

MELSON – Mini Assignment #5

I chose to edit my mini-assignment #2, a topic-based document titled “Kyudo – Putting On a Kake”.

<http://elearn.extension.ucr.edu/mod/forum/discuss.php?d=50994>

Edits suggested for readability and user-friendliness:

- The document suffers from a lack of white space, it is too dense for an unfamiliar subject. The document would be better double-spaced.
- Intersperse the figures with the task instructions as better references for the reader.
- Provide additional captioning on the figures.
- Provide at least one figure with labels highlighting the various parts of the kake. Help the visual learner connect the parts of the equipment with the terminology for the equipment.
- Use active voice consistently. Correct verb tenses. Tighten up the instructions by eliminating unnecessary phrasing and improving sentence structure.
- Improve instruction consistency and brevity to make the instructions easier to read and follow.

Edits for specific text or section in the document:

- In the first paragraph, eliminate the sentences about the different schools of Kyudo. That information is not pertinent to this topic.
- Even though there is a glossary at the end of the document, it would have been useful to put several basic terms at the beginning. A note at the end of the concept section to define kake, himo, shitagake and makiwara would have initiated the reader to the terminology. Using a note would have allowed elimination of the phrases of definition in other parts of the document.

- In the Task Warning, add information about using the himo to help when taking off the kake, to prevent touching the kake fingers with the bare fingers.
- Reduce the glossary terms to just those used in this document.
- In the glossary definition for kyudoka, change the word "newbies" to "new students", removing the slang term.