

Questions-9/6/19

How long should I expect to spend writing for each unit project?

It depends! The feeders should help cut down the time of writing the final project. On average, most of your classes should demand about 4 hours of homework a week, but I don't think this class will take up 4 hours a week of homework. In "Writing in DH Class 2 Questions" someone asked a similar question:

"How long would the writing process take for a 1500-word essay?

It is different for everyone, but for me, it takes about 15 hours or three days to create a well-researched and polished piece of writing that long. "

When evaluating sources in an annotated bibliography, do we focus more on evaluating the conclusions/content of the paper, or the utility of the paper?

Annotated Bibliographies are meant to help you write your larger paper. For me, I usually spend time in the evaluation on the content and conclusions of the paper, since these usually come up when writing about the article.

What is the most effective way to summarize long journals into 1-2 paragraphs?

I try to have someone that hasn't read the article ask me to summarize it. They will record my answer and I usually transcribe it. Usually I try to read most articles twice to get a good sense of what the article is talking about. You aren't going to capture everything, but try to summarize what you think is important.

How can I talk about the usefulness of an article before I've used it?

You can ask questions like, did this article help me understand CLS better? If so how? If not how? Does the article provide you lots of examples to look into or does it just seem to be driven by the author's own voice? The more you read the easier this becomes.

How do I add songs on a Spotify playlist?

Depending on your platform, you will need to log into Spotify and find a song, then you should be able to drag it into the playlist.

How do I make the writing in an annotated bibliography mildly engaging?

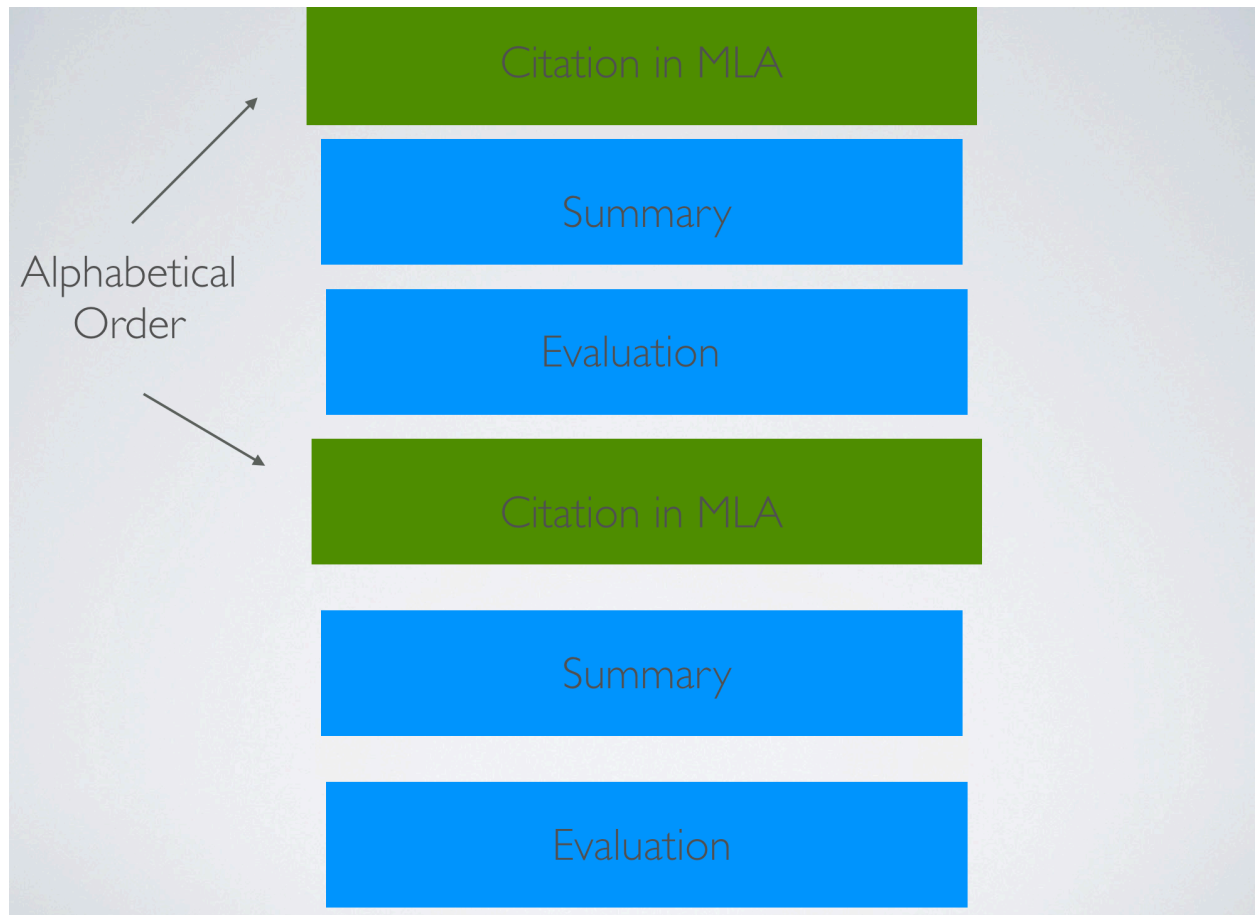
Great question! By attempting to write as polished and concise as possible. The more points you make in less space, the more engaged your reader will be. You need to give yourself time to edit out unnecessary words: try to say as much as possible in as few words as you can.

When will our Triangle DH paper ideas be due?

We will still go with the schedule for Unit 2, so your idea for a paper will be due October 14th.

Is our citation supposed to include 2-3 sentences of summary or not?

Yes, your annotation should include a summary and an evaluation portion. The format of the annotated bibliography was in today's slides:



How much of my own opinion should be included in the annotation?

Opinion is fine in the evaluation portion, but make sure you are providing specific examples of any judgment you are making on the source.

With a minimum of 2 sources, how do you recommend focusing an argument and or utilizing enough of the source material with limited resources?

The Da article should give you lots of material to pull from. It is actually easier to find differences and similarities between just two articles than three or four articles. You need to be as specific as possible when looking at your sources, find overlap and difference then talk about it in your larger paper.

How critically are citations looked at? If strongly, how can I make sure that the citation is 100% correct?

As long as you capture as much information as you can about the source, you are fine! If just one thing is missing, usually the publication editor will correct it before it gets published. Sometimes pulling up the article on google scholar and looking at how it is cited (look at the “symbol) is a good way of checking your work.

Will I tell you if your writing is bad?

If you take the time to revise, edit, and proofread—you will never write bad. Always read it out loud before you turn it in. I will let you know if you haven’t taken a good look at your writing before you turned it in.

Is there going to be rubrics to see how I will grade the projects?

Yes, I went over this in class when I introduced Unit 1. The rubric (which we will edit together when we get past Feeder 2) can be found at the bottom of the Unit 1 Project Page:

<https://writingindh19.web.unc.edu/unit-1-project/>

Are we ever going to need to write an abstract?

Yes, if you ever attend a conference or publish your work, you will need to write an abstract. In business, most executive reports include an abstract, so you will also use it there.

Will we need to do footnotes?

No, you will not need footnotes unless you think it is necessary to your paper.

I’m confused about the difference between the abstract and the summary paragraph of the annotated bibliography: aren’t they essentially the same?

Yes, they are the same. However, it is usually better to be a little more specific in your summary. You don’t have to go over everything in the article in the summary, just what you think is helpful or interesting about that article.

If we find a web article, do we use MLA citation? Should we have the evaluation in a separate paragraph from the summary?

Yes, always cite in MLA (if the article was originally printed, make sure you capture the volume/issue information). Yes, I find it easier to separate the two in their own paragraphs.

If an article has both an online copy and a print copy do I cite them both or just the one I used?

Cite the one you used (usually this is online), but make sure you capture the volume/issue information of the printed version.

How will the feeder work in helping us make our final paper?

I already addressed this in "Unit 1 Overview Questions." Here were the questions and responses:

"How exactly will the feeders come together to form the final paper?"

You will develop citations in Feeder 1, which will become your works cited section in your final papers. The annotations you write in Feeder 1 will form the basis of your summary paragraphs in your final paper. Feeder 2 will provide the final paper with paragraphs linking the two sources and will form the basis for your thesis and argument."

And

"Will the "feeders" be incorporated into the final unit project or is it just practice in preparation for the project?"

You will reuse the citations and your summaries in Feeder 1 in the Unit project. You will also use Feeder 2 in paragraphs related to linking the two sources and your own argument. It is my hope you will reuse the paragraphs you generate through the feeders in the final project. "