

PLE Narrative W.11 – Jessica Hodgdon

I chose a puzzle to represent my personal learning environment because I want to show that everything fits together to complete a whole picture. I have Google at the center because I use Google for everything: Google search, Google scholar, Google calendar, Google desktop, Google maps... I use them all so much, but I didn't want my PLE to be too Google-filled, so I just went with the generic Google logo to represent all of these things.

I tried to group things that I feel go together, such as my favorite news sources: NPR and the LA Times. I also put communication together: Gmail and Skype. I put all my favorite gadgets together: my laptop, camera, and iPod alongside the software packages I use most often.

As museum studies is my concentration, I wanted to be sure to include museums on my PLE. I'm learning both about becoming a museum administrator in my classes, and I also learn at museums as a visitor. I chose to put LACMA's logo (Los Angeles County Museum of Art) on my PLE because it is my favorite museum to visit, but it's meant to represent museums as a whole.

Along with using Google to search, I use Wikipedia in my personal life and the UO libraries for schoolwork, so I have all of those items grouped. My personal and school-related blogs are also represented next to one another.

Things that may seem out of place include the tea kettle and sweater. Tea and sweaters keep my comfortable and cozy, which makes it easier for me to learn. I tend to have both tea and a sweater every day!

Facebook and xkcd are next to each other because they often distract me from my schoolwork, but I learn from them in other ways. From Facebook I learn about upcoming events and often news stories friends have posted. From xkcd I learn about theories in math, physics, and velociraptors; many such references I have to Google to understand.

The airplane is meant to represent my love of travel; I love experiencing new cultures, and of course, it's next to my museum puzzle piece because I love visiting museums everywhere I go!