**ENG 210-27**

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**Summary and (brief) Critique** of Alhabash and Ma, A tale of four platforms: Motivations and uses of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat among college students?*, Social Media + Society* 2017, Volume 3, Issue 1 (where is that info?).

1) We’ll look briefly at the article online today. To draft your summary, you might want to follow this summarizing process:

* Write topic sentence(s) (paraphrased version of the thesis or research questions)
* Make summary sentences for secondary points. This should follow the structure of the article: an introduction, including where and why this research was done (context, exigence), theoretical background including research questions and hypotheses, the methods used, the results (findings), and the conclusions (discussion).
* Select some details to illustrate the secondary points. These might be quotes, or, more likely, statistics or other factual claims.

2) Follow your summary with a *brief* critique. Include reference to at least one of the following:

* Have the authors defined their terms? Is it clear what they are saying?
* Are the conclusions valid? Are they supported by the evidence or data that they gather?
* Is there anything that could be added? Anything that seems controversial? How does it connect with what you know about the Internet?

3) Include in-text citations in APA style for the first reference to this paper, and for any quotes. These will be of the form: Alhabash and Ma (2017) say that online communities can be “highly charged territory” (p. 5) or: Online communities are often “highly charged territory” (Alhabash & Ma, 2017, p. 5) unless they quote someone else: Philip Bromberg supported this idea, noting that, “Health is when you are a multiple, but feel a unity” (as cited in Turkle & Smith, 2001, p. 294). Note again that APA does not require page numbers for paraphrases although APA “encourages you to do so.” Also give the APA reference to the article as your Work Cited list. For our course, use *italics* instead of underlining for journal names, book titles.

The complete paper is due **Tuesday, April 6** with two-plus pages, double-spaced word-processed text in 12-point Times New Roman. Third person only. Do a *word count* (look at status bar at bottom of window) and put that on the paper.

Be prepared to discuss the article, and raise questions, next class as part of your participation grade.