

REFERENCE REPORTS #2
Due Wednesday, January 19

Find two useful reference sources connected with your potential topic(s).

These should be in two different areas, at whatever level of maximal breadth is relevant to you.

- If you are still deciding between multiple, very different topic areas, read papers in two of these areas.
- If you have a subject area (like a particular language, and/or linguistic field), read papers on different, potentially interesting aspects of this language/field.
- If you have a specific project identified, I'm sure there are still various kinds of relevant background that will feel like different, though closely related, kinds of topics!

If you are still in the early stages of identifying a topic, I recommend looking for broad survey/review articles, as are often found in encyclopedias, handbooks, and similar – these will let you find out the overall lay of the land much more efficiently than papers on particular, specific findings. Do whatever seems most useful to you, though.

Write up a short discussion of the main points of each, how each connects with your potential topic, and what ideas it gives you about moving forward.¹ Make sure to include full citation information for each reference.

¹ Perhaps “I want to follow up on this specific point” or “I’ve learned this topic isn’t all that exciting after all”.