

Advanced in-Class Exercise - Transcription and TEI

Purpose: Use TEI to transform a manuscript into a networkable future-linked digital form.

Difficulty: Medium

Time: 50 minutes

Equipment:

- a. Desktop or laptop computer with oXygen XML editor installed

Evaluation: in-class participation.

Choose one of two manuscripts.

- A. The notes written by Robert Lewis, co-pilot of the Enola Gay, during the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, August 6th, 1945. File available at dla101.org/DLAResources/notesfromtheEnolaGay.jpg
Lewis had been asked to make notes by William Laurence, a New York Times editor who was unable to be on the flight. According to Lewis, "a great deal of the notes were written in almost complete darkness. Halfway through I ran out of ink." The edits to the document in pencil "were made by Mr. William Laurence" in Tinian.¹ The handwriting is strikingly similar to Lewis', however, and the edits may actually be his own.
- B. The recipe "To Make A Surfitt Water" from the Folger Library manuscript the *English cookery and medicine book* c. 1677-1711 (MS V.b.380). File available at dla101.org/DLAResources/tomakesurfittwaterp104.PNG
This pages comes from a 366 page manuscript containing culinary and medicinal recipes written in several hands, with several names mentioned throughout. The catalogue states: "The name which appears most often is that of Anne Western, though it is clear that she is a later cook as her name is in the margins only and is in a different hand than that of the main body of the recipes. In the same hand there are many recipes which have been crossed out with the note "not this" in the margins. It is possible that this manuscript was used in preparation for a printed cookbook and these notes are towards the book's preparation... But it is also possible that Anne Western's notations were simply to indicate that she didn't think much of the recipe."

¹ "WORLD WAR II, HIROSHIMA BOMBING." LEWIS, Robert A., Captain, U.S. Army Air Corps, Co-Pilot of the B-29 Bomber the Enola Gay. Autograph Logbook Signed, Entitled 'Bombing of Hiroshima Aug. 6, 1945,' . | Christie's," accessed August 4, 2015, http://www.christies.com/Lotfinder/lot_details.aspx?intObjectID=3886895.



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