English 117B Spring 2016 **Working Bibliography**

**Overview:** Working bibliographies are like rough drafts, tentative. They grow out of the list of research questions you develop to help you answer your main thesis question. They also help anyone who is overseeing your project (such as a teacher or lab manager) to make sure you’re on track.

**Directions:** Consider which sources might give the best answer to your research questions. Include a variety of different sources to benefit from their different kinds of strengths and compensate for their different weaknesses. Books are thorough and authoritative but sometimes not recent.

* **Newspaper articles** are very recent and usually credible (depending on the paper) but not usually very in-depth or lengthy.
* **Websites** can be great, but there is a lot of misinformation out there, and many sites are shallow. Look for .org, .edu, or .gov, especially. Look for sites with sources cited and *real* experts listed.
* **Peer-reviewed journal articles** are usually in-depth, sophisticated, and credible, but they can be jargon-heavy and not super-current.
* **Interviews** with experts or people with insider knowledge can be great, but they can be hard to track down and require some expertise to manage well.

**Remember:** good papers come from good sources!

**Requirements**:

* At least ten sources related to your research topic.
* At least 3 different kinds of sources (books; newspapers or journal articles; websites from *reputable* organizations, published interviews with experts.)
* Timely sources: At least one source published within the last 6 months, none older than 10 years unless you can make a case for it.
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