English 102: Inquiry into the South

Have your SOS assignment sheet and notes from your Monday readings out and ready for discussion

Wednesday, February 10th 2016
Survey of Scholarship Assignment Sheet
Monday’s Reading and Questions
Discussion on Monday’s Readings and Questions

• What is the goal of a researcher who is about to write a literature review or a survey of scholarship?

• What type of writing does a LR or SOS require?
Discussion on Monday’s Readings and Questions

✶ How do you think the matrix informs the formal survey of scholarship?

✶ Based on these documents, how do you think this student used the matrix to organize or outline the SOS?

✶ What is the organization of the SOS (pay attention to the relationship between the thesis and the topic sentences)?

✶ What is synthesis and how does the student’s SOS achieve it (point to specific lines)?
Using your synthesis matrix …

- Look at your synthesis matrix and pull out 3-5 themes or subtopics that are consistent across the research that you have read so far.

- Also, on the notecard, write down in questions, concerns, issues, et. cetera you still have about synthesis. I will try to address them in Friday’s lecture.
After you finish the matrix, drafting your SOS is the next step. What questions do you have before you start synthesizing the information you have learned into essay form?

Think about your audience for your SOS. How is the SOS a cleaner version of the synthesis matrix? What does an SOS generally look like (refer to the student sample from Monday)?
Homework

Reading: *RI* Chapter 5 pp. 119-139

Homework: Continue working on your synthesis matrix. If you’re ready start drafting your thesis and topic sentences. (Feel free to bring them to office hours for some advice!)