Guidelines

What is the point of Piranha?

Piranha is all about converting time into knowledge! Initially, our goal is to reproduce our classroom discussions and your reading notes and to increase the intensity of discussion. This will then create opportunities for making connections between different discussions even when these are far apart in time. With the help of labels, comments, and links between pages, we will finally be able to use this as a resource that will show us what dimensions of a problem we have covered before, and be able critically to examine old material.

You should participate in Piranha in three roles:

- as an individual author of posts in response to questions or blogs; for the latter, please create a new personal page as a child-page of the Blog. Notice that at the moment, all blogs are publicly visible, but after a while we could decide to make blogs private - let's talk about it in class.

- as a contributing author by filling out definitions of key concepts in the Glossary.

- as a contributing author to other child pages, such as rhetoric.

How much do I have to contribute to Piranha?

Specific tasks will be assigned each week. You will have to answer a question on one author in the course of this quarter, and respond to invitations to supply definitions for the Glossary. Beyond this, you are encouraged to post interpretations or discussions of your readings throughout the quarter, since such work will count towards your participation grade. This is particularly relevant to those of you who have had to miss class.

Creating new pages

You are all entitled to create new pages. However, your priority should be as follows:

Where possible, contribute to existing pages as an author or commentator. If you feel that what you have to say does not fit into any existing page category, create a new page and explain why.

In the reading blog section, you are explicitly asked to create a new page for yourself, since the reading blog will be restricted for your personal use unless explicitly specified otherwise.