

## DigiText Overview and Rules

*Deadline: Entries for the 2012 DigiText must be completed and submitted no later than the entry deadline of 8:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), Friday, August 3, 2012*

DigiText is open to ALL TRIO students. It is an activity in which students create individual or team entries with appropriate support and direction by staff and other advisors.

Using Google Sites, students **individually** OR in **teams of two to six** create images with text for a DigiText submission.

**NEW: There are no longer required Categories, programs can review suitable categories on our website.**

**DigiText provides a short, simple, creative activity for all TRIO students. With appropriate support and direction by staff and other advisors, it is an effective way for individuals or teams to:**

- describe the significance/uniqueness of their entry, explain the entry's purpose, define its intended audience, list all objectives to impact the viewer, and illustrate how any challenges were embraced/tackled
- introduce students to compelling interaction between text and image
- introduce students to image manipulation (original photographs, artwork, graphics, etc)
- provide students a chance to be published on the Web
- promote a better understanding of ownership and copyright statements
- encourage research, reflection, and creative work by TRIO students

### Quality & Requirements of a DigiText Entry

- Follows Part B & Part C
- Completes the online submission form, provides all the required information, and submits by the deadline
- **Is submitted using Google Sites**
- Must be appropriate for viewing by students age 12 and above
- **NEW: For students under 18, a parental permission form must be kept by the program which states that a student's last name can be listed on the entry and the submission form IF last names are used in the entry**
- The entry must include:
  - Document Title
  - A page which follows the DigiText Rubric "Introduction & Reflection"
  - Image(s)—minimum of 1, maximum of 10
  - Minimum of 100 words (this is generally meant for poetry; NOTE: in order for prose to meet the rubric with high marks, it would generally contain more than 100 words)
  - Captions under images
  - **NEW: A Copyright Statement**, and (if applicable) References and Citations

### The DigiText must be intellectually honest:

- TRIO Quest rewards students who create their own digital image(s). This may be their own original photograph(s), a scan of their own artwork, or a digital creation (i.e., graphics, etc.) – basically anything the student creates
- Students must claim ownership of their original images by providing a **Copyright Statement** (a Copyright Statement example is provided on the DigiText template and on our site.)
- **If an image is not created by the student, it must be copyright free** (i.e., comes from a non-copyright image resource, such as Creative Commons or a family album) **AND the student must:** 1) list the resource it came from, 2) cite the image in the correct format requested by the free use resource, **AND** 3) provide an active link to the free use image
- If applicable, DigiText credits and citation are referenced within the DigiText content. Any outside source material used within the DigiText must be quoted or parenthetically cited on the page **AND** must be cited properly at the end of the writing (much like a research paper)
- **NOTE: Fair Use CANNOT be used for a DigiText entry**