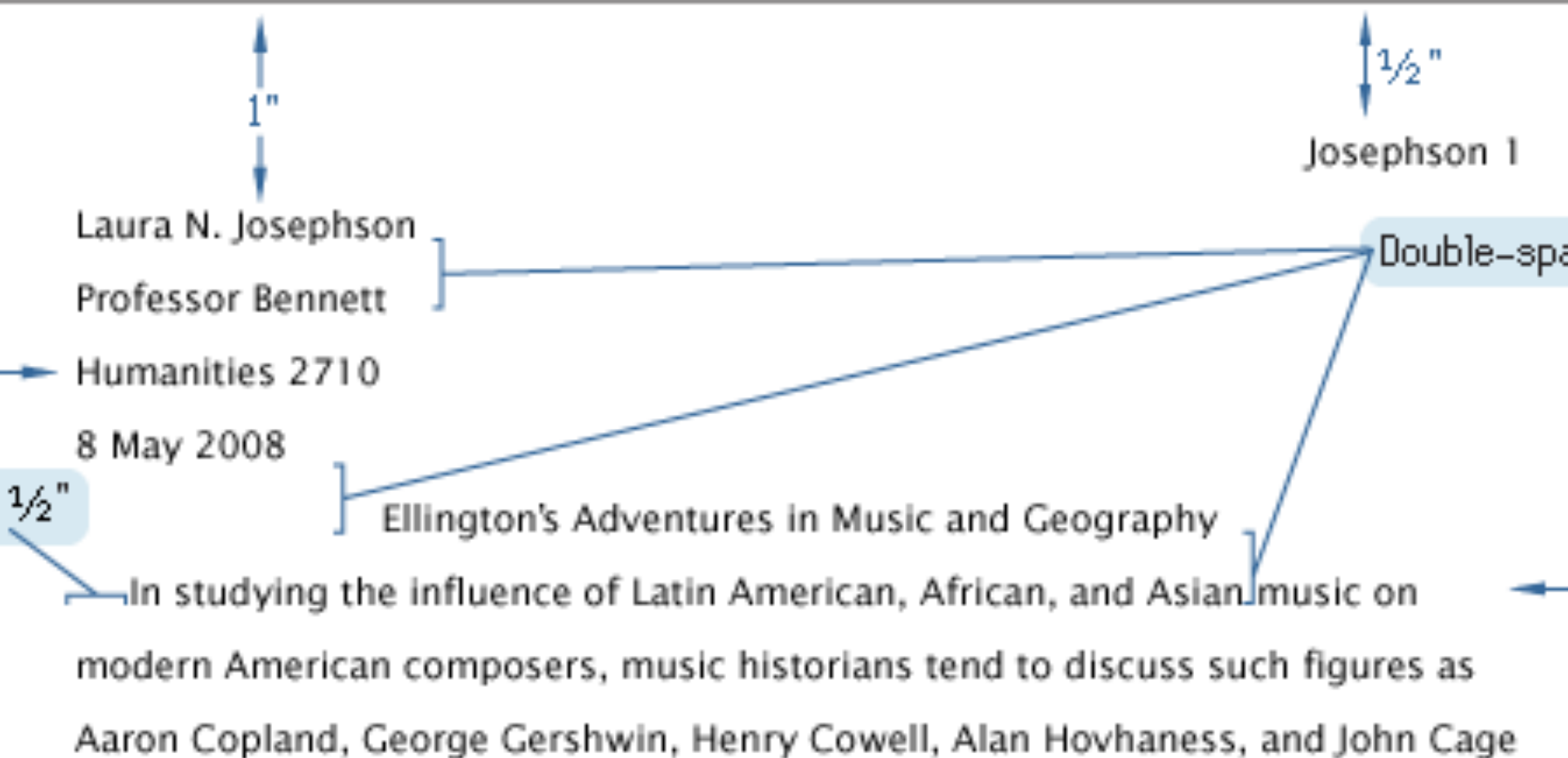


Synthesis Essay Notes

MLA Header



Intro

- Context – Image / Anecdote / Quote to create situation / mindset / framework for understanding
 - Conformity / Individuality
 - Situation at school
 - Image from book / film
 - Satire of conformist imagery
- Thesis – Clear take on issue and outline talking points
 - Schools must promote individuality and work to empower students in order to foster critical thinking, problem solving, and self-reliance in the future citizens of our country.

Paragraph

- Topic Sentence – key point to support thesis
- Statement
- Cite
- Commentary
 - Establish cause / effect
 - **Address opposition**
- Repeat 2-3X
- Summary Sentence

Sources

- Use at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of sources
- Use them to support argument
 - As Source C suggests by its test cover illustration, too often students are made to conform to superficial standards reinforced by scores on tests, tests which are often implemented too early in school and which often promote academic tracking and self-fulfilling prophecies.
- Use them to **counter the opposition**
 - While Source D argues for..., this perspective does not account for...

Sources

- Use text from sources – NEED TO CITE!!!
- This
 - Identify source, give context, pull out diction/imagery/fact that supports your argument
 - In Source A, in which Gatto argues for a homeschooling alternative, the author uses bogus appeals to authority to substantiate his claim.
- Not This
 - School is regimented (Source B).

Outro

- Recap points
- Make call to action
- Finish strong
 - Disney model
- Use rhetoric
 - Repetition / Rhetorical Questions / Imagery / Example / Quote

Side Note

- <http://boisestatepublicradio.org/post/resume-type-font-matters>

