

Library Narrative

You should now be finding, evaluating, and reading secondary sources related to your paper proposal's general hypothesis or research question. You should also be taking notes of each useful source in preparation for your Annotated Bibliography assignment. You may have encountered, however, difficulties and frustrations as well as "Eureka!" moments in this search. You may be at a point now where you want to throw in the towel and call it quits, or you may have stumbled over amazing connections you never imagined possible before that open whole new worlds to you. Most likely, you are somewhere in between these two extremes of despair and revelation.

For your next research paper assignment, please write a **1½-2 page** library narrative due in class on **Friday, March 14**, that tells your reader the following:

- What has your search entailed? Where have you looked for sources?
- Has it been easy to find reliable sources? If so, how and where did you find them?
- Has it been difficult to find reliable sources? What have been some of the challenges to finding sources? Feel free to "vent" or air your frustrations here too.
- What has been the most useful source you've found? How and where did you find it?
- How has your research changed or shifted the ideas you came up with in the paper proposal? Have you answered your research question or proven your research hypothesis? Or, based on your new knowledge, do you want to ask a different question or put forth a different hypothesis instead?
- What has been the most interesting or rewarding part of this research process so far for you? What have you learned?
- What has been the most frustrating part of the process for you?

Short Paper Assignment—Revised

The first short paper will now be due in class on **Tuesday, March 25**. This essay should be 3-4 pages long, typed and double-spaced in 12-point font. This paper should ideally expand on an argument or idea taken from one of your response papers and should include a thesis statement and textual evidence to develop this statement.

The second short paper will be due in class on **Friday, April 18**. This essay should be **2-3 pages**, typed and double-spaced in 12-point font. It should also ideally expand on an argument or idea taken from one of your response papers and should include a thesis statement and textual evidence to develop this statement. If you hand in your second short paper by April 8, you will have the option of a rewrite. (Rewrites need to be handed in no later than one week after you receive my comments on the original.)