

## BuzzFeed listicle + annotated bibliography (Final)

### Instructions:

For your final, you may choose to submit a traditional research paper (6-7 pages, 12pt font, double-spaced, 1 inch margins) OR a BuzzFeed-style listicle + annotated bibliography.

The function of a listicle is to curate information into a numbered list that is easy to consume. Your BuzzFeed-style listicle must summarize and explain a particular aspect/ topic/ theme studied in class. For example, you might compose a listicle of “27 Facts About Italian Detective Fiction You Probably Didn’t Know, But 100% Should” or “21 Diary Entry Tweets from Second-Generation Italians That Are Funny and Relatable.”

### Format:

- Craft a **title** that catches the reader’s attention. [Matthew Barby](#), an experienced BuzzFeed author, has done research indicating that the best titles ask questions and are more than seven words long. [Michael Reed Roberts](#) offers other ideas for writing “clickbait” titles.
- In the **introduction**, identify the issue, image, or theme that unites the statements in your listicle. Use hyperlinks to convince a typical [BuzzFeed reader](#) that it is a timely topic that is worth his/her time.
- The **body of your listicle** must include at least 20 statements (the introduction and conclusion do not count as statements).
- The **conclusion** to your listicle must punctuate your main argument.

### Requirements:

- Your listicle should be roughly 1000 words in length (not including citations/quotes/ annotated bibliography).
- Your listicle must include at least 7 links to relevant current events, blog posts, or videos that will help readers understand your analysis. Credit authors by putting quote marks around words and phrases that you borrow directly from them and by embedding hyperlinks that lead readers back to your sources. A maximum 3 of these hyperlinked sources can be included in your annotated bibliography (so long as they are peer-reviewed sources). Do not include a list of Works Cited at the bottom of the article.
- You will submit an annotated bibliography of at least 5 peer-reviewed sources on Blackboard. Instructions and examples of annotated bibliographies are available under the resources tab.

### Resources:

- [BuzzFeed listicle example](#)
- [Guide to creating a BuzzFeed listicle](#)

### Submission Dates & Guidelines:

This assignment will be broken up into smaller chunks. Late submission of any part of the assignment will result in a 10% penalty per day.

### Proposal- 19 October

Bring to virtual class session & submit draft (doc, docx) to Blackboard.

### First Draft + Peer Responses- 12 November & 16 November

Submit the first draft to Blackboard (doc, docx) by 3pm on November 12. The day that essays are due, you will be assigned other students’ listicles to review. Peer responses must be emailed to the listicle creators and me. They are due by 3pm on November 16.

### Final Draft- 3 December at 5pm

You will receive 5% extra credit on your listicle final project if you decide to submit it to BuzzFeed. **Do not submit your listicle on Blackboard if you submit it to BuzzFeed.** Just email me the URL to the final article.

You can earn 1 bonus point by submitting (via email or a #tweet- [@dolasinski\\_lisa](#)) a photo sharing your final project with a friend, partner, or family member. Late submission of any portion of this assignment will result in a 10% deduction per day (for each late submission).

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