Source Integration Assignment

Overview: To evaluate your understanding of MLA style documentation, you will practice integrating a source into a paragraph. In addition, you will prepare a Works Cited page that properly cites the source that you have incorporated into the paragraph.

Writing Prompt: Both Edmundson and hooks address how encountering new people or ideas in college can impact our self-understanding. Write one developed paragraph (about 7-10 sentences) discussing how the people, ideas, or challenges we encounter in college fosters greater self-understanding. Incorporate at least one quotation from either Edmundson’s or hooks’ essay to help develop your ideas.

Guidelines

- Choose at least one passage from either Edmundson’s or hooks’ essay and integrate this passage into the paragraph as a quotation.
- When incorporating the source into the paragraph, use a signal phrase and an in-text citation. Please review the assigned reading in the handbook as well as the mini-lecture on MLA documentation for more information about using in-text citations and the signal phrases appropriately.
- For this assignment, you should create a Works Cited page and document the essay that you incorporated into a paragraph. Follow proper MLA style documentation for the citation. You will need to consult your handbook—in particular, use the “Directory to MLA Works Cited Models.” Because these essays come from our anthology (Inquiry), you will use the entry titled, “one or more selections from an anthology” in the handbook directory. Be sure to look at the example from the handbook and read the explanation as you write out the citation.
- Remember that you must use a quotation to help support and inform your discussion. Thus, you may not simply choose any quote and drop it into the paragraph. Work to make a clear connection between your discussion and the quotation.

Evaluation

You will be graded on the following:

- The paragraph is clear and developed.
- The paragraph is free of distracting mechanical errors.
- The paragraph incorporates a quote from Loeb or hooks.
- The quotation supports the paragraph’s discussion.
- The quotation has an appropriate signal phrase and an accurate in-text citation.
- The Works Cited page follows MLA style.
- The Works Cited page includes a source citation (for Edmundson or hooks) that is formatted following MLA style.