English 102: Inquiry into the South

Please login to your computers
Office Hours

- Mondays 9:00-10:30 am
- Thursdays 2:30-4:00 pm
- South Stadium Hall 333
English 102 is about active research in a specific field (southern studies for us).
Thinking about the course topic. How is the course topics supposed to help your succeed in English?

Open a Word document and answer the questions in Box 1.2 on page 7.
Group Chat

In groups of 3-4 share some of your answers with your classmates. Discuss your differences and why each of you answered the question in the way that you did.
What are some of your questions and concerns about the topic?
Making Ethical Decisions

- Being the primary researcher puts an ethical weight on your shoulders. One should be aware of one’s own biases when choosing a research question, identifying sources, selecting interview participants, and making claims on finding significance.
Understanding Writing and Research in Academic Disciplines

- Secondary Source Research
- Qualitative Research
- Archival/Historical Research
The Homework Assignment and Turning Homework In

- All homework needs to be submitted on a **Word document** through Blackboard (Bb) before the start of the next class.

- For this homework assignment, you will make and argue a claim about the South. You will do so in essay form and therefore will need a clear and identifiable thesis.
What is a thesis?
Homework

Reading: *RI* Chapter 2 pp. 19-54; *MTSMA* pp. 1-28

Homework: Demonstrate your writing competency by writing a short essay on your definition of the South. You should have an introductory paragraph and thesis, at least one short body paragraph, and a conclusion paragraph that posits why your stance is important. The scope of this essay should be around 300-600 words. Turn into Bb by Jan. 20 3:34:59 pm.

Study for the syllabus quiz if you are interested in taking it.