



Cross-Cultural Rhetoric Project online tutorial

TOPIC: What are the
technological and space
requirements for participating in a
CCR video-conference?

CCR supports two types of video-conferences:

1. Marratech



2. Polycom

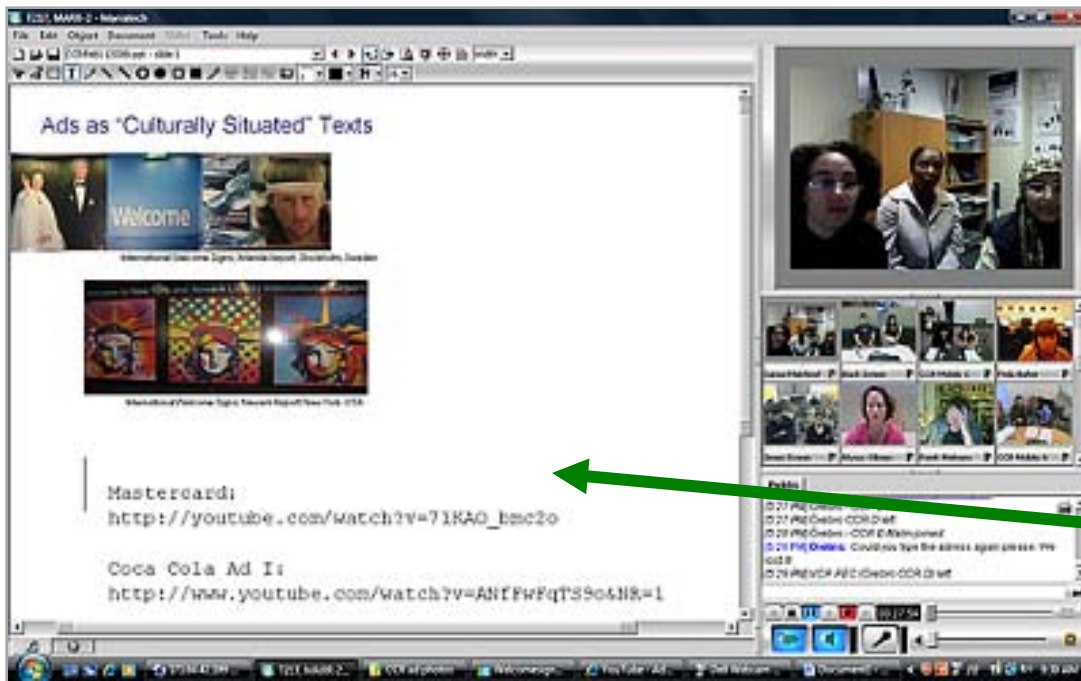


1. Marratech: CCR recommends Marratech for the versatility of technological communication options:

windows show
all participants
in the video
conference
session

Central frame for
shared documents
that can be
uploaded ahead of
time or created
together in real time

chatroom interface
for text-based
communication



Connection can be
recorded for later playback

1. Marratech: CCR uses Marratech to foster optimal learning in small groups:



BEST PRACTICE: divide large class into groups, have each group work with another group 2-3 times

1. Marratech: Either laptop or desktop computers will run the free program, Marratech:



Laptop



Desktop computer & large screen monitor

Download Marratech for free at <http://www.marratech.com>

1. **Marratech: Essential Equipment :**
 - A. **computer (laptop or desktop)**
 - B. **webcam (built in or USB)**
 - C. **audio/speakerphone (echo-cancelling)**

CCR recommends Phoenix Audio Mt202/pco Duet Voip Speakerphone



or



Logitech Webcam Pro 9000



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→ **MUST HAVE acoustic isolation.**

Options:

A. student groups in separate rooms

B. sound dividers for large computer lab

C. headsets for each group member



A. Students connect on laptop in teacher's office

or



A. Students connect in small room with desktop computer and USB speakerphone

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Small groups with each member on a headsets;
room dividers keep sound down

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Alternative set-up: small groups take turns moving to one computer using speakerphone while entire class listens
(this set-up is similar to Polycom set up)

2. Polycom: CCR uses Polycom for large class-to-class video-conferences :



BEST PRACTICE: divide large class into groups, have each group take turns moving to front of the TV/Screen

2. Polycom: Email CCR coordinators to Tech-check IP address for Polycom :



**BEST PRACTICE: have students
prepare questions, practice speaking
slowly & loudly, facing camera**



Contact us with questions or
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