

AFR 1130 Writing Activity

Select a Research Paper Topic

A 5-7 page research paper is a requirement of this course. To strengthen your research and writing skills, as well as confidence in your writing, we are starting the research process early in the semester and we will construct the research paper step by step.

The first step in this process is to select a paper topic. Follow the below steps to get started:

1) In Open Lab, visit "Assignments" then "Research Paper Assignments" to familiarize yourself with the resources available and the expectations for all of the writing assignments that will lead to the completion of your research paper.

2) Pick a research topic that is of interest:

- a. Trace the evolution of an oral, material or customary form of folklore.
- b. Describe the relevance of Africana folklore.
- c. Explain how Africana folklore is lived today.

3) Complete the course reading that you believe may help you gain an understanding of some of the central issues to be addressed in your paper.

4) Submit your typed response to all of the following questions (both in Open Lab and Blackboard) by Tuesday, February 6th at noon.

- a. Which paper topic have you chosen?
- b. What do you find interesting about this topic? (5 sentence minimum)
- c. Which course reading did you review in preparation?
- d. Discuss what you learned from the course reading related to the topic. (5 sentence minimum)
- e. Do you have any questions about the research or the assignment? If you do, share your questions below.