

## ASSIGNMENT Archival Exploration: The *Louisville Leader* Archive

As you learned from the "At Work in the Archives" reading, archives can tell us a lot about a place and the people who live there. To get you some practice doing archival research yourselves, this assignment asks that you explore an online archive that can give visitors an insight into the peoples and places of Louisville, Kentucky.

The *Louisville Leader* is an African American newspaper that was published from 1917 to 1950 in Louisville, Kentucky, by I. Willis Cole. The newspaper has not been published in more than seventy years, but the paper's archives were preserved and made available online by the University of Louisville. You can learn more about the newspaper, I. Willis Cole, and the process of making it available online through [the UofL Libraries blog](#), and you can access the full digital archive through [UofL special collections](#).

Before posting to this discussion board, please complete the following tasks:

1. [Access the Louisville Leader online archives through UofL Libraries](#). Take some time to explore the archive by clicking to view different issues, searching for various terms, and exploring the other features of the website.
2. Using the search function, see if you can find any issues of the newspaper with articles that correspond to familiar places in the city or issues/topics that are still relevant to your life in and around Louisville today.
3. Choose one article that you find interesting and relevant to read in full and share on the discussion board.

Before Day 4, please share an initial post of at least 250 words addressing the following prompts:

- Share a link to one article from the *Louisville Leader* that you found interesting or relevant to your life/experience of Louisville. Briefly summarize the article for your classmates.
- Next, describe why you chose this source. How might this article (or others like it) help the people of Louisville to better understand the history and culture of the city?
- Lastly, reflect briefly on your process of exploring the digital archive. How did it compare to using other sites online to get information? Did you find navigating the archive intuitive? Confusing? Frustrating?

Before Day 7, please share responses of at least 100 words to at least two classmates addressing the following prompt:

- How does your classmates' experience of navigating the archive compare to yours?
- Do your articles tell similar stories of Louisville, or is there some tension between the versions of the city they present?
- What else do you find interesting or relevant about your classmate's post?