We already have the students answering most of these questions in other places in the portfolio (specifically in the Steps, etc tab as you suggested), so I think it would be ok to have the tabs as you suggested. We should give more specific directions for the Steps, etc tab to make sure they cover all of the questions in the Reflection document you sent, but I think otherwise we have everything covered in those tabs. Other thoughts anyone?

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>>> Yvette Davis 1/29/2012 8:08 PM >>>

Hey everyone,

First off, I want to thank all of you for allowing me to collaborate with you. I hope to work with each of you a lot more because our students stand to benefit a lot if we combine as a productive partnership. :) I've revised the Yola sample, but there are two sticky points that should be addressed.

You have the prospectus in the skinny. I assume that's the original, which works great in the skinny. Do you still want the "Proposal" tab on the yolasite? Last semester this tab wound up being a digital version of the prospectus. The prospectus probably doesn't need to be in two places, especially since it's pretty rough at the beginning anyway. I'm taking that tab out of navigation for the moment. It's not deleted, but I won't put it back in until you tell me to do so. Thoughts?

### **NOW, Here's the BIGGY:**

You have combined the Letter to the Judges and the Personal Reflection, which was never supposed to happen because the content of these two documents is different. Randy knows that the Reflection document (once called the "Product Verification Checklist") actually addressed a series of specific questions. The content of the letter to the judges is different. I am attaching the original two documents for you to peruse; It would be better not to cut either and put both on Yola.

Here's the tab configuration that I would recommend:

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Please, take a look at the sample site to see how it plays out (well, kind of): <http://yvettedavis.yolasite.com/>

Looking forward to your feedback,

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>>> Candace Phillips 01/24/12 11:13 AM >>>

Hey everyone. Here's the info we discussed in our meeting today regarding what will go into the skinnies and yolasites this semester. For the skinny, we decided to include more "handwritten" documents and to remove some digital documents that could go into the eportfolio. For the yolasite, we have tried to consolidate some of the tabs in order to avoid redundancy within the site while also making each tab have substantial content. Davis, could you revise your instructions/website/etc to reflect the new tabs?

Skinny:

Cover page

Prospectus

Product plan

Product log

Mentor log

Extra evidence

Yolasite:

Home (include name, title, picture)

Resume

Personal Statement (college essay)

Abstract

Proposal

Steps, Obstacles, and Successes (include 12 steps, 12 pictures, brief learning stretch and reflection on mentor collaboration in this slide)

Reflection (Letter to the Judges)

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