ComS 207
Dyadic Communication

Extending Concepts + presentation (Optional)

Goals
To identify a significant concept in the required reading literature
To elaborate the concept using resources discovered through research
To explain the concept such that new/more useful dimensions are exposed

Directions:
From the reading, select a concept that merits further attention or explanation.
Go to the citations related to the concept
Read the literature that was cited and search for information, ideas, that were left out of the discussion when presented in the article or chapter you were assigned. Using what you've found, expand, illuminate, clarify, re-present, develop, critique and link that to the reading.

You will produce a short paper, that:
    a. Locates (contextualizes) the concept you've targeted in the assigned reading and reproduces enough of the original discussion to still make sense once this course is over
    b. Discuss (expand, illuminate….) the targeted concept using the new material you've examined
    c. Make clear what is new and the contribution it makes to the original presentation
    The paper will be free of grammatical and spelling errors; will use APA stylebook for references.

Once finished, you will make a short presentation to the class (5-10 min) of your findings; teach them what you've learned.
Post your paper to SacCT for all to review and comment.

Example
You can read an example of the product in *Approaching Dialogue* (section 11.5, pp. 217-219 top ¶) wherein Linell extends the concept of "communicative project". Notice how he completes all three tasks noted immediately above. Paragraphs 1,2 of sec.11.5 accomplish task "a"; the following two paragraphs accomplish tasks "b" and "c".