

Voyant Tools

<<https://voyant-tools.org/>>

Computer-assisted tools and Hermeneutics

Descartes, *Discourse on Method*: “[T]hings made up of different elements and produced by the hands of several master craftsmen are often less perfect than those on which only one person has worked.”

Individual versus communal-participatory inquiry; dialogic relationship between human and human and machine, criticism and code; augmentation of criticism.

Teamwork changes the single-interpreter model that Descartes describes: “analytical tools *are* instantiations of interpretive methods that can be woven closely into other hermeneutical things” (Rockwell and Sinclair).

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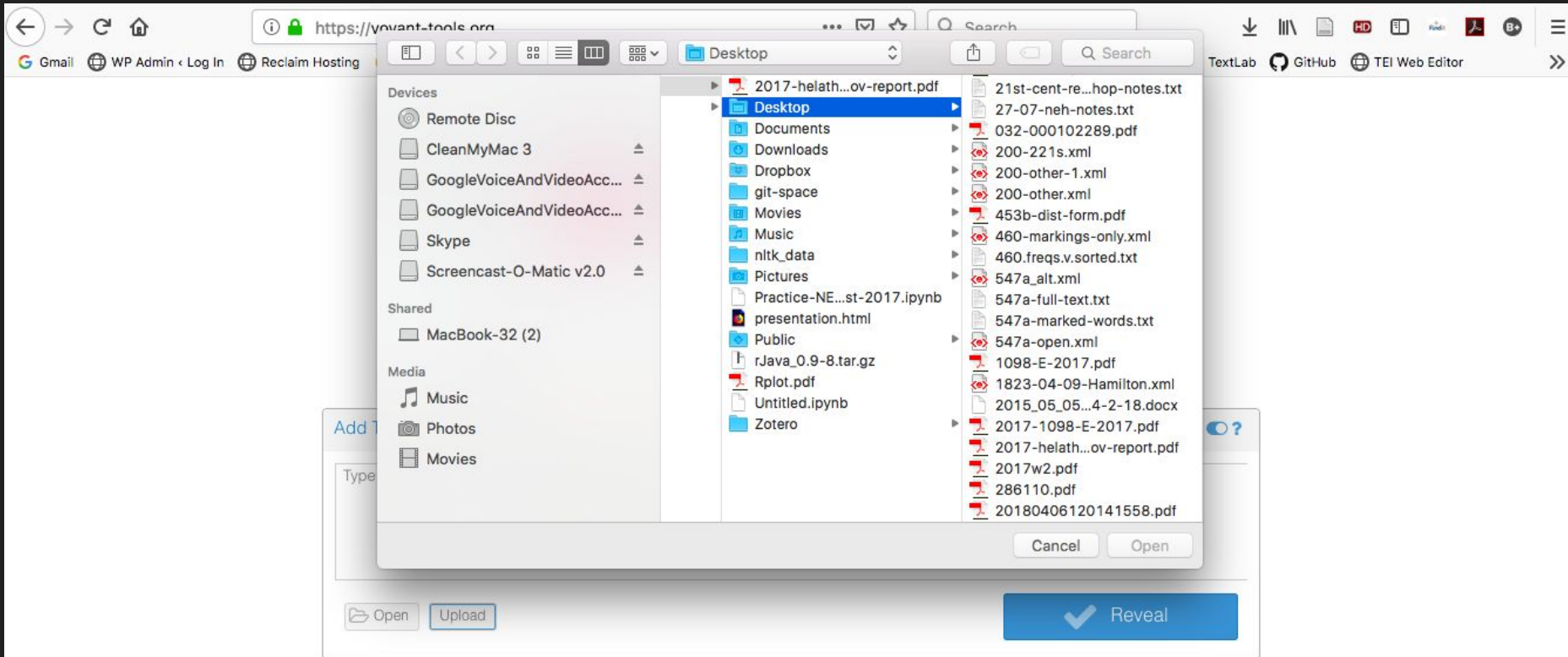
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 Summary

 Documents

 Phrases




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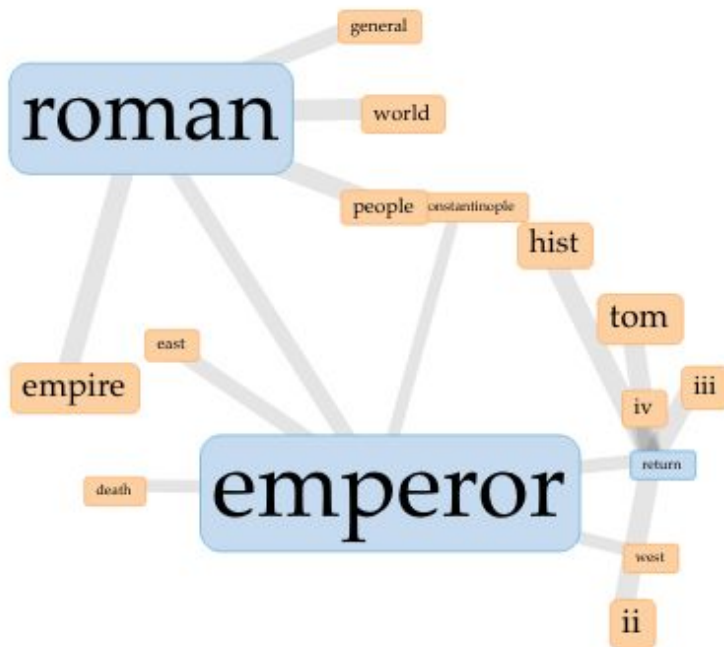
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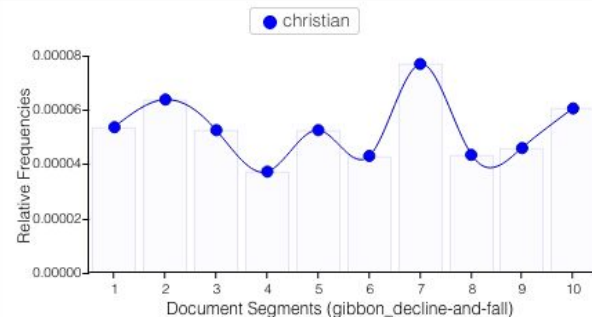
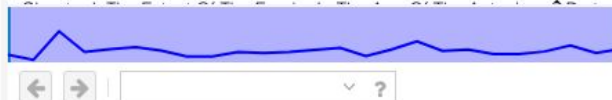




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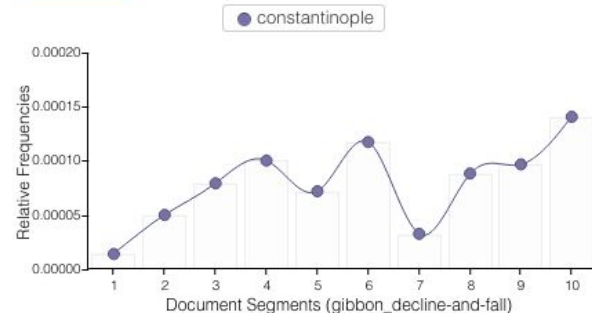
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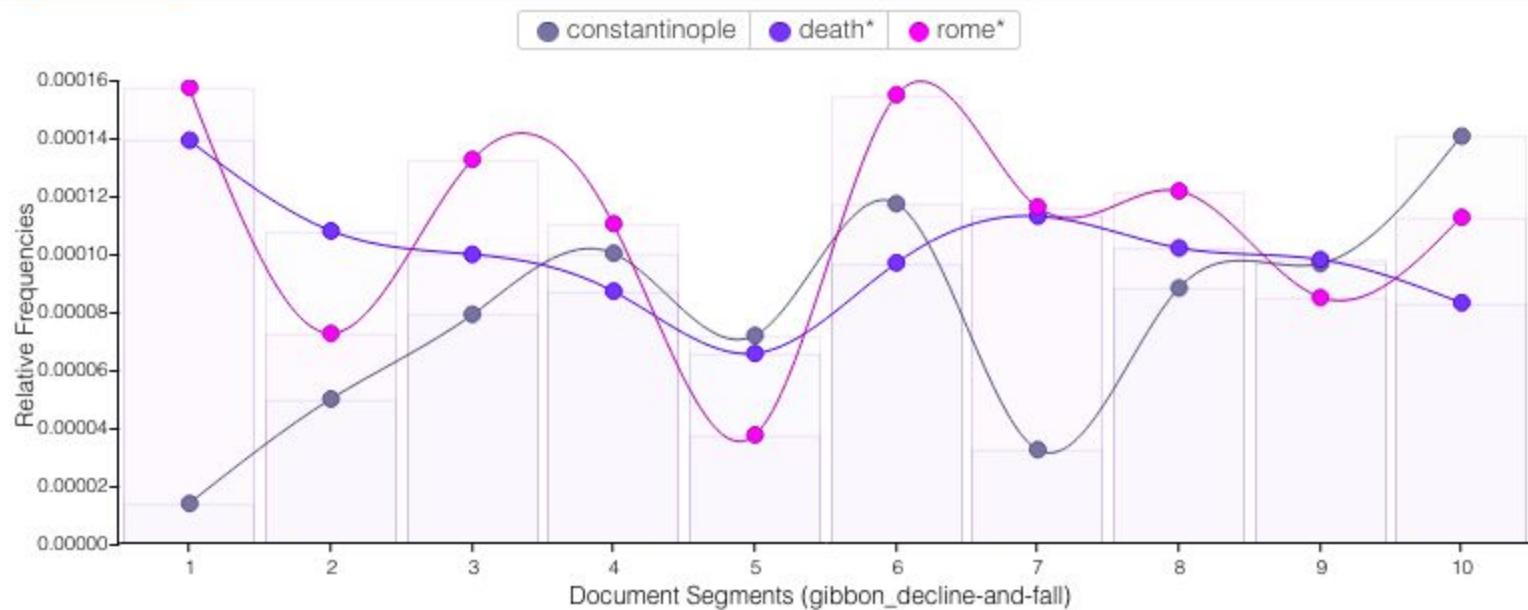
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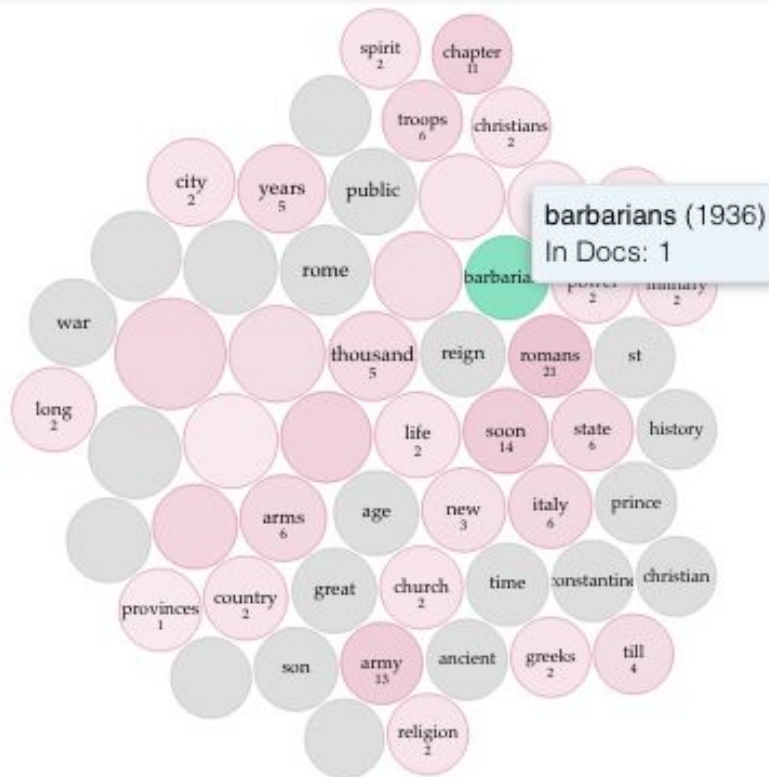
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1) gibb...	of reason, and that the	barbarian	possessed something of the generous
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Contexts

Bubblelines

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Need more information about the tools?

See the Voyant documentation at <http://docs.voyant-tools.org/tools/>.

Notice anything odd?

The list of visualisations contains several tools that don't appear in the default interface.

Voyant visualisations can be customised by swapping visualisation types..
(accomplish this by clicking on the window icon that appears when you hover your cursor over the upper right-hand corner of each panel)

Explore

Spend some time investigating Voyant's features, paying particular attention to patterns and trends and peripheral results.

Can you discern significant differences among texts?

Throughout a single text?

Are these differences meaningful?

Do you trust the patterns suggested by the visualizations?

How could you verify their accuracy?

Voyant Tools

Pros: Free; web-based; reveals intriguing patterns; has impressive visualisation features.

Cons: Can only analyse one text or one folder; not very flexible; can only produce rudimentary statistical analyses.