

Appendix 13.3

Annotated Bibliography

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Your annotated bibliography project will prepare you to complete the Omeka digital project and the final research project. You have learned how to use various research strategies to locate information. Using those same techniques, you will write an annotated bibliography. This bibliography will allow you to begin to explore what you would like to write about in your final research paper. By this point in the semester, you are beginning to understand some of the big issues in African American literature of this period. You may have discovered an author that you find interesting, or you may be intrigued by a certain concept (manhood in slave narratives, women's position in African American literature). You don't need a thesis yet, but a general idea of what you would like to research needs to be developed. From this general idea you need to write one sentence that explains your research question.

Once you have a research question you will conduct research using the library website to locate twelve possible scholarly articles or books that discuss your question. We call these secondary sources or sources about the work or topic you are investigating. For each of the sources you locate you will write an annotated bibliography entry. You must use MLA style and write informative summaries. Each summary should be a four- to eight-sentence paragraph. You should sum up the thesis and content of the work. In addition, you should suggest the source's usefulness to your research. Information on what to include in an annotated bibliography is located here:

<https://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/AnnotatedBibliography.html>.

In addition to the twelve sources, you will locate six primary sources about the Millican "Riot." Primary sources are contemporary sources that discuss the event. The most likely sources you will find will be newspaper accounts, maps, census materials, and government reports. For each source, you will include an MLA citation and a two- to four-sentence paragraph explaining the item.

The final annotated bibliography is a word document that includes:

- Research question
- Twelve annotations of scholarly sources about your research question
- Six annotations about the Millican "Riot"

Suggested databases for your research:

- MLA
- JSTOR
- America: History and Life
- Black Studies Center
- Project MU
- The Portal to Texas History
- World Newspaper Archive
- Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers
- And many more listed on the library help guide