

The Research Installment

What have you learned?

Recap

- Abstract - What do you intend to do with your topic/argument?
- Research/Notecards - What source information can you find to support your topic/argument?
- Annotated Bibliography - What is the purpose of the sources that I have chosen, how will they (or will they not) help my argument?
- Research Installment - Reflection on what you have learned from your hours of researching and gathering source information.

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It's important in this process to reflect and process the information you have gathered. It will help for you to continue focusing the direction that you are heading with your paper.

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- MLA Format
- 2 pages of writing + 1 works cited page
- Informal writing - You MAY use personal pronouns
- Primarily, a reflection on your RESEARCH thus far

Works Cited Page

- Your research installment MUST have a works cited page.
- You only need to cite the sources that you are discussing in your research installment.
 - You may have 15 sources, but you only discuss 4-5 in your installment. Your works cited will only have the 4-5 you discussed.
 - You may use any of the sources you wish.
- Your final paper - will have all of your sources listed.

The Research Installment - Suggestions

- 1 paragraph - What is your topic? What is your WORKING THESIS?
 - Working Thesis - Refer to the “Developing Your Thesis” handout
- 4-5 paragraphs - Reflect on each of your sources and what you have learned from your research.
 - What are you doing with them? Where are you going? What do you still need to do?
- 1 paragraph - Conclusion.

Examples - Also on website

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So far in my research I have been doing a lot of browsing and thinking about further reading and inquiries. In my thought process and thinking about the democratic concept for African Americans it begs me the question of what exactly does that mean. I have my preliminary thesis and answer to that question, that the democratic concept for the Negro is the physical freedom from the oppressive hand of the white man. Many various African American writers in a number of different styles and mediums describe this concept. Through novels, political essays, and poetry the great heavyweights of the African American canon of writing speak their minds about the dream of democratic freedom from oppression.

In all of my resources that I have begun to peruse through and start to think about further reading, there is a common thread to tie them all together, and that is this notion of a free Negro, and the social and political effect of the non-free Negro. I still have a stack of books on the other side of my desk to which I haven't even begin to think about and look through for consideration. There is an endless amount of material to sift through to find the right arguments for a longer

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Timeline

- Researching and notecards are ONGOING!!!
- Annotated Bibliographies are due by 1/31 @ 11:59pm.
- Research Installments are due by 2/4 @ 11:59pm.
- Submit via my website, as a PDF. Same submission rules as your abstracts.
- E-mail or print submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- Plan ahead

