

Research ‘Recipe’: Doing Your Research for Milestone #1

So you have a research paper topic in mind, what are the steps to finish your Works Cited page for Milestone #1?

Check off

each step

[] 1) Start a Word doc or Google Doc for your Milestone #1.

The first page will be the topic write-up. Look over the [Sample Milestone #1](#) for what this looks like.

[] 2) On the 2nd page of this document, type in **Works Cited** at the top of the page. Center it on the page.

[] 3) Look up your film in this list of citations for common films for this class: [MLA Citations for Films, DVDs and YouTube Clips](#) .

If your film is not listed, click on the [MLA Citation Assistant \(cite.blogspot.org\)](http://cite.blogspot.org) and use the **Movie** button to create a film citation for your film. Type in the Director, Actor/Actresses, Release Date (and streaming service). Click the **Generate Citation** button to see your citation.

cite.blogspot.org

4) OTHER SOURCES

An online article from the web?

Select

A Wikipedia article?

Select

A YouTube video?

Select

A movie?

Select

Select and copy (Ctrl-C) this citation and then paste it (Ctrl-V) into your Works Cited page.

(If you are using a book instead of a film, your main text will be a book or essay. You could use the MLA Citation Assistant button for books for that.)

FOR THIS PROJECT YOU NEED A COPY OF THE FILM, either a video file (like an .mpeg or a streaming service. You can receive a link to a copy of most of the films on the above list on Dropbox – send

an e-mail to eng103.lagcc@gmail.com! (I can't post all our films – because of copyright, but I can post whichever one you need, but you need to ask me.)

Hint: For Milestone #1 you can write up your topic without having seen the whole film. Do research on IMDB.com and YouTube for clips (and reviews) to understand what your movie is about. *Make plans to get a full copy of your film.*

Now it's time for research:

Your paper will be comparing the FACTS about your topic to an IMAGINATIVE portrayal of this topic in a (Hollywood) film. (Do Hollywood films always tell the exact truth? Of course not....)

So you will need 2 encyclopedia articles to find facts about AUTISM, SCHIZOPHRENIA, ALZHEIMER'S / ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE,

[] 4) On the [Research Speed Dial \(research.blogsite.org\)](http://research.blogsite.org), click on the **Gale Virtual Research Library** icon.

[] Do a search on a term that fits your topic. AUTISM ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

[] Find 2 relevant encyclopedia articles. Save the PDFs and use the **Cite** tool to find the citation. (We will ask you for 2 encyclopedia articles for the full paper, but you can start with 1 for Milestone #1.)

THIS IS THE SAME TECHNIQUE THAT YOU PRACTICED FOR WEEK 4'S ONLINE ACTIVITY!

[] Copy and paste the MLA 8 citation into your Works Cited page.

[] 5) You can use The New York Times (nytimes.com) to find a film review of most recent films.

[] Go to the nytimes.com. Locate the **Search** box and type: **[name of your movie] film review**

e.g.,

Beautiful Mind movie review

You should find a movie review. Save it locally.

[] Generate the citation using the **MLA Citation Assistant** → **An online article from the web** button.

An online article from the web?

Select

[] After you have filled in the fields in this form, click the **Generate Citation!** Button to see your citation. Copy and paste this citation to your Works Cited page.

-OR-

[] Use the **Nexis Uni** button on the [Research Speed Dial \(research.blogsite.org\)](http://research.blogsite.org).

Do the same search: **[name of your movie] film review**

You will need to narrow your results – choose a magazine or newspaper and publication that is not too far away or too obscure.

[] Save the document / article to your local drive. Use the **Cite** tool to generate the citation.

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[] Copy and paste this citation into your Works Cited page.

[] 6) You now have the 3 citations required for Milestone #1!

Work on the formatting:

[] For each citation, make sure it is double spaced.

[] Indent the 2nd and 3rd+ lines of each citation (called a 'hanging indent').

[] Alphabetize your 3 citations by the first letter of each citation (excluding a / an / the).

The [Sample Milestone #1](#) file shows the correct formatting here.

[] 7) Annotations

[] Read / skim your printed sources. Do light Internet research to understand what your film is about (or view the film).

[] Write 3 sentences for each source (2 articles and a movie) for ANNOTATIONS.

[] It's tricky, but you can **indent** and **single space annotations** for better readability.

Hinckley, David. "Great Dane Lifts Temple." *The New York Daily News*, 05 Feb. 2010, p. 94.

LexisNexis. Accessed 2 Oct. 2016.

This journalistic article is a film review of this movie. It is largely positive on the portrayal of Temple Grandin by Claire Danes. The reviewer doesn't go into much detail on the film.

Annotations are about 3 sentences each – tell us what kind of a source it is and what kind of information this source contains.

Indent and SINGLE SPACE annotations

Indent 2nd and 3rd lines of each citation.

Again, the [Sample Milestone #1](#) file shows the correct formatting and content for annotations.

[] 8) Works Cited page is completed. Next, you can write your topic write-up. Use the [Sample Milestone #1](#) as a guide. Be sure to tell us the main text (the film) and give it a title that makes sense:

The Portrayal of Schizophrenia in *A Beautiful Mind*

The Portrayal of Artificial Intelligence in *The Matrix*

Aim for 200 words.

***Remember you are writing on ONE FILM ONLY (or one book or essay) as your MAIN TEXT.

[] 9) Be sure to edit and proofread your work before you submit it. It is due on **MON. 4/4 (11:59 pm)** -- at the start of Week 5.

[] 10) Submit your milestone:

Upload your paper to:

submit103.lagcconline.com
