

Diigo Social Bookmarking Directions for Students

During the next few weeks in class, we'll be using Diigo (<http://www.diigo.com>)—a social bookmarking tool—to research with one another. These directions will help you to get started:

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Steps to Take	Directions
Installing the Diigo toolbar	<p>In order to use <i>Diigo</i> to share bookmarks with other members of your class, you must install the <i>Diigo Toolbar</i> on to every computer where you are planning on doing research. To do this, follow the directions posted at http://www.diigo.com/tools. After installation is complete, the <i>Diigo Toolbar</i> will automatically appear beneath the address bar in your internet browser every time that you are online.</p> <p>If you are not allowed to install anything on the computers that you are using, you can still use <i>Diigo</i> for social bookmarking by adding the <i>Diigolet</i>—a simple version of the <i>Diigo Toolbar</i>—to your favorites. To do this, follow the directions posted at http://www.diigo.com/tools/diigolet</p>
Adding a bookmark to a Diigo research group	<p>Once you find a website that you'd like to share with your research partners, click the Bookmark button in the <i>Diigo Toolbar</i>. Add a two or three sentence summary of the site you are bookmarking in the <i>Description</i> box.</p> <p>Then, use the drop-down list under the <i>Share to Group</i> menu to make the site that you have found available to the other members of your class or student research group. Once you've selected the name of the Group that you would like to share with, a collection of Tags—or categories for the websites that your class is collecting—will appear. This is called a <i>Tag Dictionary</i>.</p> <p>Select the tags from the <i>Tag Dictionary</i> that best represent the category that your new website would fit into OR add a new category in the Tags box. Finally, click the Save button found that the bottom of the <i>Add a Bookmark</i> window. Your new website will automatically be shared with the rest of the members of your class or student research group.</p>
Browsing links shared by peers	<p>To look through the collection of links being shared by your group mates, begin by signing in to <i>Diigo</i> with the username and password that your teacher created for you. Then, select the My Groups link from the header near the top of the page to see the names of all of the groups that you currently belong to. Clicking on the Name of the Group whose links you want to browse will bring you to a complete list of all of the links shared by members of your group.</p>
Sorting links in your shared collection	<p>To sort through the links in your shared collection, find the Top Ten Tags menu on the right-hand side of your group's homepage. Clicking on the name of any tag will show you all of the sites that fit into that particular category. Clicking View All from the header of the Top Ten Tags menu will show you a complete list of all of the categories that your group's websites have been sorted into.</p>
Starting Conversations in Diigo	<p>While most of the conversations that happen in <i>Diigo</i> take place around highlights inserted in individual articles, it is possible to start conversations that are not connected to articles. After landing on the homepage of a group listed under the My Groups menu, select Topic from the Post menu at the top of the screen. After entering a Title, Comment and Tags, click the Post button at the bottom of the screen. Members of your group will now be able to see your new conversation.</p>