Annotated Bibliography Assignment: ARTS version

Pick a topic in the arts that interests you; confirm it with your instructor. Examples of topics you might choose include: the architecture of Los Angeles, or the performance history of August Wilson’s plays.

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Go the libraries’ website at <https://libraries.usc.edu/>. Under the Research menu, choose “Research Guides.” Research guides are curated collections of resources (like databases, catalogs, websites, archival collections). Choose one of the following guides that most closely reflects your topic, and underline it:

* Ancient Art & Archaeology
* Architecture
* Art History & Fine Arts
* Cinematic Arts
* Dance
* Music
* Theater

Below, you’ll be asked to find three types of sources. Use the research guide to identify resources where you can search. **For example:** on the Music Research Guide, there are tabs for “Find Books,” “Find Articles,” and “Find Videos.” Under the “Find Articles” tab, you could search the database “Music Index Online” to find a critical work. Use the descriptions of each database, catalog, or website to judge what sources you could look for there.

Find one of each of the following types of sources, keeping your topic in mind.

**Source 1: A Creative Work**

*(examples: published play, video of a dance performance, architect’s rendering of a building)*

In which resource (e.g., library catalog, JSTOR) did you find this source?

Under which tab in the research guide is the resource listed?

Search terms used to find the source:

MLA citation for the source (see Citation research guide for guidance - <http://libguides.usc.edu/citation>):

What makes this a creative work?

What unique purpose does a creative work bring to a research paper or project on this topic?

**Source 2: A Review**

*(examples: review of an orchestra’s performance, film, exhibit, or body of architectural work)*

In which resource (e.g., library catalog, JSTOR) did you find this source?

Under which tab in the research guide is the resource listed?

Search terms used to find the source:

MLA citation for the source (see Citation research guide for guidance - <http://libguides.usc.edu/citation>):

What makes this a review?

What unique purpose does a review bring to a research paper or project on this topic?

**Source 3: A Critical Work**

*(examples: article analyzing a painting, comparison of techniques among choreographers)*

In which resource (e.g., library catalog, JSTOR) did you find this source?

Under which tab in the research guide is the resource listed?

Search terms used to find the source:

MLA citation for the source (see Citation research guide for guidance - <http://libguides.usc.edu/citation>):

What makes this a critical work?

What unique purpose does a critical work bring to a research paper or project on this topic?