

Research Project #2 – 10%

You will be working on 3 research projects this semester. In the first project, I provided the research. For this second project, you will be responsible for choosing a literary work from our class and doing your own research. The finished project will be an annotated bibliography with 3 sources.

Objectives:

- Find appropriate sources
- Use MLA citation
- Distinguish between types of articles
- Summarize articles
- Evaluate articles
- Apply research to course texts

The first step will be choosing a work we are addressing in class and finding 3 sources that would be helpful in writing a research paper about your chosen work. You should not simply use the first 3 sources you come across. (For help, read the 4 parts in the Research Overview section of Purdue's site: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/552/01/#resourcenav>) After deciding upon 3 sources, you will create an annotated bibliography similar to what you turned in for the first project.

Questions:

- What are the 3 most important points?
- What type of source is this? And why is this important to know?
- Choose 2 quotations. Why are they important?
- What questions do you have about the article?
- Do you agree with the article?
- How does the article affect your understanding of the movie?

The Assignment:

For each article, you will turn in a 1-page response that includes:

- Citation (Use MLA format. Be sure to consider the particular type of source you are using. For help, use the various pages found on Purdue's site: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/07/>)
- Summary and Evaluation (You should answer the earlier questions)
- Application (Explain how the article affects your understanding of your chosen literary work)

Where and When to Turn it in:

You will be turning in the research projects online. You should already have an account, but I will provide the instructions again. Go to <http://www.wac.gsu.edu/wow> . Click on our class-- ENGL 2130 (Professor Collins). Enter your email address and password. You will see a calendar on the left. **A first draft of the assignment will be due October 7th by midnight.** Nicolás Alarcón will comment on this first draft and return it to you for revisions. **The final draft of the project is due October 19th by midnight.** At the bottom of the page click on "Start this assignment." I highly recommend that you do all of your work in a word processor and save it to your computer. Then cut and paste your work onto the site.

Grading:

I will use the set of rubrics I handed out earlier this semester to determine your grade.

- **Citation:** Use the links I have provided and follow the instructions. The examples on the OWL site should serve as models. (Citation is not a category on the rubric, but I will be giving you a 1 to 4 according to the accuracy of your citation)
- **Summarize:** I probably will not be familiar with the sources you are using. After reading your summary, I should feel I have a basic understanding of the source. It should also be clear to me that you understand the source.
- **Evaluate:** You must weigh the validity of the source you are using. Many types of sources can be useful, but you must explain the type of source and how it is appropriate to how you would use it in a research paper.
- **Apply:** Clearly explain why each source is useful in addressing the text you have chosen for this project. If you don't have much to say here, then you probably shouldn't use the source.