

Sample *Smartxt!* Extra Credit Assignment

Your class and instructor have been selected to participate in a special project. Through this project students have the added advantage of reading their textbook in a digital form that **READS OUT LOUD**. In addition to reading your textbook out loud the program provides:

- ✓ On-line dictionary for instant access to definitions
- ✓ Digital study skills tools for taking notes, highlighting important terms and generating study guides
- ✓ MP3 files for listening to your textbook on the go
- ✓ Text-to-speech support for editing papers
- ✓ Embedded instructor notes (select classes)

To encourage you to try this new study approach you will be given extra credit for using this tool with **chapter 8 or 9** of your class. Steps to using the program and acquiring extra credit:

1. Sign-up for **FREE** lab access course. Course: Code 20821, LRNE 501, Inst. Kayden
2. Visit the Universal Learning Lab (Eagle Village room EV-4)
 - a. Pick-up a 30 day demo copy of the Kurzweil text-to-speech software
 - b. Download **chapter 8 and 9** of your textbook on a USB flash drive (lab has loaner flash drives as needed)
3. Use the Kurzweil to read the chapter in the lab and/or at home. **Create an outline for chapter 8 or chapter 9 that you can use as a study tool (Outline info on back)**
 - a. For home use install the 30 day demo copy along with the chapter file
4. Fill-out this form and have it signed by a student mentor in the Universal Learning Lab

I have used the Kurzweil text-to-speech software to read **chapter _____** of my textbook. The most helpful components of the program were:

I would like to use this with the rest of my textbook Yes / No

Class: _____

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Universal Learning Lab Mentor: _____

Return form to your instructor for extra credit

Create an outline using Kurzweil 3000

1. Highlight Main headings in “Yellow”, Subtopics in “Green” and Bolded Vocabulary in “Cyan”

- a. These are the 4 color highlighters located in the Study Skills Toolbar.



- b. Click on a highlighter to select it.
 - c. Hold the mouse button down and drag the cursor along the text you want highlight. Release the mouse button when done.
 - d. To erase highlighting, select the eraser from the toolbar hold the mouse button down and drag the cursor along the text you want to erase.
 - e. Click on the Eraser / or Highlighter to release it.
2. Extract your highlighted into an outline
 - a. Go to File on the Main Toolbar and select, “Extract Annotations”. In the extracted window select “Highlights”
 - b. Indent highlights into an outline.
 - i. Next to the colored highlights you will see Indent fields.
 1. For the Green Highlight type 0.50 in the indent field.
 2. For Cyan Highlight type 0.75 in the indent field.
 3. Click OK to extract the highlighted text into an outline.
 - c. Add additional information as needed in the extracted window (ex. Definitions next to bolded terms).
 - d. Name and date your outline.
 - e. Print
 - i. Go to File and select Print