

HW4 Community profile, 750 words

Pick some Wisconsin community that exemplifies issues, themes, topics and languages or dialects you're interested in ways that connect with this class. (If you don't have ideas in mind, I'm happy to give you suggestions and there are plenty of options.)

Using local and state history sources and data from the US Census and the American Community Survey and other sources, provide a basic sketch of language and immigration in the community, including

- languages spoken,
- places of origin of immigrants,
- community institutions that use and/or used the languages in question:
 - religious institutions,
 - newspapers,
 - social institutions,
 - schools.

I encourage you to do this work in pairs or groups of three; you'll write your own piece, but can share resources and ideas and trade drafts with other people interested in similar issues.

Resources

You can look at the Hustisford paper or various chapter in *Wisconsin Talk* to see how other people get information on communities and what kind of stuff is out there.

- US Census, available **on campus** through Ancestry.com. Go to the Library website and enter 'ancestry.com' in a catalog search (ignore the user guides and stuff, you want the actual Ancestry.com link). It'll show up as an online research.
- American Community Survey, <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/> (recent demographic info, including some language).
- Local histories and related material. The Wisconsin Historical Society, <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15325>, has remarkable amounts of material on communities large and small and there's even a good bit in Memorial. Search the community you're looking at but also GO to those libraries and TALK to librarians. Especially the WHS staff are mostly incredibly knowledgeable and helpful.
- Ask me questions.

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