

Annotated Bibliographies

- Some citation errors – remember to use MLA
 - Can use [citationmachine](#), [zotero](#), built-in database tools
- Use the required sources
 - scholarly, news, internet
- READ your sources!
 - Not just the abstract or google books excerpt
 - If you use just a section or chapter, indicate that
- Some summarizing problems
 - No need to repeat title and author of source; it looks like you are padding to get to 100 words

Research Paper Strategies

Once you have your outline, plug in your sources

- If you need more sources, go find them
- It's okay to have more than 5 sources (hint hint)
- See today's readings for guidance
- I cannot overemphasize the importance of an outline!

More Research Paper Strategies

- Start by presenting and summarizing your sources
 - Badke: describe then analyze (p. 167)
 - Summaries: [Columbia University guide](#)
 - Paraphrasing: [library handout](#), [Purdue OWL](#)
- Avoid excessive quotation
 - I need to hear your voice and thoughts!
 - 2 short sentences of 35 words max per quote

Even More Research Paper Strategies

- Finally, analyze your sources in light of your research question
 - And arrive at conclusions
 - Was your research question answered?
 - Do you have any recommendations?
 - Conclusions do not need to be long!

Writing Strategies

Establish why your claims are important

X matters/is important because _____.

Although X may seem trivial, it is in fact crucial in terms of today's concern over _____.

Ultimately, what is at stake here is _____.

These findings have important consequences for the broader domain of _____.

These conclusions will have significant applications in _____ as well as in _____.

Although X may seem of concern to only a small group of _____, it should in fact concern anyone who cares about _____.

More Writing Strategies

Introduce quotations

X states, “_____.”

According to X, “_____.”

In her book, _____, X maintains that “_____.”

Writing the journal *Commentary*, X complains that, “_____.”

In X’s view, “_____.”

X complicates matters further when he writes, “_____.”

Explain quotations

In other words, X believes _____.

In making this comment, X argues that _____.

X’s point is that _____.

The essence of X’s argument is that _____.

Even more writing strategies

Disagree with your sources and offer reasons

By focusing on _____, X overlooks the deeper problem of _____.

X's claim that _____ rests upon the questionable assumption that _____.

By focusing on _____, X overlooks the deeper problem of _____.

Proponents of X are right to argue that _____. But they exaggerate when they claim that _____.

While it is true that _____, it does not necessarily follow that _____.

Agree with sources and offer your own analysis

X is surely right about _____ because, as she may not be aware, recent studies have shown that _____.

X's theory of _____ is extremely useful because it sheds insight on the difficult problem of _____.

Adapted from Graff, Gerald, and Cathy Birkenstein. They Say, I Say: The Moves That Matter In Academic Writing. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2006.

General Writing Advice

- Omit needless words
- Spellcheck (F7 key on a PC), proofread; watch your CAPS, commas, semicolons
- Purdue [OWL](#) for almost any writing question
- “it is” “that is” NOT it’s, that’s
- Avoid “Basically,” “and so on.” “etc...”

For Monday, November 14

Discussion: Writing an academic research paper

Reading: Badke Ch. 10 and Appendix 1 pp. 196-203

One research journal blog post; prompt follows

Blog Homework: Research Journal Post

- Last week we read about and worked on:
 1. advanced internet searching
 2. searching library catalogs
 3. searching article databases.
- What have you learned in these classes that's new to you?
- How do you see yourself using your new skills outside of our course?