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SI 529 Assignment #2: Community Summary

1500-2000 words. Submit printed copy, double-spaced, stapled. If you're willing to share your document with interested classmates, attach it to a blog entry.

Summarize the community that you're studying.

Your summary should include a discussion of:

- Who participates (the community in Wenger et al's terms, if your community is a community of practice)
- Purpose of the community (the domain in Wenger et al's terms)
  - It may be helpful to discuss the purpose from the perspective of the site owner and the members separately, if their interests diverge.
- Activities, events, rituals, etc.-- how interaction is structured (the practice in Wenger et al's terms)

Write this document for a practitioner audience, not an academic audience. Imagine that this document will provide background on the community for a reader who might start by reading one of your future assignments that focuses on a particular feature of the community.

As always, if you borrow an idea, cite the source and if you borrow text, quote it. But this document should be readable on its own, even by someone who has not read everything we've read for class.