English 102: Inquiry into the South

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What is a survey of scholarship?
Why start with a survey of scholarship?

- What is already known about the area you want to research?
- What types of questions have other researchers already asked? Were they good questions? Were they answered?
- How can you use your interviews to add to what scholars already know about this topic?
What does a survey of scholarship do?

- Place each source in the context of its contribution to the understanding of the topic under review
- Describe the relationship of each work to the others
- Identify new ways to understand (interpret) what others have found
- Identify holes or gaps in others’ research
- Resolve conflicts amongst seemingly contradictory studies
- Identify areas of prior research to prevent unnecessary duplication
- Point towards what needs to be researched next
A SOS synthesizes the research.
What is synthesis?
What does it do and how do you prepare for it?
The Synthesis Matrix
Research Questions &

My Tears Spoiled My Aim
Working on your research questions

- Public sources,
- Primary sources, and
- Other forms of knowledge
Wednesday:
Room 128 at Hodges Library
Homework

Reading: *RI* Chapter 4 pp. 79-115

Homework: Work on researching your research questions through public sources