

Introduction to Asian Art
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Research Question Project

The Research Question Project (RQP) is a project in which you select a topic, draft a research question, and do research. Over the course of the semester you will be asked to find a total of five sources which you will then read and evaluate. I provide you with a list of questions that you will answer for each of your sources. The “source sheet” is composed of this list of questions. Part way through the semester, you will be asked to reconsider and potentially refine your research question based on the research you have done. At the end of the project, you will submit an annotated bibliography that includes your five sources. You will also turn in a one-paragraph reflection on the research process (how your research question changed and why.)

The schedule of due dates is as follows:

Sunday, June 17

- Let’s read an article together!
 - Read Sears, Tamara I. "Constructing the Guru: Ritual Authority and Architectural Space in Medieval India." *The Art Bulletin* 90.1 (2008): 7-31. Article is available on D2L. You will need to fill out the source sheet questions on D2L
- What is your topic/research question?
 - RQP Phase 1 DUE Post your topic/research question in the Phase 1 Research question discussion board on D2L.
- Use the tips discussed with our librarian for finding three peer-reviewed articles on your topic. These will be your first three sources.
 - RQP Phase 2 DUE Post your three sources to the Phase 2 Research Question Dropbox.

Sunday, June 24

- Read and evaluate your first source. Do your first “source sheet.”
 - RQP Phase 3 (article 1) DUE Post the source sheet questions for the first of your three sources sheets to the Phase 3 Research Question Dropbox.

Sunday, July 1

- Read and evaluate your second source. Do your second “source sheet.”
 - RQP Phase 3 (article 2) DUE Post the source sheet questions for the second of your three sources sheets to the Phase 3 Research Question Dropbox.

Sunday, July 8

- Read and evaluate your third source. Do your third “source sheet.”
 - RQP Phase 3 (article 3) DUE Post the source sheet questions for the third of your three sources sheets to the Phase 3 Research Question Dropbox.

Sunday, July 15

- Time to revisit your research question! Return to your original research question and consider how you might refine it based on the research that you have thus far completed.
 - RQP Phase 4 DUE Post your revised research question to the Phase 4 Research Question Discussion Board.
- Now that you have refined your research question, find two additional peer-reviewed articles. Consider new search terms that you might use, given your newly refined research question
 - RQP Phase 5 DUE Post citations of two more articles to the Phase 5 Research Question Dropbox.

Sunday, July 22

- Read and evaluate your fourth source. Do your fourth “source sheet.”
 - RQP Phase 6 DUE Post the source sheet questions for the first of your two sources sheets to the Phase 6 Research Question Dropbox.

Sunday, July 29

- Read and evaluate your fifth source. Do your fifth “source sheet.”
 - RQP Phase 6 DUE Post the source sheet questions for the second of your two sources sheets to the Phase 6 Research Question Dropbox.

Sunday, August 5

- Let’s finish this up! You now have a good sense of your topic as well as how you might answer your research question. You may even be thinking you *wish* you had to write an end-of-the-term paper for this course. Alas, you need only submit the following...
 - RQP Phase 7 DUE Submit your final revised research question, your annotated bibliography of your five sources, and a short (one-paragraph) description of how your research question changed and why, including your resulting thesis statement to the Phase 7 Research Question Dropbox.

P.S. If you really want to write a paper, I am happy to read it!