

Assignments Due Tuesday, July 31st:
I. Poet Biography
II. Annotated Bibliography for Wiki

I. Poet Biography

The poet biography is a short (4pp. if you are in a group; 2pp. if you are working on your own) biography of your author that should cover her entire life in as much detail as possible (early, middle, later life & death) and should at the very least gesture towards the author's poetic accomplishments, literary influences, major publications and/or her legacy to poetry.

In some ways, this biography is an early draft of your Wiki entry. The Wiki entry, however, will have much longer sections on your poet's literary accomplishments, the major themes in her poetry, her place in literature as well as her legacy for the future. The Wiki entry will also contain some discussion and analysis of the poet's major poems, an element that is not a part of the biography.

For those of you working on your own:

Use the two pages of the biography to focus on the author's life. If you wish to go onto the 3rd page because there is so much information about the author, or because you wish to discuss briefly a part of her literary output that you didn't have a chance to in 2 pp., that is fine.

For those of you working in groups of two:

Make sure to split up the work evenly; each person should write at least two pages (no biography should go over 6 pages). Please mark the sections. You may either have two sections and each write one of those sections (for example: the author's first half of her life & the author's second half OR the author's life & the author's literary contributions and legacy). Or you might consider having four one-page sections. For example:

Early Life	Early Life
Middle Life	Early Contributions
Late life & Death	Late Life
Literary Contributions	Later Contributions & Legacy

Each section should have a sub-heading. Please mark each section with your initials next to the subheading.

To All of You: Remember Your Formatting! All papers should have:

- 1" margins on all sides; Times New Roman 12 pt. font, everything double-spaced
- Page numbers in upper right hand corner with your last name(s)
- A heading on the left (only on page 1) with your name(s), due date, class # & my name
- A centered original title for the assignment (NOT "Biography of Poet X")
- No extra spaces between paragraphs or sections
- Quotations/paraphrases from **at least** 3 sources (w/ parenthetical citation)
- a Works Cited page as your last page
- No online sources except for journal articles in databases

II. Annotated Bibliography for Wiki

The annotated bibliography is to prepare you for writing the Wiki. While you may put the sources you found for the biography on your A.B., you will also need 7 other sources. The sources must appear in MLA citation format (**see your MLA Handbook**) in order by last name of author. **MLA citation format must be correct in order to get an A on this assignment.**

Underneath each citation will follow an annotation of approx. 2-4 sentences in which you will explain:

- What this article/book is about
- How it relates to your author & assignment
- What information you will get out of it/how will you use it

Example:

Nussbaum, Felicity. *Rival Queens: Actresses, Performance, and the Eighteenth-Century British Theater*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010. Print.

Nussbaum's book discusses the representation of actresses on the eighteenth-century stage. She discusses issues of celebrity, economics and performance with relation to popular actresses of the time period. She dedicates an entire chapter to the actress Margaret Woffington, who was well-known for her cross-dressing. I will be using this chapter to supplement my own discussion of Woffington and the audience reception of her travesty roles as Sir Harry Wildair and Lothario.

For those of you working on your own:

Please make sure you have minimum **5 works** on your annotated bibliography excluding the Lonsdale.

For those of you working in pairs:

Make sure you mark each annotation with your initials in bold at the beginning of the annotation. Your bibliography should have a minimum of **10 sources** and each of you should write the annotation to at least **5 sources**.

Remember, these sources form the initial research for your Wiki entry. They should all be secondary sources, i.e. works by scholars and critics from the last 20-30 years. Primary sources from the eighteenth-century, while useful, should be used in the Wiki, but not in the A.B.

Lastly, please note that in all entries:

- Titles of books, anthologies, journals & databases go in *italics*
- Titles of articles, book chapters, and poems go in quotation marks
- Double-check all punctuation in all entries with the MLA Handbook
- Don't rely solely on an online citation generator
- All annotations should be written in full sentences
- The words "Annotated Bibliography" should appear at the top, centered
- All entries & annotations are double-spaced; no bullets or extra spaces are necessary
 - 2nd & 3rd lines of citations are indented