Submit a typed paragraph in which you identify the two texts, the one literary criticism, and the focus/prompt you will focus your Literary Analysis & Research Essay on. Explain why you’ve selected these texts, literary criticism, and focus, and reflect on how you will narrow your focus further to make it yours and doable. What research have you found or will you look for to help you gain a deeper understanding of the text, the literary criticism, and the context? Explain.
Remember you are looking for credible, reliable, appropriate, and relevant sources using the NVC Library database (or book search) or outside source vetted by you and are limited to sources that provide full texts (not just abstracts). In addition, appropriateness of sources is based on the quality of the information you find and use as well as its relevance (the source should relate directly to the topic, text, and or context you are discussing or be easy to relate specifically rather than generically). Effective appropriate evidence, including outside research, is specific and shows or explains. That is, it adds to our understanding of your idea rather than merely restating or repeating it. You can typically tell evidence is appropriate because it requires you to explain it: what it means, what it adds to our understanding, how it relates to your reason and the text(s), how it proves that reason, etc.

Write a separate entry for each of your sources (at least 3, at most 5), following all of the steps below for each source.

1. Identify the Type of Source: about the Text and/or the Context and/or the Literary Criticism. (Note: Remember one source can be about 2 types, but you still need at least 3 sources.)
2. Provide the complete, correct MLA Works Cited entry and also provide the correct in-text citation for it.
3. Write a paragraph identifying and evaluating the source’s basic information, including author, title, date of publication, title of the publication (magazine or journal or newspaper title) in which it appears as well as the search engine you used to find it. For example, discuss the expertise/credibility and biases of the author; the relevance, reliability/accuracy and comprehensiveness of the evidence; the timeliness and possible biases of the publication, etc.
4. Next, write a paragraph identifying the source’s main argument and briefly summarizing its key supporting ideas and examples.
5. Finally, write a paragraph summarizing what you will use from the source and how it will help you support and develop your argument. How does what you will use from the source relate to the essay’s main argument? Also, explain where in your essay you will use this research. Be specific. For example, will it help you analyze or interpret one or both of the texts? How? Will you use this research to support an existing reason/in an existing paragraph? Or does it suggest a new reason and a new paragraph you can add to your essay?
Annotated Bibliography

Source #1

Source about the Text


Write a paragraph identifying and evaluating the source’s basic information, including author, title, date of publication, title of the publication (magazine or journal or newspaper title) in which it appears as well as the search engine you used to find it. For example, discuss the expertise/credibility and biases of the author; the relevance, reliability/accuracy and comprehensiveness of the evidence; the timeliness and possible biases of the publication, etc.

Next, write a paragraph identifying the source’s main argument and briefly summarizing its key supporting ideas and examples.

Finally, write a paragraph summarizing what you will use from the source and how it will help you support and develop your argument. How does what you will use from the source relate to the essay’s main argument? Also, explain where in your essay you will use this research. Be specific. For example, will it help you analyze or interpret one or both of the texts? How? Will you use this research to support an existing reason/in an existing paragraph? Or does it suggest a new reason and a new paragraph you can add to your essay?

Then follow the same steps for Source #2 and Source #3, etc.