

Keeping the Human Element at the Center College-Level Writing Online: Methods and Materials

When teaching medium moves from the classroom to online, it is vital that our methods and materials also adapt to the new teaching medium. Human element is key for the success of any class--onsite or online. Human element is the interest that is created for students to communicate with each other and the instructor. For instance, *facebook* and *myspace* have that human element that can "hook" the user's interest and make communication fun. Keeping that human element alive and dynamic is a challenge that many online instructor face today. In our presentation, we discuss ways in which methods and materials for teaching can be adapted for teaching college-level writing online so that the human element can be retained.