

Item No. 1

Contributor: Angelica Smith

Item Title: the “tweet”

Item Category: Cyberlore Communities

Semester/year: Fall, 2014

Instructor: John McDowell

Item Description: Tweets are blurbs you post online via the Twitter website or app that are no more than 140 characters in length.

Points of Interest:

- Tweets are the most essential part of the website. Without them there would be no point to Twitter
- You can only see the tweets of those you “follow” and other people can only see your tweets if they “follow” you
- There can be much controversy over tweets depending on their content, especially when political or inappropriate affairs are involved
- There is no real right or wrong way to use a tweet. You can have someone tweeting about an IU basketball score and in the very same section of the timeline someone could be tweeting about how their mom gets angry when they don’t answer the phone.

Links: some examples of tweets authored by me from 12/10/14:

- <https://twitter.com/triplentendre/status/542831055032836096>
 - directly addressing my followers; hoping for a response
- <https://twitter.com/triplentendre/status/542824487826493440>
 - not directly addressing my timeline; not hoping for a response
- <https://twitter.com/triplentendre/status/542787697329598465>
 - not directly addressing my timeline; not hoping for a response

Additional Information:

Tweets are folkloric and an important part of student life because:

- They’re a way for people who have something in common to meet—the IU 2016 page is how I met who is now my best male friend; the page was our “mutual friend”
- A way to communicate, and how you do that will depend on outside influences (cultural background, person you’re speaking to, etc...)

Item No. 2

Contributor: Angelica Smith
Item Title: Followers
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Item Description: Followers are users whose tweets you indirectly subscribe to—meaning that their tweets appear on your timeline, but you're not necessarily notified about them

Points of Interest:

- People prefer to have either an equal number of followers and people in which they follow, or have more followers than people they follow, but not vice versa
- The only followers people purposely follow without expecting them to follow in return are celebrities

Links: some examples of tweets authored by me from 12/10/14:

Additional Information:

Followers are folkloric and an important part of student life because:

- Everyone has the same concept that they don't want to follow more people than who follow them
- Some take it more personal than others
 - I've known people to actually download apps to keep track of who unfollows them so they can unfollow them in return
 - Can be seen as taking pride in a sense of false or internet popularity

Item No. 3

Contributor: Angelica Smith
Item Title: Retweet vs. Favorite
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Item Description: “Retweeting” & “favoriting” are two ways to take someone else’s tweet and incorporate it to your account—either on your timeline or under the “favorites” tab

Points of Interest:

- Retweets post to the timeline, so in theory someone can build an internet identity based solely upon the thoughts of other people.
 - You typically retweet things you agree with, and that’s why that can work
- Some things are too raunchy/politically incorrect/foul for some people to feel like they can retweet it & thus share with all their followers, so they favorite it instead if they’re attached to it
- “Favorites” can be accessed by one’s followers as well but it’s not typical for one to go looking through another’s “favorites”
- It’s an accomplishment to receive multiple Retweets on a tweet, because that means it’s reached a lot of people

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Additional Information:

- The word “retweet” is actually used in everyday language now
 - Example of dialogue: Jason – “I think we should order Baked! cookies. That’ll put our movie night over the top.” Courtney – “Retweet!”
 - Here Courtney is agreeing that ordering Baked! is a good idea
 - This term obviously came from Twitter, but Courtney isn’t thinking that when she uses it.