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English 101
Professor Lewis

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Final Essay

Instructions: **You must bring all of this material with you to the Final Essay.** You may bring a dictionary and a handbook.

In addition to carefully reading these instructions, be sure you read:

- Farhad Manjoo, "Do I Really Have to Join Twitter" (163-164)
- Alexis Madrigal "Take the Data out of Dating" (165-166)
- Kevin Clarke, "Tweet Like an Egyptian" (166-167)
- Clive Thompson, "I'm So Totally, Digitally Close to You" (168-177)

Highlight, underline, and annotate each reading. Highlighting and annotating important points in the readings will make the readings more accessible during the examination. You may want to discuss these readings with your classmates. You may even want to do additional research; however, you are not required to do so. You may use one sheet of paper to write an outline on. Remember, **you may not bring <u>a prepared essay to the examination.</u>**

You are required to cite at least two of the works here in your essay. You are not required to produce a Works Cited page.

If you choose to use additional research, you must still cite it and staple it to your final essay.

The internet is filled with dating websites and social networking sites. All of them desire to connect people with each other in various ways through the use of algorithms. Facebook, Twitter, Match.com, and eHarmony all argue that they can get people together. People manage to find soulmates, best friends, and groups to belong to. They may never leave their living room or office to find them either.

Although, many people also spend large portions creating thin connection with words and pictures on a screen rather than real people. A lack of face time can often translate to a lack of knowledge about a person. Many people become disconnected and nervous about the outside world. The cliché of someone living behind a screen pretending to be someone they are not is still alive and well today.

Can deep, meaningful relationships be found or rediscovered through social networking? Why or why not?