Sources

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First step in using sources effectively…
(see David Rosenwasser & Jill Stephen, 1996)

- Reject assumption that sources provide final and complete answers

- As a writer, YOU need to conduct the chain of thinking, orchestrate the exchange of views with and among your sources, and give the conversation direction
Two Methods for Conversing with Sources
(see David Rosenwasser & Jill Stephen, 1996)

1. Choose one sentence from a secondary source and one from a primary source, and put these into conversation. What does each reveal about the other?

2. Pick one sentence from one source (A) and one from another (B): how does A speak to B? How does B speak to A?
Six Strategies for Analyzing Sources  
(see David Rosenwasser & Jill Stephen, 1996)

1. Make your sources *speak*

2. Attend carefully to the language of your sources by *quoting or paraphrasing*

3. Supply *ongoing analysis* of sources (don’t wait until the end)

4. Use your sources *to ask questions*, not just to provide answers

5. Put your sources into *conversation with one another*

6. Find *your own role* in the conversation
Integrating Quotations
(see David Rosenwasser & Jill Stephen, 1996)

- Tell your readers in the text, not just in citations, when you are using someone else’s words, ideas or information
  - Rewording someone’s idea DOES NOT make it yours!

- Always attach a quotation to some of your own language; never let it stand as its own sentence in your text
Integrating Quotations
(see David Rosenwasser & Jill Stephen, 1996)

1. Acknowledge sources in your text, not just in citations

2. Splice quotations onto your own words, i.e. always attach some of your own language to quotations; don’t let them sit in your text as independent sentences with quotation marks around them.

3. Cite sources after quotations. E.g.:
   A recent article on the best-selling albums in America claimed that “Ever since Elvis, it has been pop music’s job to challenge the mores of the older generation” (Hornby 168)

4. Use ellipses to shorten quotations

5. Use square brackets to alter or add information within a quotation
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