



LOCATING SLAVERY'S LEGACIES

*A Collaborative Database of Civil War
Memorials on American College Campuses*

The basic objective of the **Locating Slavery's Legacies database (LSLdb)** is to collect information about monuments and memorials identified with the Civil War and Confederacy on the campuses of American colleges. This information will help us analyze and understand the impact of Lost Cause movements on higher education in the United States in the 160 years after emancipation. The LSLdb works on a model of inter-institutional collaboration: students and faculty who join the database project investigate such memorials on their respective campuses and enter the information on the LSLdb website using agreed-upon standards and practices. What results, we hope, is a centralized resource yielding insight into the history of the Lost Cause at individual colleges while also allowing comparative analysis of Confederate memorialization as a larger social and cultural movement that shaped teaching and learning on campuses across the southern region and beyond.

As students, your task is to research monuments and memorials identified with the Civil War and Confederacy at Western Kentucky University to add to the LSLdb. Students will gain collections management skills by creating metadata to catalog the various entities. Lastly, they will write summaries of their findings and present their research.

<https://www.locatinglegacies.org/locating-legacies>

Bibliography

Due February 10th

State the topic name. Bibliographies must have at least five sources including at least three primary sources. Chicago Manual of Style format should be used for all citations. This assignment is worth 100 pts. and 2.5% of the final grade.

<https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/>

<https://www.wku.edu/library/services/archives/>

<https://westernkentuckyuniversity.pastperfectonline.com/search>

<https://wkuherald.com/>

https://www.wku.edu/news/documents/namings_and_symbols_report_and_recommendations.pdf

Metadata

Due February 24th

Metadata assignments require students to complete a template that gives basic information on an entity which can be used to catalog the item. Information may include location, physical size, background and context, year contributed, etc. They will then enter their data into the Locating Slavery's Legacies –

Western Kentucky University website. This assignment is worth 100 participation points to be included in the final average. This assignment is worth 100 pts. and 2.5% of the final grade.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KhCsLV6ViCk>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYVrvjQPNl4&t=4s>

Papers and Presentations

Due March 6th

Summary papers should present the research findings while also addressing the research question – **How is this entity linked with exclusion, segregation, racism, or slavery? How does it reflect the larger cultural and social movements that shaped teaching and learning at WKU?** Papers must be 300-600 words, double spaced, use 12pt. font size and a standard font style such as Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri, etc. Papers should include footnote citations and a bibliography both using Chicago Manual of Style format. This assignment is worth 100 participation points to be included in the final average. This assignment is worth 100 pts. and 2.5% of the final grade.

Student groups will give a presentation on their final research findings. Presentations should be between 5-7 minutes and should include visual aids. Students should not read their papers, but instead present the topic, what research materials that were used, metadata, and what their findings addressing the research question. Student assessments will follow a presentation rubric. This assignment is worth 100 participation points to be included in the final average. This assignment is worth 100 pts. and 2.5% of the final grade.