

PROFILE

BETH

Graduate Student
Large Midwestern University

As a graduate student focused in US history Beth is currently studying 150 books central to US History which she will use in support of her 8-hour qualifying exam, scheduled for the end of the summer.

CURRENT WORK

Studying for qualifying exams, required to read 150 books in 3 months, to draw upon for an 8-hour exam.

UNIQUE EXPERTISE

She knows all the newest applications; she can scan and save from almost any format or provider.

TOOLS I USE

APPLICATIONS USED



Google Drive



Notability



Pomodoro



TurboScan



Zotero

WEBSITES USED

- Library website and linked sites
- Ebrary
- HATHI Trust

DEVICES USED



SUPPLIES



“When I moved I rearranged my bookshelf by color, I don’t know that it’s helpful, but the old way wasn’t helpful either; it was by subject.”

STUDY LOCATIONS

Home in her apartment, on Campus, and Downtown.

ARCHIVE TRAVEL

None yet. As a US Historian she will travel within the US.



BREAK



HOW I WORK

HOW I FIND RESOURCES



Look at past years lists

Discuss with advisor

Search for print purchase online

Evaluate price (\$10 max)

Order online or search university website

Order for pickup from library or scan/save digital version

HOW I EVALUATE



Look at past years lists

Discuss with advisor

HOW I USE A MONOGRAPH

At this stage she is trying to develop her skills in scanning and extracting portions of a book. Success for her would be to read just enough to:



Know the main argument of the text



Be able to reference and reuse a meaningful example.

“Most people who are into digital books are those who have a reader device.”

WHAT I CHOOSE

CITATION MINING

She is not doing much of this at this stage as her resources are already defined.



EXTRACTING SPECIFIC INFO

She is looking for quotes and examples that demonstrate strong points in each book she reads. She needs to collect these notes or quotes in another document so that she can quickly access it during her exam.



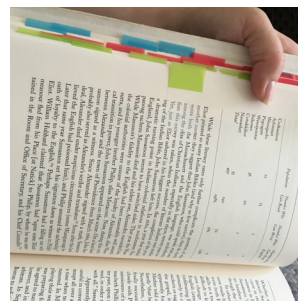
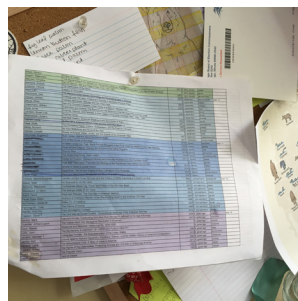
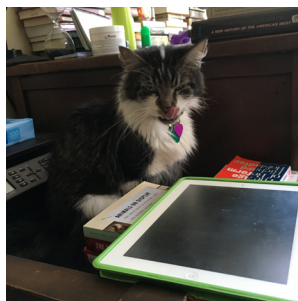
CLOSE READING

She would prefer to read in full all of the books she needs to cover, but that is unrealistic for her current needs.



REUSING -OR- REVISITING A TEXT

She likes print because her notes are in the book, she uses a new color pen to denote one reading from another.



“I was binge watching teamwolf yesterday instead of studying. The other thing that has been messing with my studying is Pokemon Go.”

