**Reading Spaces Visualizing Activity**

# What You Need:

* Tape
* Index Cards
* Pens

# What Students Need to Prepare:

* Students should print off 2 of the sources they will use in their visualization of their reading space.

# Activity Steps:

* At the start of class, have students bring their printed sources to a designated wall or board in the classroom and tape their source to that wall/board.
* Once all students have taped their materials to the wall/board, ask them to come up to the board and look at all the sources.
	+ You should send about 3-4 students at a time, depending on the size of the wall or board the sources are on.
	+ Too many students looking at the board at a time means they may not be able to see all the sources.
* After all students have had a chance to look at the sources on the board, take all the sources off the board and set them aside.
* Ask students to come up with one scale for arranging the sources.
	+ Examples that my class used include:
		- Scholarly to non-scholarly.
		- Academic to non-academic.
		- High visual to high text.
* Using chalk, a whiteboard marker, or index cards, designate a spectrum on the board or wall.
	+ An example of the spectrums are below.
		- Scholarly - in the middle - Non-Scholarly
		- Academic - in the middle - Non-Academic
		- High visual - visual and textual - High text
* Once you have visually designated the spectrum, begin asking students where they would place each of their sources on the spectrum.
	+ I recommend holding each source up one-by-one and asking the class what they think, rather than having each student place their own sources.
		- This allows for discussion when there are conflicting ideas about where sources fall on the spectrums.
* After placing all the sources on the board, have students review the board to make sure they don’t wish to move any sources.
* Time-depending: complete another visualization!