

Satire research project: The top ten list

Topic _____

You will be researching a particular topic or person related to satire that will be covered in class this semester. When we get to that topic or person you will present your research in a “top ten list” format as an introduction to the unit.

Requirements:

*You will need at least 5 **GOOD** sources on your person or topic (this means you may need to look at 5-10 to find them; no Wikipedia!).

*You will take notes from each source. You should have a combination of paraphrased and directly quoted material. Make sure you differentiate which is which in your notes. You will also need a works cited page. **DUE:**

*Using the information in your notes, you will create a Top 10 list that details the 10 most important or significant facts about your topic and how/why it is relevant to satire.

*You will create an annotated bibliography in MLA format to cite your sources. **DUE:**

*You will present your top 10 list to the class as an introduction to the unit or topic you researched.

The process:

1. Your **guiding questions** should be: What does this person /topic have to do with satire? What is the essential nature of the satire or the satirist? What are the essential point or features of the singular work or the work of the satirist?

2. We will go over a variety of ways to find sources.

3. When you are finished with your notes, show them to me, and then read through them and determine what can be combined, and what should be omitted as you create your top ten list. At this point you need to come up with a title for your list that provides some sort of organizing idea (theme) for your list.

4. Your top ten list should start with the least important fact (#10) and lead to the most significant connection with #1. You need quoted and paraphrased material. You will need parenthetical citations on your list to show where you got your information. Use complete sentences! Provide a lead-in to your quotes! Add commentary that links to satire/your purpose where necessary!

5. Turn in a word-processed top ten list, a works cited page, and an annotated bibliography in MLA format.

6. Media for the presentation: find a visual/example (picture, book, video clip, sound bite) to accompany your presentation.

7. Present your list to the class.