

Working Bibliography

Your first step in conducting library research is to cast a wide net and find many sources related to your topic. You aren't required to read these sources yet. The purpose of this assignment is to find sources and evaluate whether they are credible.

This assignment requires that you:

- Find and evaluate 5 books, 5 scholarly (peer-reviewed) articles, and 5 additional outside sources of any form.
- Write an MLA Style Works Cited entry for each source.
- Evaluate the credibility of each source following the directions below.

For each source, do the following:

- Present a Works Cited entry for the source using current MLA Style format.
- Answer these questions: "Is the source credible? Why or why not?"
- Provide at least three reasons to support your answer.

This assignment is worth 15 points, or 3% of your total semester grade. Each source is worth 1 point, and you cannot earn partial credit for a source. Make sure to complete all requirements for each source.

Proofread your work carefully from a printed copy to ensure that you submit your best, polished writing. This assignment is due on Blackboard by midnight on Fri, Oct. 21.

Examples of evaluated sources:

Canagarajah, A. Suresh. "The Place of World Englishes in Composition: Pluralization Continued." *College Composition and Communication*, vol. 57, no. 4, 2006, pp. 586-619. Yes, this source is credible because it is a scholarly, peer-reviewed article, it is written by an author who teaches on the topic of the article and has won an award for his work on this subject, and it has a long Works Cited list of other scholarly sources.

Larrotta, Claudia. "Why Learn Foreign Languages." *Prezi*, 11 Oct. 2014, <https://prezi.com/azecx43i4vui/why-learn-foreign-languages/>

This source uses a lot of statistics but doesn't cite any sources for this information. The source is also not presented professionally: it has one slide that is blank, and it has a misspelled word ("apposed" instead of "opposed"). I Googled the author and found out that she is a foreign language professor, which makes her a credible author. However, given the uncited information and the unprofessional presentation, I do not consider this to be a credible source.

Mufwene, Salikoko S. "English: The Empire is Dead. Long Live the Empire." *Huffington Post*, 15 March 2016, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/the-conversation-africa/english-the-empire-is-dea b 9466710.html>

I think this source is credible because the author is a linguistics professor who has published another credible article on this subject, the article contains hyperlinks to information to back up

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some ideas, and the article seems to be unbiased because it was reprinted from a site called The Conversation Africa that “is a news and analysis website which is a collaboration between academics and journalists” (Mufwene). I do question the fact that it does not have a bibliography and uses a jokey picture (of a person with a flag painted on their tongue) even though it is a serious article. I may find the article to be less credible once I read it.