

Annotated Bibliography

Overview

For this assignment, you will be drafting an MLA works cited list, like what you might use at the end of a paper. You can only use scholarly sources, by which I mean sources (1) that have been written by someone with expertise in the area being written about and (2) that have gone through a peer-review process prior to publication. This means that web pages, even ones written by professors and located at a .edu address, do not qualify. Examples of scholarly sources include articles in peer-review journals and books by scholars that you can find in the WMU library. **You will need a total of 8 sources (not including any primary sources such as specific short stories, plays, or poems that you may use for your final paper).**

Your sources should focus on one of the three general contexts we have discussed in class for approaching the study of literature:

1. the critical/theoretical context of the work
 - a. example: A Marxist or a feminist reading of the text.
2. the social/cultural context of the work
 - a. example: the text's relation to historical changes in the political and cultural position of women within society, drawing connections between the text and historical events.
3. the work in the context of the author and the author's other works
 - a. example: do any other works by author aid our understanding of the work you are focusing on?

Pick a context, like Marxism, and then try to find sources relevant to that context and to the text somehow. It is ok if not all of your sources fit one context, but try your best to focus on one.

The format should be in MLA style for a works cited list, but with the following modifications:

1. Under each source, write a short summary of the source (1-3 sentences) and then a short explanation (1-3 sentences) for how that source is related to your current thesis for your final paper.
2. Before the works cited list, have at least a half page in which you provide two things:
 - a. Your current version of your thesis;
 - b. A summary of your chosen context and why you find it interesting in relation to the primary text(s) your final paper will be on.

Due Date: November 15th

Grading

- 40% of your Revision Process grade, which makes up 10% of your total grade.
- This will not be graded on the check system. I will be grading this assignment more rigorously than I have for your prior assignments, using a grading rubric to be provided prior to when this assignment is due.