

The Times – v1.0 | Greg Rickaby dESIGN

Install Instructions

Skin

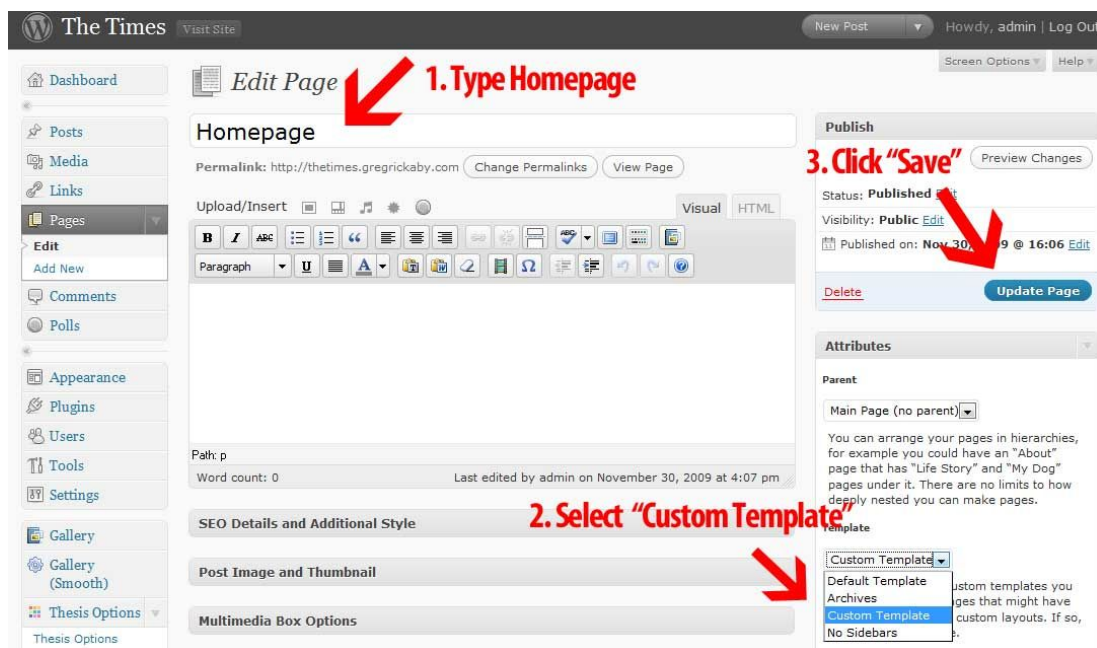
1. After downloading, extract to your desktop
2. Open your favorite FTP program
3. Navigate to your Thesis directory
Example: /wp-content/themes/thesis_16/
4. Upload & overwrite your /custom/ directory

Plug-ins

1. Navigate to your plug-ins directory: /wp-content/plugins/
2. Upload *Viva Thumb*, *WP-Optimize*, & *Page Links To*
3. Log in to your Wordpress Dashboard
4. Click on “Plugins”
5. Activate *Viva La Thumb*, *WP-Optimize*, & *Page Links To*

Activation

1. Log in to your Wordpress Dashboard
2. Navigate to Pages
3. Click “Add New”
4. Type *Homepage*
5. In the drop-down menu on the right hand side (under the Publish button) select *Custom Template* and then click *Publish*



6. Navigate to WP-Settings → Reading → Front Page Display = “Static Page”
7. Now select *Homepage* from the “Front Page” Drop-box
8. Click “Save”

Header Area



There are many options in the Header Area. Including the Top Left Links, Default Thesis Nav, Two Banners, Text OR Image logos and the Main Navigation.

Skin Style

Choose your color theme

Logo Type

Text = This will use the default Wordpress Site Name

Image

1. Using your favorite FTP program, upload your logo
Example: <http://yoursite.com/images/logo.jpg>
2. Enter the full-path to the logo in the *Logo Image Path* box

Keep Tagline = When using an image logo, you have the options to turn-off the default Wordpress tagline

Top Left Link – The Text = Enter some text in this box. Example: *Members Sign-In*

Top Left Link – The URL = Enter the URL for the above text: <http://yoursite.com/members>

Top Left Link 2 – The Text = Enter some text in this box. Example: *Sign-Up*

Top Left Link 2 – The URL = Enter the URL for the above text: <http://yoursite.com/signup>

Not seen in The Times Options, are the controls for the Default Thesis Nav. These options are can be found in *Thesis Options* → *Navigation*

Main Navigation



The main navigation area grabs categories that you've specified and populated with posts. It's a jQuery Superfish Drop-line navigation intended to place child categories into the space below.

Exclude Categories = Enter the Category ID of the categories you wish to exclude ([Help](#))

Order Categories = Select the order in which you want order the categories ([Help](#))

Sort Categories = Either Ascending or Descending

Breaking News Box



The Breaking News Box was intended to show emergency news and is operated by the default Wordpress Sticky Post feature.

Title = Enter the title of the Breaking News Box. This will show up in <h1>BREAKING NEWS</h1> HTML tags in bright red above the post title.

Post Count = Enter the desired amount of featured posts you'd like to show at once.

A screenshot of the WordPress 'QUICK EDIT' form for a post. The form is divided into three main sections: 'QUICK EDIT' on the left, 'Categories [more]' in the middle, and 'Tags' on the right. The 'QUICK EDIT' section includes fields for Title, Slug, Date, and Password, along with checkboxes for 'Private post' and 'Allow Comments'. The 'Categories' section shows a list of categories with checkboxes. The 'Tags' section has a text input field and checkboxes for 'Allow Comments', 'Pings', and 'Make this post sticky'. A red arrow points to the 'Pings' checkbox. At the bottom right is a blue 'Update Post' button.

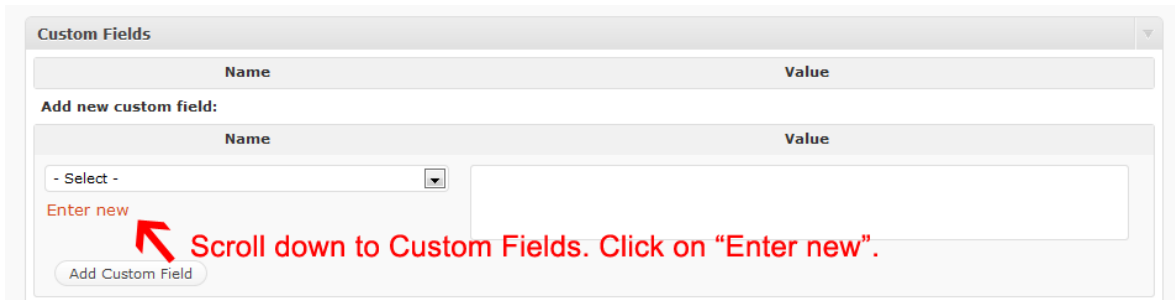
Featured Content Slider

Add image

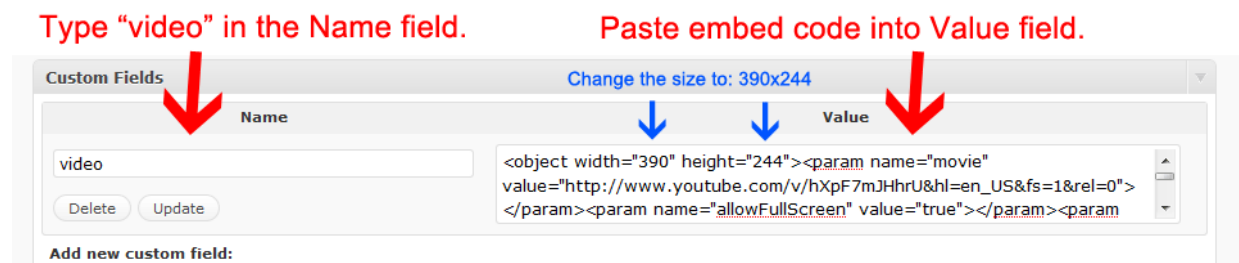
By default, the Featured Content Slider will grab the first image in each post. It will also auto-resize that image to 390 x 244. Make sure you add an image over 400 pixels wide.

Add video

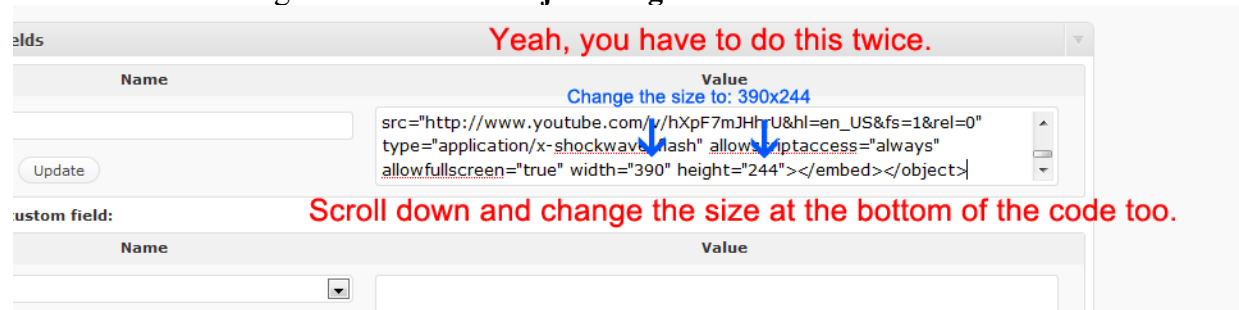
1. In your Post Editor, scroll down to Custom Fields.
2. Click on “Enter new”



3. Type “video” in the Name field.
4. Paste the embed code provided by YouTube or Vimeo

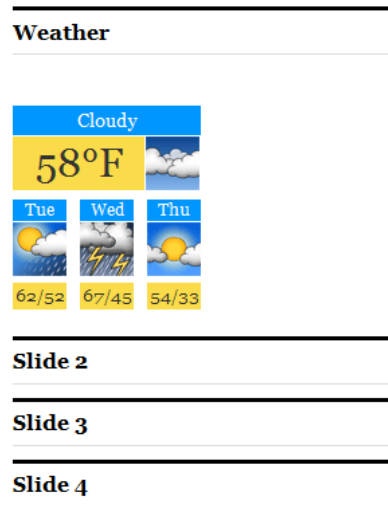


5. You MUST change the size of the **Object Height & Width** to: 390 x 244



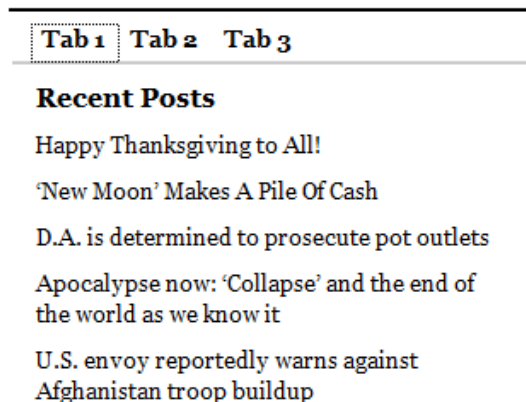
6. You also need to scroll down and change the **Embed Height & Width** to: 390 x 244

Accordion Slides



The Accordion slides contain 4 Module Positions. To populate these areas simple navigate to the Widgets Page in the Wordpress Dashboard. Add any widget to Module 6,7,8 or 9.

Tabbed Module



Like the Accordion Slides, you have 3 module positions. To populate these areas simple navigate to the Widgets Page in the Wordpress Dashboard. Add any widget to Module 3,4, or 5.

Homepage Teaser Boxes

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The bread and butter of this skin are the 8 sub-loops I've created that pull the first image out of the latest posts in their assigned categories.

Top populate these areas you need to tell them what category to look at. To do this:

1. Create at least 8 categories
2. Populate them with stories
3. Add at least 1 image to each story (at least 400 pixels wide)
4. Enter the Category ID in The Times Options

Homepage Teaser Boxes

Box #1

36

Enter a Category ID

Box #2

35

Enter a Category ID

Box #3

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Enter a Category ID

Box #4

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Enter a Category ID

Box #5

32

Enter a Category ID

Box #6

33

Enter a Category ID

Box #7

37

Enter a Category ID

Box #8

29

Enter a Category ID

Word Count

35

Limit the amount of words that show up the Homepage Teaser Boxes | Default is 35

Save changes

5. You can also specify how many words are displayed in these boxes. The default is 35 which seems to populate them well.
6. To change the default Link Text "Read the full article" navigate to Thesis Design Options, and expand *Teasers* → *Link to Full Article*

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DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

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Las Vegas NV

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Geneva Braces for GNR

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Page Links To

This plugin allows you to make a WordPress page or post link to a URL of your choosing, instead of its WordPress page or post URL. It also will redirect people who go to the old (or "normal") URL to the new one you've chosen (301 Moved Permanently redirects are standard, but you can choose a 302 Moved Temporarily redirect if you wish).

This functionality is useful for setting up navigational links to non-WordPress sections of your site or to off-site resources. You can also use it to create a hand-crafted menu that links to pages, posts, categories, or anything within your site.

Viva Thumb

Thumbnails are created automatically from images linked to posts (or image paths specified by you.) Click on a thumbnail and it zooms out to a full size image – again re-sampled by Viva to improve page loading time. You don't need to do anything with this plugin once installed.

WP-Optimize

This plugin helps you to keep your database clean by removing post revisions, spam, necessary database entries etc... in a blaze you will have lean & mean wp-database.

I would recommend running this plugin at least once a month.