Close Captioning with Amara

Amara is a great tool to use for captioning YouTube, Vimeo or other online content that you do not own or have access to change close captioning subtitles. With Amara, and a URL, you can create subtitles for any online video you use.

To get started go to [www.amara.org](http://www.amara.org).

Create an account with the link on the upper right side of the page.

Click on ‘Subtitle Video’.

On this page, in order for you to understand how to use Amara, watch the videos! They are brief, and make understanding Amara substantially easier.

Now that you know everything there is to know about Amara, paste the link of the URL you want to add subtitles to here: (No not in this document, I assume you have a webpage open somewhere with Amara, paste it there. Oh, and go back and watch those videos.)
Now click add a new language to create a new subtitle file. You will probably select ‘English’ and ‘English’. Why couldn’t they just name it ‘Create a new subtitle project’? We will never know.

This will open up the editing page for the subtitles. You will have to type the subtitles. At first, do not worry about the timing. Remember to hit ‘enter’ after each sentence, it will help later. Next, you will go back and set the timing of the text to the video. Then you will finalize the captioning.

Copy the URL at the top of the video and share it with whomever you like (or don’t like).

Here is a video link, with a far better explanation of how to use Amara:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6t655o0AKk

and here is one in Spanish, just because:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qO374OdoTEc