ENGL 121 – Twitter Assignment

As we will be using Twitter to build a scholarly/professional presence and to conduct research, your first two readings are on privacy issues. You will read the articles, then use your Twitter account to make a total of three tweets in reference to the article. What follows is a step-by-step breakdown. Please read it thoroughly before you begin:

STEP ONE: Read “How Social Media Privacy Settings Could Affect Your Future” by Amanda Augustine and “Why We Post Nothing About Our Daughter Online” by Amy Webb. I recommend printing them off and doing your questions and connections as you have been for class.

STEP TWO: Log in to Twitter. You will make a total of three tweets, which could include any combination of the following:

• Something you learned from one of the articles
• Something you disagreed with about one of the articles
• A question you have about what you read in one of the articles

HOW TO COMPOSE YOUR TWEETS

• Remember, you only have 140 characters to work with. This includes your hashtags and the authors’ names
• Make sure to tweet “to” the author of the article you’re responding to. The authors’ Twitter IDs are as follow:
  o Amanda Augustine: @JobSearchAmanda
  o Amy Webb: @WebbMedia
  o Be sure to include the @ sign before their Twitter names – this will make sure they see your tweet
• You must include the hashtag #ENGL121 in each tweet in order to receive credit
  o Don’t forget the # sign for the hashtag – that’s what makes it a hashtag
  o Hashtags are a way to form a temporary community and allowing people who don’t follow each other to see what others are saying about the same subject

For more information about composing tweets, you can visit the “Getting Started on Twitter” help page, which is linked in Unit Two on our course website.

Starting this assignment sooner rather than later will help ensure your success and alert us to any technical difficulties you may be having. If you are confused and/or need help, alerting me sooner rather than later will result in a better experience. Waiting until the last minute jeopardizes your chances of getting help in a timely manner.