
Revising with Research

Tutorial: Booked ♦ Fall 2012

The Overall Assignment

As part of your final portfolio, you will submit an annotated bibliography of five secondary sources. For each source, you will write three things:

- ♦ a bibliographical entry in MLA style (as if it were part of a Works Cited list),
- ♦ a summary of the piece's argument in approximately 100 words, and
- ♦ a description, also of approximately 100 words, of how reading and reflecting on the piece has changed your writing.

Doing the Assignment during the Semester

You will build your research process around the writing you do for the course. As you compose or revise papers, look for places where you could use more information on a topic. Any number of topics might come into play for you—literary, social, scientific, philosophical, and so forth. You might want to find out what literary critics have said about kingship in *Hamlet*, for example, or investigate the history of English prisons in the eighteenth century, or see how contemporary psychologists think about the Milgrim experiment and its implications.

You are required to do the first of these annotations as part of revising your first paper. After that, you may choose the timing of your research. The earlier you do it, the earlier you get feedback on the annotations and on the writing you do based on the research.

Among the five sources you ultimately include in this bibliography, you must include

- ♦ at least one scholarly source (a peer-reviewed journal article or a scholarly book—if you aren't sure whether a source qualifies, please ask for clarification),
- ♦ at least one full-length book,
- ♦ at least one reference source, and
- ♦ at least one piece from a magazine, newspaper, or journalistic website.

You cannot use the same source to satisfy more than one of these requirements.