Navigate CNM eTextbook in Web Browser

Here we will go over some of the basics of how to navigate a CNM OER eBook/eTextbook using your standard web browser. There will be some variations in how the OER looks in different web browsers; however, the similarities should be more noticeable. For our purposes, I will use one of the more common web browsers, Google Chrome, which can be used on any device platform including Apple devices.

When using a web browser to read your eBook you will need an active wifi network. If you need to work offline, you should refer back to the *Locate and Open* document which explains how to download an eBook.

CNM eBook - Smartphone - Navigating in a Web Browser

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This demonstration is using Chapter 12 of the English 1101/1102 CNM OER. In the adjacent screenshot, note the circled (blue) icon for Table of Contents and the circled (blue) Chapter 12 hyperlink.



Glossary

To view glossary, click on the icon circled in Figure 2. In Figure 3, a screenshot shows you the entry for the vocabulary word/phrase "personal narrative." If you are in a smartphone browser, you may not be able to use the back arrow to return to the previous page. In Figure 4, circled is the icon that allows you to move between pages you have viewed.

Fig 2: Glossary Icon



Fig 3: Glossary Entry



Fig 4: Move Between Pages



Writing Notes (ie., Digital Annotation)

In a web browser you will not be able to highlight words or phrases, insert notes or comment boxes, or bookmark items you want to return to. If you would like these features consider downloading the eBook into Amazon Kindle app or a different PDF Reader app. For ideas of usable apps review the documents on *Apps for eBooks and Notetaking*.

Figure 5: Animations & Hyperlinks

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When using a CNM OER in a web browser, some animations and interactive features are available. In yellow, notice the button to switch between stills from an animated short. In green, notice the hyperlink to view the full animation. If you click on the hyperlink it will open up a new web browser page. Typically, any words or phrases highlighted in bold blue are hyperlinks and will link to an external website. There are also YouTube video links that will play directly in the web browser.

If you are using a downloaded pdf, the animations and/or hyperlinks may or may not work correctly. It will depend on the app and generation of CNM OER you are using.



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CNM eBook – Desktop or Laptop Computer – Web Browser vs Amazon Kindle (pdf version)

Table of Contents – Kindle vs Chrome

This section demonstrates how the CNM English 1101/1102 OER eTextbook appears differently in the Google Chrome browser vs the Amazon Kindle app for PC. There will be slight differences depending on the browser and device used, but the similarities should be noticeable. In the Figure 6 screenshot, you see, side-by-side, the Table of Contents and Chapter 12 selected.

Figure 6: Screenshot, English 1101/1102 OER, Chapter 12 (Left – Google Chrome, Right – Amazon Kindle for PC)



Glossary – Kindle vs Chrome

In Figure 7, on the left side you will see a similar glossary icon available for the OER in the web browser format that was demonstrated on the smartphone in Figure 1. However, on the right in Amazon Kindle, you will see that the glossary icon does NOT work. If you click on the icon nothing will happen. On the other hand, if you click on any word in the document, the Amazon Kindle app will open a dictionary. You will still get an explanation of the word, but you will not get the glossary definition produced by the authors of the OER. Be aware of this difference. At this point in time, there is not a separate glossary chapter/appendix that can be linked in Amazon Kindle.

Figure 7: Glossary Icon vs Dictionary



Writing Notes (ie., Digital Annotation) - Kindle vs Chrome

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In Amazon Kindle you CAN use these features. Other eReaders and notetaking apps also have working versions of these features. Figure 8 shows you how to find the highlighting and Add Note features in Amazon Kindle. First, highlight the words you want to either highlight or add a note to. Then the box with 4 different highlighting colors and Add Note will pop up. Select or your color, or, select Add Note. If you select Add Note they you will see a comment box like in Figure 9. In Figure 10, you can see blue arrows that point to 3 different inserted notes. If you look at the icon indicated by the orange icon, you can see all notes by chapter or for the entire book.

Figure 8: Highlighting and Notes



Figure 9: Add Notes



Figure 10: Notes Added to Text



Animations, URLs, and Hyperlinks – Kindle vs Chrome

As you saw with the description of use the web browser on your smartphone, there are some animations and interactive features are available. However, when using a using a downloaded pdf, these animations and/or hyperlinks do not work correctly. If you want to follow the hyperlinks or see the animations you will need to open the CNM OER in a web browser. There are other non-CNM OER eBooks that do have active hyperlinks and animations that work in Amazon Kindle, for example, OpenStax OERs. Don't assume all eBooks have the same limitations. Experiment!