

Submit Sources

Due by 9am on Tuesday, 2/19

The aim of this assignment is to help you to reflect on the sources you have acquired and the process of acquiring them which is particularly important in African American Studies. In the context of African American Studies there have often been and there continue to be obstacles in the documentation of Africana perspectives or experiences. Likewise, there have been and continue to be inequalities in the production of knowledge that lend to the production of stereotypical information as fact for example. As a result, it is important that we take the time needed to conduct sound research; analyze our sources; look for misrepresentations or omissions and compare a range of material.

Sound research comes from acquiring solid sources with enough time to go through them and analyze them. This is why we are starting early in the semester and building our work step by step. Writing is a process. It is possible that some of the sources you include now may not be useful and therefore discarded in the end, which is fine. For credit, the sources must be related to the topic you have chosen however. In addition to your notes from our research methods session, use the Writing Resource Center under Contents in Blackboard for assistance with research methods and searching for sources

INSTRUCTIONS

1) On blackboard, *submit two individual sources* that you will use for your paper that are outside of our syllabus. Any combination of articles and books are fine, however do not include more than one ebook.

How to submit your sources:

If submitting an article, attach the pdf.

If submitting a book, attach a photo of the cover of the book in your hands (not taken from a website). If you need assistance with how to take a photo or screenshot email me at least 3 days in advance of the due date.

2) Also *submit a word document* noting the topic you have selected and a response to one of the following questions (minimum 3 sentence response):

a. After reviewing your sources what questions will you research further?

Additional questions to consider: Does the information you have found support or counter your previous knowledge? Does it seem that any information is missing?

b. After reviewing your sources what is the dominant opinion or ideology?

Additional questions to consider: If you were to take a guess, are there ideals that may not be represented? What may they be? Have you encountered different perspectives or opinions? What may they be?

c. What proved helpful during your search? What steps would you use moving forward or would you'd recommend to get a range of solid and representative sources?