

Low Stakes Assignment #4: Source Map

For this fourth LSA, you will map out the academic conversation taking place between the three sources you wrote about in your Reflective Annotated Bibliography. By doing this, you will be engaging with your sources more fully and developing points that could be included in a draft of your Research Paper (if you were going to write one). In other words, this assignment is another step in the research and writing process.

To complete this assignment, you can use whatever format works best for you:

- you could write it out in paragraph or bulleted form;
- you could create a visual map using bubbles and/or boxes;
- you use Google Slides or PowerPoint to organize your work.

Requirements:

Regardless of the format you use, your assignment must include the following:

- **Three Points of Convergence Across your Three sources:**
 - Identify three themes, claims, foundational ideas, or points of analysis that can be found in each of your three sources. Name these three items.
 - Offer direct evidence (quotes, paraphrases) from each of the sources to illustrate these three points of convergence. Cite each point of evidence as an in-text citation, using APA citation format.
 - Discuss the significance or importance of each of these overlaps. For example: Do these points forward a specific thesis or idea?; Do they help to formulate a particular perspective about a topic?; Do they offer evidence of a particular claim? Be specific and discuss why these overlaps are relevant.
- **Three Points of Divergence Across your Three sources:**
 - Identify where these sources diverge--where their ideas, themes, claims, or points of analysis do not match up. Name these three points of disagreement or divergence.
 - Offer direct evidence (quotes, paraphrases) from each of the sources to illustrate the three ways these sources diverge or separate from one another. Cite each point of evidence as an in-text citation, using APA citation format.

Tips to Remember

Remember that you must also discuss the significance or importance of each of these divergences. For example:

- If they disagree about a foundational idea, what does this mean for the topic at hand?
- Do their divergences offer different perspectives on the same basic thesis? If so, what impact does this have on that thesis?

- What does it mean that they offer different kinds of evidence to support the same claim? Does this deepen the value of the claim? Does it support it more fully or does it have the opposite effect?
- Be specific and discuss why these divergences are relevant.