

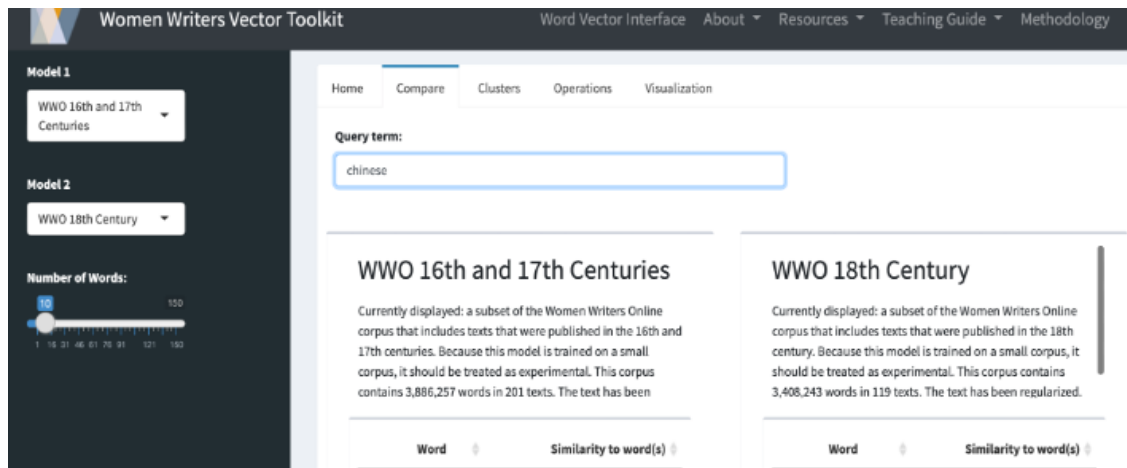
HIS182 Asian Civilizations 2 (2023 Winter)

Assignment: Textual Analysis of “Orientalism” in the WWP database

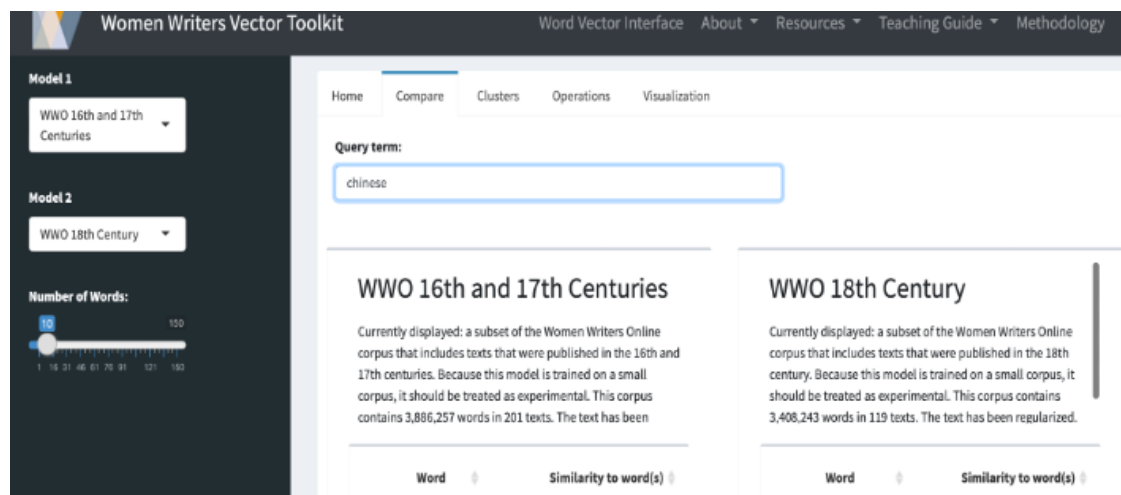
Profile: explore the WWP Interface and compose a reflection post on the Padlet (>100 words)

A step-by-step guide to playing with the WWP database

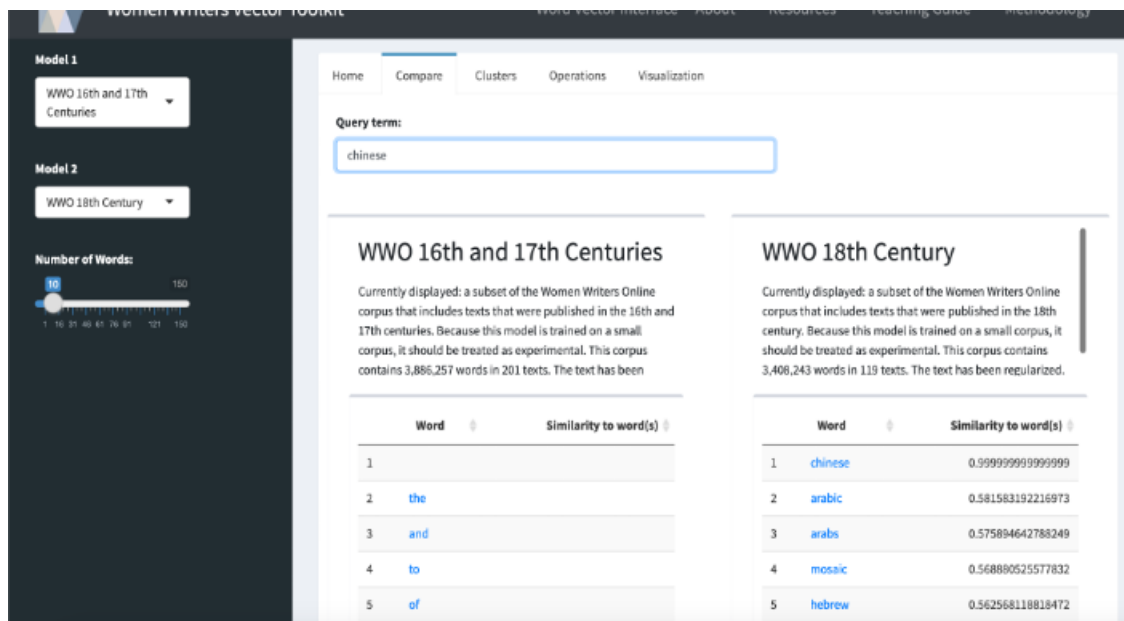
Step 1: visit the online platform <http://lab.wwp.northeastern.edu/> and click the function of “compare”



Step 2: choose two models (which refer to different databases) and enter an Asia-related keyword. For example, you could choose the two models "WWO 16th and 17th centuries" and "WWO 18th century," which refer to the databases containing the texts of women writers in English in the two periods. And enter "Chinese" in the block.

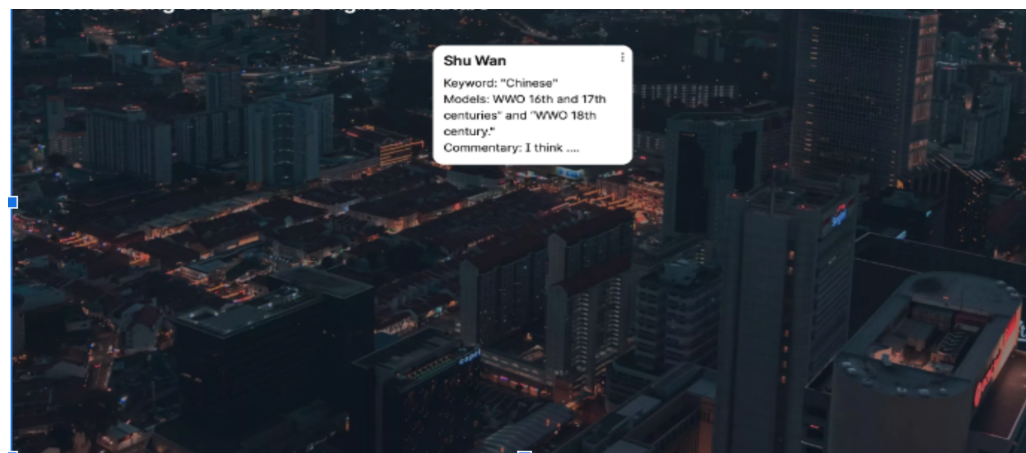


Step 3: read and analyze the results. As shown in the result below, the word “Chinese” was almost nonexistent in the 16th and 17th centuries, but it became popular in the following century. The “similarity to word(s)” refers to the logical connection between the entered word and other words in the texts. For example, in the 18th century, the word “Chinese” was always related to “Arabic.” Your commentary may be concerned with explaining why the two groups are so connected in the 18th century and why there are no records about the “Chinese” in the 16th and 17th centuries.

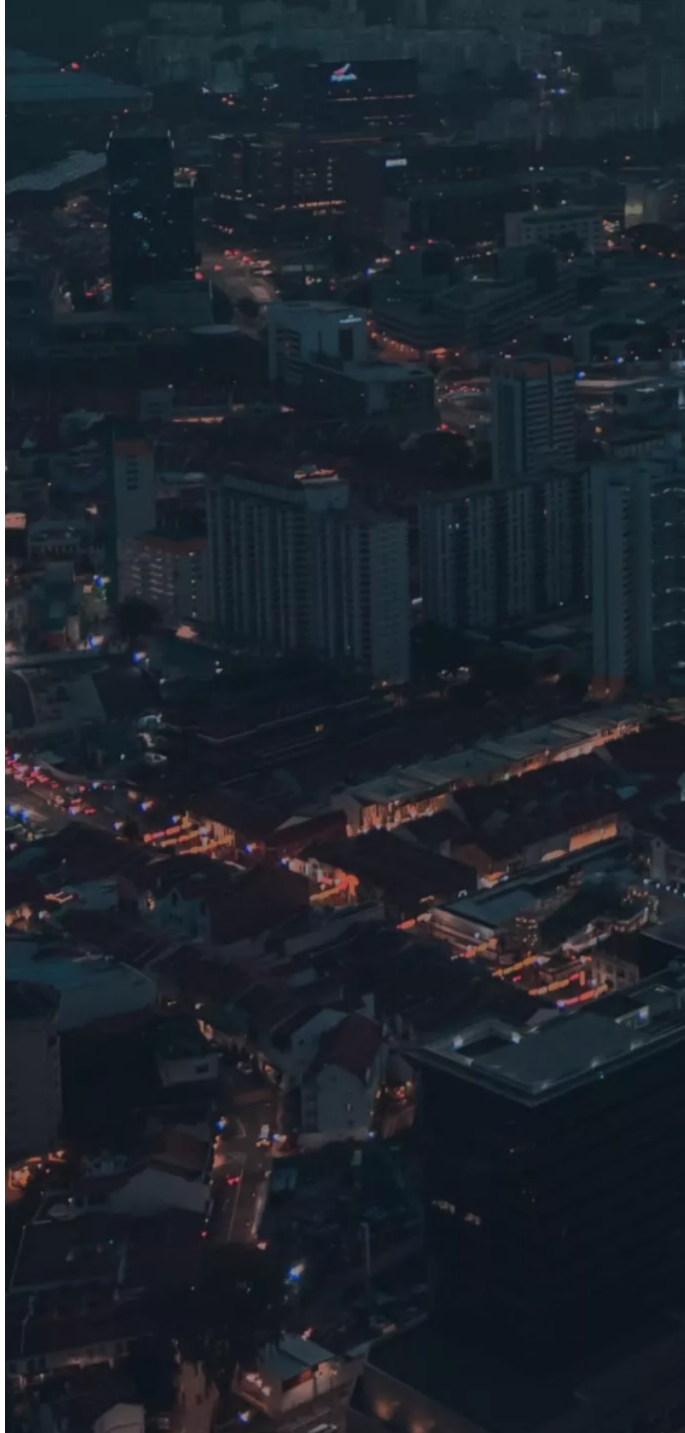


Step 4: post your commentary on the Padlet page

(<https://padlet.com/shuwan/1u16mfxi0urnvamz>) The format of your poster should be as follows:



Assignment Example



Keyword: "Cyprus" - 'the island of Cyprus'

Models: WWO 16th and 17th Centuries and WWO 19th Century

Commentary: I think that this is important because it shows the similarities and differences between a common word depending on the century and time period that people are using the word 'Cyprus'. Some common words from the texts that were published in the 16th and 17th centuries refer to 'Cyprus' as; Aegypt, Albanian, Troy, Abydos. Abydos is actually a city in central Egypt, near the Nile north of Thebes. Some common words from the texts that were published in the 19th centuries refer to 'Cyprus' as; samba, zabathai, tyre and display a plethora of dates that are given in accordance with familiarity of the word. I think this is important because it repurposes the idea that during different time periods and even different centuries a plethora of people saw differences in a common thing (land). I think it's important because there is a trend stemming off knowledge about Asian civilization and not a lot of people specifically in the West, acknowledge Asian culture as other countries admire Asian civilization. 'Cyprus' is actually located in the Mediterranean sea but a lot of people associated the islands with Asian culture. It's land