What Happened During the Chat?

During the week one live chat session, Professor Taylor presented a lot of helpful

information on many topics. Those topics included discussing the basic software and

equipment requirements (and some options) for producing our final project, guidance on

the length of our final project, the value of getting our computers 'cleaned up', the

necessity of having an external hard drive, the unit one list of educator resources, the unit

one requirements and the related resources within those assignments and a couple periods

of student Q&A. Some of the more helpful points that came out of the discussion were:

- For final projects, use the multi-media tool you are most comfortable with.

- Camtasia is 'buggy'; save your work A LOT.

- With respect to final projects, don't focus so much on a target length. Focus on

  the product. It has to be long enough to convey the meaning and accomplish its

  purpose.

- Subscribe to the educator resources on the list provided in order to stay up to date

  on latest gadgets and technology for teachers.

- Recommended use of vimeo and daily motion.

- Some illuminating points about the new literacy and info graphics.

- A quick demonstration of Camtasia.

- For final projects, record your audio first then coordinate your visuals to follow

  the narration, not the other way around.

- Helpful discussion of the importance of player aspect ratios.