# Expanding the Testing Paradigm in a Digital Age

#### Three Kinds of Expansion

- constructivist comprehension to augment factual comprehension
- project assessment to augment testing
- *digital literacy* to augment print literacy

# Secondary Education in the United States

## constructivist testing

project assessment

## digital literacy

Pacesetter Program Project Component

College-preparatory program for culturally diverse high school students

English Language Arts

literature film media

Sponsored by the College Board

#### Evaluation Based on Two Kinds of Communication

Oral (spoken words and graphics) Print

(written words and graphics)

#### Sample Project

# The Use of 'Negro' and 'Black' in James Baldwin's "Stranger in a Village"

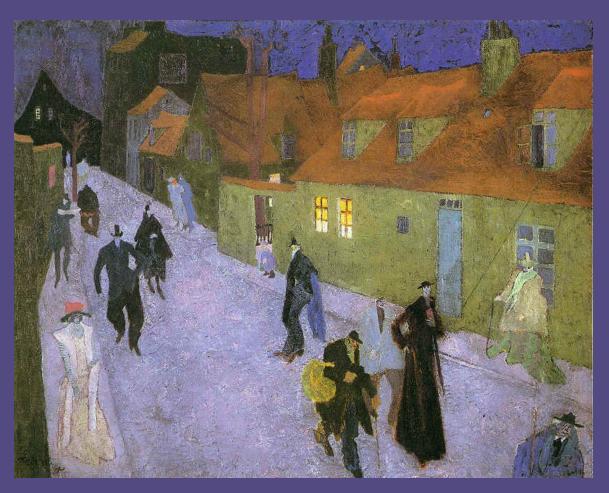
### Sample Slides for Oral Presentation

#### The Stranger



"Know from whence you came..."





"... If you know from whence you came, there are no limitations to where you can go."

#### Initial Sentence of the Essay

"From all available evidence no <u>black man</u> had ever set foot in <u>this tiny Swiss village</u> before I came."

#### black man

Baldwin wrote this essay in the early 1950s, a time when he was using both black and Negro in his writing. He ends the first paragraph by shifting to Negro, thus setting up a tension between how he perceives himself and how the villagers perceive him. This tension is explored throughout the essay as he shifts back and forth between the two terms.

#### this tiny Swiss village

Baldwin does not provide the name of this Swiss village: in fact, the essay provides virtually no evidence that the reader can use to identify the village. By avoiding such naming, Baldwin manages to create an atmosphere of collusion between himself and the villagers: just as they remain on the margins of history, so he, too, remains there.

Baldwin uses this marginality to explore a major theme: "The American Negro slave...is unique among the black men of the world in that his past was taken from him" (note the shifting from *Negro* to *black*). This loss of identity is central to both Baldwin's *Nobody Knows My Name* and Ralph Ellison's *The Invisible Man*.

These works foreshadow another shift of language that was later to appear—the shift from *black* to *African American* represents a further movement to restore the past.

#### References for Written Presentation

Sample Websites Used

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http://www.claireburch.com/memorial.html The James Baldwin Memorial Site

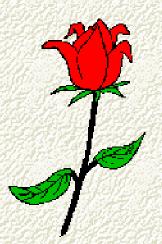
#### James Baldwin (1924-1987) Teacher Resource File

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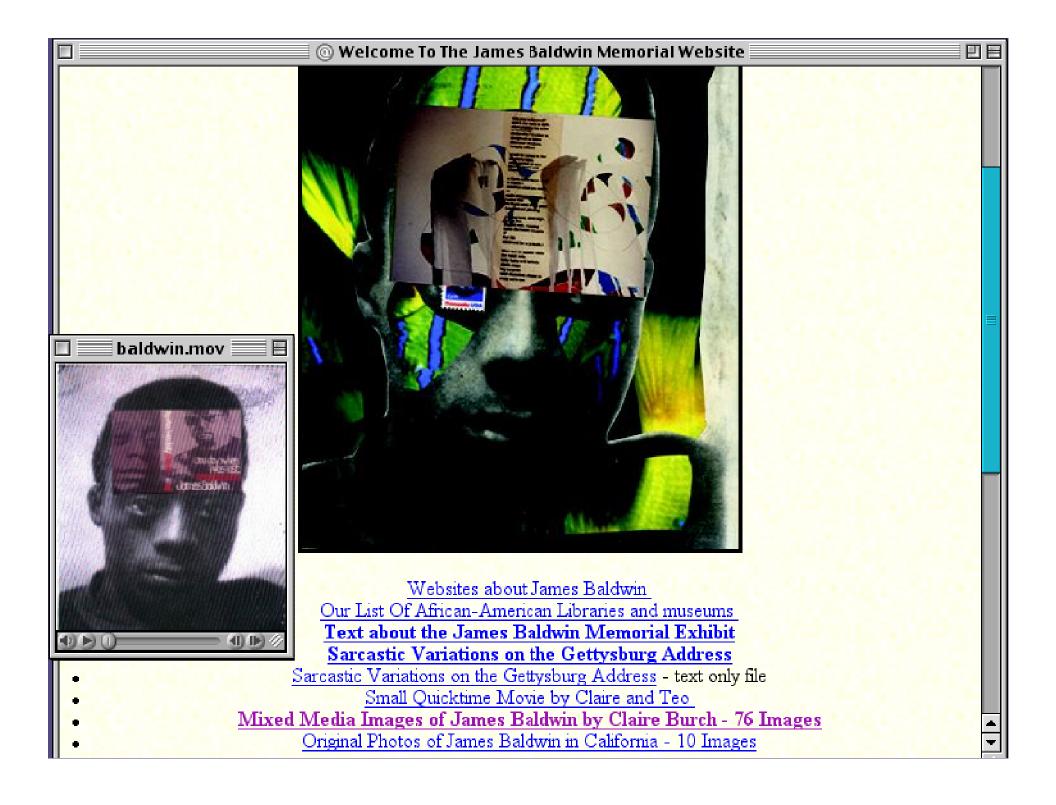
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#### L'hommage à James Baldwin

projet associé au cycle UNESCO de "La Route de l'Esclave", sous la responsabilité d'<u>Alain Roullier</u>.

Alain Roullier, auteur du *Gardien des âmes*, est responsable de l'hommage internationa James Baldwin, pour lequel il a cédé ses droits d'auteur. L'UNESCO, organisateur d'un va projet d'une durée de cinq ans intitulé " La Route de l'Esclave ", a accordé à l'hommage ren à James Baldwin le statut de " projet associé ". Plusieurs personnalités de premier plan accordé leurs hauts-patronages : M. le Directeur Général de l'UNESCO, M. le Pren Ministre, Mme la Ministre de la Culture et de la Communication, M. Jack Lang.

Un cycle de conférences a été initié en France :

A Saint-Paul de Vence tout d'abord, le 14 novembre 1998. James Baldwin, Jimmy pour intimes, vécut plusieurs années dans ce célèbre petit village de la Côte d'Azur avec compagnon Bernard Hassell. Ils y recevaient leurs amis du monde entier comme Montand

## Higher Education in the People's Republic of China

project/portfolio

digital literacy

## Doing English Digital Zhang Wei, Beijing University

- Students use the Internet to do a research project.
- The project is in their major field of study.

## Target Skills for the Research Project

- searching for information in major field
- evaluating the information
- organizing the information
- communicating the information

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### Sample Oral Project

# Criminal Procedural Justice in China

## Law School Lee Lei



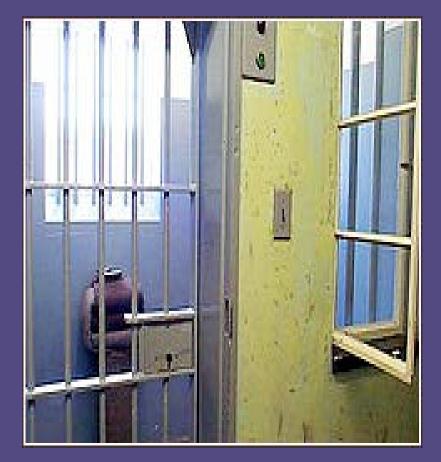
#### Some facts

 As one of the authorities in Chinese criminal law, Prof. Chen Xingliang estimated, over 70% of the evidences collected in the criminal cases are pertinent to extorting confession by torture.(Zhou,1998)



#### Some facts

 According to one report of the the **Public Security** Ministry, in 1997, there were 35 deaths caused by extorting the confession by torture in the nationwide police system.(Zhou, 1998)



#### Some facts

 Even in the Zhejiang province, during the year of 1997, there were 15 crimes of extorting confession by torture, which increased by 15.4% compared to that in 1995. (Zhou, 1998)



#### Definition

- Substantive law is the law that creates, defines, and regulates the rights and duties of the parties. (Rick & Steven, 1997)
- Procedural law prescribes methods for enforcing rights or obtaining compensations for their invasion. (Rick & Steven, 1997)
- Similarly, justice can be separated into substantive and procedural justice. (Rick & Steven, 1997)

Judicial tradition: lack of procedural justice

• The excessive attention of the criminal substantive law

#### Reason:

- 1. Ideological
- 2. Historical
- 3. Systematical
- 4. Cultural

#### Significance of procedural justice to the rule of law

- <u>First</u>, the elemental human rights can be protected more effectively.
- <u>Second</u>, insurance of the procedural justice also means adequate limitations of the strong judicial power.
- Third, as to the common individual, real procedural justice can enhance the their confidence in the judicial power and regulate their behaviors in the framework of law.

Some opposing views

Decreasing efficiency. (Nathan, 2001)

• The negligence of substantive justice.(Nathan, 2001)

#### We still have a long way to go



 The elemental human rights of the suspect can be protected more effectively





### <u>Back</u>

#### Third

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### Sample Written Presentation

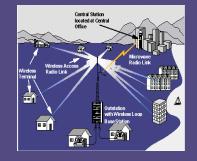
Recombination of the Communication Systems – Wired Systems as the Main Actor

# Recombination of the Communication Systems – Wired Systems as the Main Actor

As multimedia and Internet push the need of digital communication ahead, communication systems are growing rapidly and many new technologies have been developed, such as the very high speed Digital Service Line (VDSL), the Wireless Local Loop (WLL) and the Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA). We can put our communication systems into two classes. One is the wired system, which uses cable as the carrier of signal and which is recommended here. The other is radio system, which uses electromagnetic wave as the carrier of signal and which is quite popular nowadays but actually may cause inefficiency and wastes. It includes wireless system and mobile system



Wired Systems (From www.compaq.com)



Wireless System (From www.plextek.co.uk)



Mobile Systems (From www.usatoday.com)

#### Sample Entry in References

3G Wireless Communication Systems http://w3.antd.nist.gov/wctg/3G/3G.html

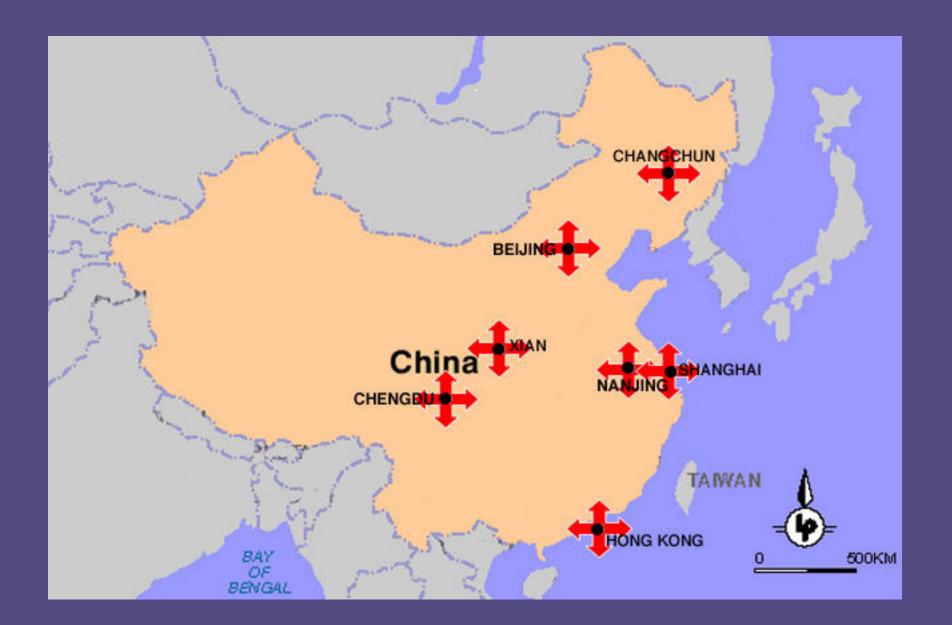
This web site provides an overview upon 3G communication systems, focusing on the xCDMA technologies. From this page I can gain some knowledge of the wireless and mobile systems, about their technologies and about their performances. Since the page is from a ".gov" web site and is written in an objective way, most of the contents is not arguable, so the reliability should be good.

## Doing English Digital Zhang Wei, Beijing University

- first disseminate to national universities (Nanjing University, Fudan University, Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- then these universities disseminate to provincial universities







## digital literacy

project assessment

## constructivist testing