



California Open Online Library for Education & Accessibility

COOL4Ed (the California Open Online Library for Education) was created so that faculty can easily find, adopt, utilize, review and/or modify free and open etextbooks for little or no cost. The COOL4Ed accessibility open textbook evaluations can inform faculty, staff, and students how the free and open etextbooks meet 15 accessibility “checkpoints” that could impact the learning of learners with a range of disabilities.

SUMMARY OF ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION:

Textbook: Digital History
Format of Textbook: HTML

Assistive Technology (AT) Evaluation Score: Overall	N/A (Maximum score = 10)
<p>Assistive Technologies (AT) Evaluations applies specialized tools and software in the accessibility evaluation process. These specialized assistive technologies, see list below, are typically not used or available by the general public into the accessibility evaluation process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility features of desktop operating systems (e.g. high-contrast display themes, settings from the Keyboard and Mouse control panels) • Accessibility-related software included with desktop operating systems (e.g. VoiceOver, Microsoft Narrator) • Third-party accessibility software and hardware: • Screen readers (e.g. JAWS, Window Eyes) • Magnification software (e.g. ZoomText Magnifier/Reader, MAGIC Pro with Speech) • Reading software for users with learning disabilities (e.g. Read and Write Gold, Kurzweil 3000) • Refreshable Braille displays 	
Non- Assistive Technology (NAT) Evaluation Score: Overall	6.7 (Maximum score =10)
<p>Non-Assistive Technologies (NAT) Evaluations applies only native or basic tools and software such as the keyboard and Narrator in the accessibility evaluation process. These non-assistive technologies are readily available and used by the general public.</p>	



COOL4Ed Accessibility Evaluation Methods:

The California State University [Accessible Technology Initiative](#) and [MERLOT](#) (Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching) developed the rubric or “checkpoints” for the accessibility evaluation. [CAST](#), a nationally recognized organization with expertise in accessibility and UDL, reviewed and affirmed the appropriateness and value of the accessibility evaluation rubric and contributed the references and support resources to help people learn how best to design, evaluate, and remediate the learning materials to maximize the accessibility of the learning resources for all. The “checkpoints” have been built upon the Section 508 technical standards and has been organized and tailored to the typical characteristics of digital resources used in higher education courses.

The accessibility evaluations were performed by the [Center for Usability in Design and Accessibility](#) at California State University, Long Beach; faculty and graduate students with expertise in human factors, usability, and accessibility performed the evaluations of over 150 free and open etextbooks. COOL4ed.org has published the accessibility evaluation rubric and provides a detailed description of the methodology used to evaluate the accessibility of the etextbooks in COOL4ed.

LOOKING FOR DETAILED ACCESSIBILITY REPORTS?

See Detailed Accessibility Evaluation Report using Assistive Technologies – N/A

[See Detailed Accessibility Evaluation Report using Non-Assistive Technologies](#)



DETAILED ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION REPORT using Non-Assistive Technologies

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1. Accessibility Documentation

A. The organization providing the online materials has a formal accessibility policy.	Fail
Additional Information:	Nothing found.
B. The organization providing the online materials has an accessibility statement.	Fail
Additional Information:	Nothing found.
C. An Accessibility Evaluation Report is available from an external organization.	Fail
Additional Information:	Nothing found.

2. Text Access

A. The text of the digital resource is available to assistive technology that allows the user to enable text-to-speech (TTS) functionality.	Pass
Additional Information:	Some words and dates are mispronounced, but it reads the text.

3. Text Adjustment

A. Text is compatible with assistive technology.	Pass
Additional Information:	All text is adjustable, tested The Guided Age, World War I, and Postwar Era chapters.
B. The resource allows the user to adjust the font size and font/background color (or is rendered by an application such as a browser,	Pass



media player, or reader) that offers this functionality).	
Additional Information:	All text and bg colors change, tested The Guided Age, World War I, and Postwar Era chapters.

4. Reading Layout

A. Text of the digital resource is compatible with assistive technology that allows the user to reflow the text by specifying the margins and line spacing (or is rendered by an application such as a browser, media player, or reader that offers this functionality).	Fail
Additional Information:	No pages reflow the text.
B. If the digital resource is an electronic alternative to printed materials, the page numbers correspond to the printed material.	N/A
Additional Information:	No printed material.

5. Reading Order

A. The reading order for digital resource content logically corresponds to the visual layout of the page when rendered by assistive technology.	N/A
Additional Information:	Need assistive technology.

6. Structural Markup/Navigation

A. The text of the digital resource includes markup (e.g. tags or styles) that allows for navigation by key structural elements (chapters, headings, pages) using assistive technology (or is rendered by an application such as a browser, media player, or reader that offers this functionality).	N/A
Additional Information:	Need assistive technology.



B. The text of the digital resource includes markup for bullets and numbered lists that is compatible with assistive technology (or is rendered by an application such as a browser, media player, or reader that offers this functionality).	N/A
Additional Information:	Need assistive technology.
C. If the text of the digital resource is delivered within an ebook reader application, a method is provided that allows users to bypass the reader interface and move directly to the text content that is compatible with assistive technology.	N/A
Additional Information:	Need assistive technology.

7. Tables

A. Data tables include markup (e.g. tags or styles) that identifies row and column headers in a manner that is compatible with assistive technology (or are rendered by an application such as a browser, media player, or reader that offers this functionality).	N/A
Additional Information:	Need assistive technology.

8. Hyperlinks

A. In-book links take you to a location within the textbook. For example, the table of contents would be considered in-book links and embedded links take you to the correct location in the book.	N/A
Additional Information:	All HTML links are live.
B. Live hyperlinks take you to any website or webpages external to the book.	Pass
Additional Information:	All links work and have descriptive text.



C. Live links take you to the correct webpage that is functioning properly.	Pass
Additional Information:	Checked first chp "The First Americans" under sections "overview", "textbook", and "documents."
D. Live links are descriptive enough for the users to know where it should take them.	Pass
Additional Information:	Checked first chp "The First Americans" under sections "overview", "textbook", and "documents."

9. *Color and Contrast*

A. All information within the material that is conveyed using color is also available in a manner that is compatible with those that do not perceive color, and information conveyed by color is also conveyed in other ways.	Fail
Additional Information:	Checked the first 3 chps: The First Americans, Colonial Era, American Revolution and the links are blue but are not underlined, etc.
B. Information is conveyed from the sub-categories for contrast.	Pass
Additional Information:	Checked chps Slavery, Civil War, and Reconstruction.
C. Contrast for headers passed WCAG AA standards for large texts (contrast ratio 3:1).	Pass
Additional Information:	All headers pass.
D. Contrast for text passed WCAG AA standards for normal texts (contrast ratio of 4.5:1).	Pass
Additional Information:	All text passes.
E. Contrast for simple images (for example, images of atoms) passed WCAG AA standards (contrast ratio of 4.5:1).	N/A
Additional Information:	No simple images.



10. Language

<p>A. The text of the digital resource includes markup that declares the language of the content in a manner that is compatible with assistive technology.</p>	<p>Fail</p>
<p>Additional Information:</p>	<p>No "lang" tag in code.</p>
<p>B. If the digital resource includes passages in a foreign language, these passages include markup that declares the language in a manner that is compatible with assistive technology.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Additional Information:</p>	<p>No foreign languages.</p>

11. Images

<p>A. Non-decorative images have alternative text that is compatible with assistive technology (or is rendered by an application such as a browser, media player, or reader that offers this functionality).</p>	<p>Fail</p>
<p>Additional Information:</p>	<p>Out of 30 total images checked there were 19 ND images and 12/19 pass. In ch "Progressive Era" 4/10 images are ND and pass. In ch "World War I" 7/10 images are ND, 4 pass and 3 fail. In ch "1920s" 8/10 images are ND, 4 pass and 4 fail. Navigation buttons are images and don't have alt tags.</p>
<p>B. Decorative images are marked with null alternate text or contain markup that allows them to be ignored by assistive technology.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Additional Information:</p>	<p>No decorative images.</p>
<p>C. Complex images, charts, and graphs have longer text descriptions that are compatible with assistive technology (or are rendered by an application such as a browser, media player, or reader) that offers this functionality).</p>	<p>Pass</p>



Additional Information:	Out of 30 total images checked there were 11 complex and 8/11 pass. In ch "Progressive Era" 6/10 images are complex, 3 pass and 3 fail. In ch "World War I" 3/10 images are complex and they all fail. In ch "1920s" there are 2 complex images and they both pass.
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12.Multimedia

A. A synchronized text track (e.g. open or closed captions) is provided with all video content.	Fail
Additional Information:	Uses old plug-in or requires file to be downloaded.
B. A transcript is provided with all audio content.	N/A
Additional Information:	No transcript.
C. Audio/video content is delivered via a media player that is compatible with assistive technology. This includes support for all criteria listed in Section 15 below.	N/A
Additional Information:	No assistive player.

13.Flickering

A. The digital resource content does not contain anything that flashes more than three times in any one-second period.	Pass
Additional Information:	No flickering content.

14.Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

A. STEM figures have appropriate markup that indicates that the image is a figure.	N/A
Additional Information:	No STEM content.
B. STEM graphs have appropriate markup that indicates that the image is a graph.	N/A
Additional Information:	No STEM content.



C. STEM equations have appropriate markup that indicates that the image is an equation.	N/A
Additional Information:	No STEM content.
D. STEM tables have appropriate markup that indicates the image is a table.	N/A
Additional Information:	
E. STEM figures have appropriate notation markup that conveys both the notation (presentation) and meaning (semantics) of the STEM content.	N/A
Additional Information:	No STEM content.
F. STEM graphs have appropriate notation markup that conveys both the notation (presentation) and meaning (semantics) of the STEM content.	N/A
Additional Information:	No STEM content.
G. STEM equations have appropriate notation markup that conveys both the notation (presentation) and meaning (semantics) of the STEM content.	N/A
Additional Information:	No STEM content.
H. Assistive technology used can access the content from the STEM tables.	N/A
Additional Information:	

15. Interactive Elements

A. Each interactive element (e.g. menu, hyperlink, button) and function (e.g. annotations) allows keyboard-only operation both with and without assistive technology.	Fail
Additional Information:	Navigation buttons don't get selected when using the tab key (nothing gets selected really).
B. Each interactive element conveys information to assistive technology regarding the	N/A



element's name, type, and status (e.g. "Play, button, selected").	
Additional Information:	No interactive elements.
C. All instructions, prompts, and error messages necessary to complete forms are conveyed as text to assistive technology (or are rendered by an application such as a browser, media player, or reader that offers this functionality).	N/A
Additional Information:	No interactive elements.

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