KNOWLEDGE FALL 2021: SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

CRITICAL REFLECTION ESSAY

LENGTH OF FINAL ESSAY: 1200 – 1500 words

FINAL ESSAY WORTH: 25 % of your grade.

**ESSAY QUESTION*: How have social media transformed our understanding of and access to knowledge?***

PART A: EXPLANATORY PART

In the first part of your essay, explain what the three sources we have addressed on this topic in class have to say about this question: (1) David Weinberger's *Too Big to Know*, (2) the documentary *The Social Dilemma*, and (3) Ronald J. Deibert's *s*. *Reclaiming the Internet for Civil Society*. Include at least one paragraph on each of these three sources in your explanatory part. Make sure to give evidence and reference your sources properly.

PART B: REFLECTIVE PART

Present your view on the essay question in the form of an argument. Your argument should contain a clear statement of your overall view on the essay question – this will be the conclusion of your argument and your thesis statement for the essay. It should also contain three main premises – or supporting reasons – to convince your reader that your conclusion is worthy of belief. In your reflective part, develop each main premise in a paragraph of its own, with a well worked-out sub-argument showing why you think each premise is worthy of belief. In writing this part of your paper, you can make use of any of the readings we've addressed in class this semester and/or of other sources related to the topic that you find of interest. Just make sure that if you consult and use other sources, you reference them clearly and properly. You may also build an argument based entirely on your own reasoning process and/or experience, in which case, you don't need to reference any sources, but make sure your reasoning process is very clear.

(Please note that the student version of these guidelines includes information on several workshops in which we work together in class on scaffolding the essay. This is just a clarification of the topic and type of essay).