Examples of Final Exam Questions

You will be asked to write short essays that will be illustrated by work in your journals. You will be given Post-Its to tag locations in your journal. Your journal will be returned before the start of next semester.

☐ IDEAS
Describe an idea that was rejected by your team for the semester project. Explain why it was rejected and – given how your project turned out – whether that was a good decision or not.

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If no idea was rejected, extend an idea that your team did use, making the idea better.

☐ INFORMATION
Write a letter to a friend describing what “design of information” is. This should be both what the ideas are and how you came to learn them. I am not expecting something exhaustive, but something personal. Have someone specific in mind who did not take the class; you should introduce your letter with a short description of your intended recipient. Cite some examples from your notes – cite at least a couple of ideas that were new to you and/or methods that you found useful. Try to tie together elements from the many different parts of the class.

☐ PROCESS
Create a storyboard of the team meeting where you worked out the concept for team project. The reader should get some idea of how you generated ideas, how decisions were made, and how work got done. Label each storyboard box sequentially. Use the hierarchical numbering scheme to label simultaneous activities (e.g. 2.1 and 2.2 happen at the same time.) Linked illustrations in your journal use the same numbers as the storyboard cell (e.g. storyboard cell 2.1 might have links to note 2.1.0 and sketch 2.1.1 ).

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Knowing now how it turned out, how would you carry out the project differently if given the same assignment again? Remember this is a process question, so think about how responsibilities were set, decisions made, time was spent, activities that you might have added or dropped, and what you learned or might have learned if you had done things differently. Do NOT describe changes to content or design of the project.

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Each team gave and received critiques of their designs for the website and the public display. What are elements of a good review? How would you recognize the difference between a good and a bad review? What would you do differently next when you write a review?