Plan for Today 10/20

- Today's Class Presentations on Major Paper Topic.

- Review: Major Paper Scaffolding.

- Review: Annotated Bibliography for Major Paper—due next Friday, October 27, at 11:59pm.

- Introduction to Major Paper Storyboard.

- Checking in with all students who haven't yet given class presentations about their searches for Major Paper topics and contestable theses.

Major Paper Scaffolding

- You will have five assignments culminating in your Major Paper:

  - Class Presentation

  - Annotated Bibliography

  - Storyboard

  - Major Paper Draft

  - Major Paper Final

Major Paper Annotated Bibliography

- Due Friday, October 27, at 11:59pm.

- Your annotated bibliography will consist of:

  - A brief description of your paper's topic, along with a statement of your contestable thesis.

  - Answers to the following five questions about the **six–eight** sources that you will draw on in your paper.

- It **must** be prepared using LaTeX/BibTeX, using the template that I'm providing.

  - "Must" as in if you don't prepare it this way, it won't be graded.

Major Paper Annotated Bibliography

- Five questions are:

  - **What is the citation for the source, using BibTeX?**

  - **What is the type of the source?**

    - Peer-reviewed journal, public intellectual essay, newspaper, website, blog, etc.

  - **What is the authority of the author or authors?**

    - What expertise or relevant experience does this person have? Why do we care about their views on this topic? Is this person biased? If so, how should we take that into account?

Major Paper Annotated Bibliography

- Five questions continued:

  - **What is the source's main argument, or if there are multiple arguments that are relevant to your paper, what are they?**

  - **How do you plan to use this source in support of your contestable thesis.**

- A majority of your sources should be scholarly (from academic journals or conferences, from published books by researchers or experts).

- But you may use sources like newspaper or magazine articles, blogs, etc.

Major Paper Storyboard

- Due Friday, November 3, at 11:59pm.

- Structured as a sequence of slides, created in Powerpoint, Keynote, Google Slides, etc.

- Submitted to Gradescope as a PDF file.

- Consists of:

  - A summary of the topic and a thesis statement.

  - A sequence of *at least six* slides, each consisting of a single claim, supporting evidence for that claim, plus an explanation of how these relate to the larger thesis.

- More information next week, including some examples.

Checking In About Major Paper Topics and Theses

- We're going to go around the room, asking each student who has not already given their class presentation to tell us their current plans for it.

  - What are you thinking about taking as your topic?

    - If you have multiple options, how can we help you narrow them down?

  - What are you thinking about taking as your contestable thesis?