

HW5: Full community profile, 1000 words plus tables, references, etc.

You now know a fair bit about some community or area in Wisconsin (or maybe two) from the last two assignments. We're now going to build on that. You should find and read local materials that give insight into the situation of language and immigration in a community. Many towns have published histories. Amazing numbers of religious organizations do as well, and many schools and social organizations. At worst, counties normally have good histories and local newspapers are hugely valuable sources. Here's the assignment:

- Start by compiling a bibliography of materials on the history of the community or area. Some of these will be scholarly and some just local materials. If you're looking at a larger place like Milwaukee or Fond du Lac, you don't need an exhaustive list. It's fine if you find 10-12 that are relevant to language and the neighborhood or language or issue you're interested in.
- For each entry, write up a sentence or two about what it might be able to tell us about language and immigration in the community.
- Read the most relevant material (or all if there's not much), with a focus on language. How much you read will vary, but it should be a significant amount, like a couple of short books.
- Describe what the sources tell us generally about language and immigration in the community. Our Hustisford paper shows some ways to approach this, but there are many different stories and ways to tell the stories.
- If you can identify particular events in local history that are relevant to language — closure of a foreign-language newspaper, some particular conflict, e.g. around the Bennett Law, search for local newspapers articles.

The above is gathering basic information. **The crucial final step** is to begin to develop an argument or answering an original question about language and immigration in the community. Turn the material above into a short essay that integrates this research into what you found in your last assignments.

A typical assignment would look like this:

- Essay
- Data
- Annotated bibliography

At this point, I ask you to propose the directions you think the data best support. If this will become your semester project, I will work with you to shape this as original research.

50 points