

AFR 1130 Writing Assignment

Submit Your Academic Sources

The aim of this assignment is to help you 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 lead to the production of stereotypical information. 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 in the library, use the resources under "Assignments," "Research Paper Assignments," then "Research Methods: Find Your Academic Sources" in OpenLab for assistance with research methods and searching for sources

Assignment Instructions:

Due by Thursday, February 22 at noon (in both OpenLab and Blackboard).

1) Submit three individual sources that you will use for your paper (any combination of articles and books) that are outside of our syllabus.

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) Submit a word document noting the topic you have selected (for my reference) and a 5 sentence minimum response to *two* of the following questions:

a. After reviewing your sources are you left with questions that you want to 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 does there seem to be a dominant opinion or

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

c. Is there a step or process that proved helpful during your search? Are there any steps or processes that you will use moving forward or that you'd recommend to acquire a range of solid and representative sources?