Annotated Works Cited

Due: Monday, November 11th

A **works cited** is a list of sources (books, journals, websites, etc.) you've used for researching a topic. A works cited usually just includes the information about where to find your source (i.e., the author, title, publisher, date, etc.).

An **annotation** is a summary and/or evaluation. Therefore, an **annotated works cited** includes a summary and/or evaluation of each of the sources.

- **Summarize**: What are the main arguments? What is the point of this source? What topics are covered? If someone asked what this article/book is about, what would you say?
- **Assess**: After summarizing a source, you need to evaluate it. Is it a **useful** source? How does it compare with other sources in your works cited? What is the **purpose** of this source?
- **Bias**: Is the information **reliable**? Is this source **biased** or objective? If it is, will that work in your paper? Primary sources can be biased, while we need to avoid biased secondary sources.

Why should I write an annotated works cited?

To learn about your topic: An annotated works cited prepares you and guides you through your research project. Just collecting sources for your works cited (which appears at the end of your paper) is required, but when you must write annotations for each source, then you've ensured that each source is reliable, helpful, and unbiased. Rather than just collecting information so that you reach the page requirement, now you are critically thinking about your topic and reading carefully, which produces a better essay.

To help you formulate a thesis: The purpose of research is to state and support a thesis. So, a very important part of research is developing a thesis that is debatable, interesting, and relevant. By reading and responding to a variety of sources on a topic, you'll start to see what the issues are, what people are arguing about, and you'll then be able to develop your own point of view.

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Checklist for this assignment:

1. Pick 3 primary sources and 3 secondary sources. These will be the sources you will continue to use from this point on, so choose ones that will help you the most in relation to your thesis statement.

2. Use the graphic organizer for the 6 sources you choose. Have enough detail that you will be able to create a paragraph (5-8 sentences) for each source.

3. Edit any necessary changes needed in your citations. You need to fix these now, as you do not want to continuously lose points for faulty citations. **Ask for help** if you do not know how to fix them.

4. Once your citations are edited, copy and paste them into the new Annotated Works Cited document.

5. Under each citation, write your paragraph using the graphic organizer. It needs to follow all of the same formatting techniques (12 pt. Times New Roman, double-spaced, etc.)

What should it look like?

- MLA Style Heading:
- Title = Annotated Bibliography
- Citation of Source
- Followed directly by the annotation
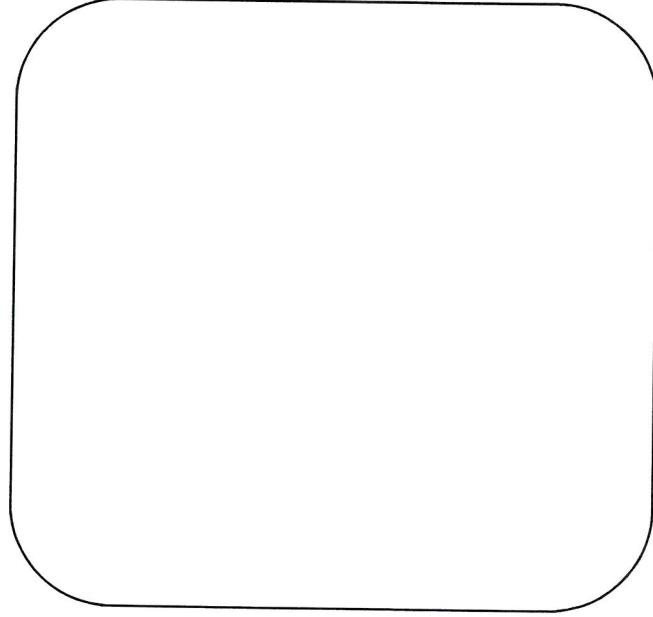
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Jarrell, Randall. "Robert Frost's 'Home Burial.'" *Critical Reading and Writing Across the Disciplines*. Ed. Cynthia Susan Clegg. New York: Holt, 1988. 466-488. Randall Jarrell, a respected poet himself, analyzes the dramatic dialogue and action of Robert Frost's "Home Burial," showing how the rhythms of the lines and the word choices illustrate the separate ways of grieving and the failure of the couple to reach an understanding of each other's pain at the loss of their child. Jarrell's emphasis on the husband's domineering manner will support my own view that the husband attempts to devalue his wife's feelings, suggesting a pattern in their relationship that has caused previous anguish and explains her rejection of his efforts to appease her.

Malinski, Sean. "Anger and Sorrow in 'Home Burial' by Robert Frost." *Journal of American Poetics* 57.4 (1993): 27-49. Malinski offers an alternative view about the husband's

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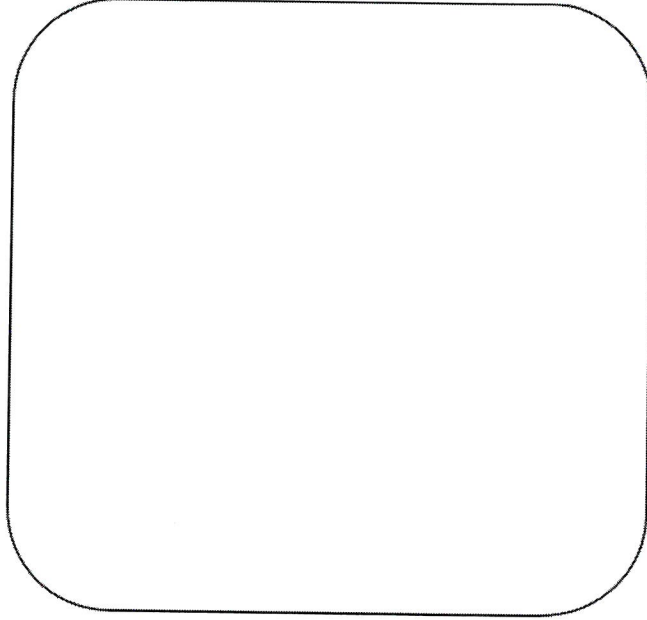
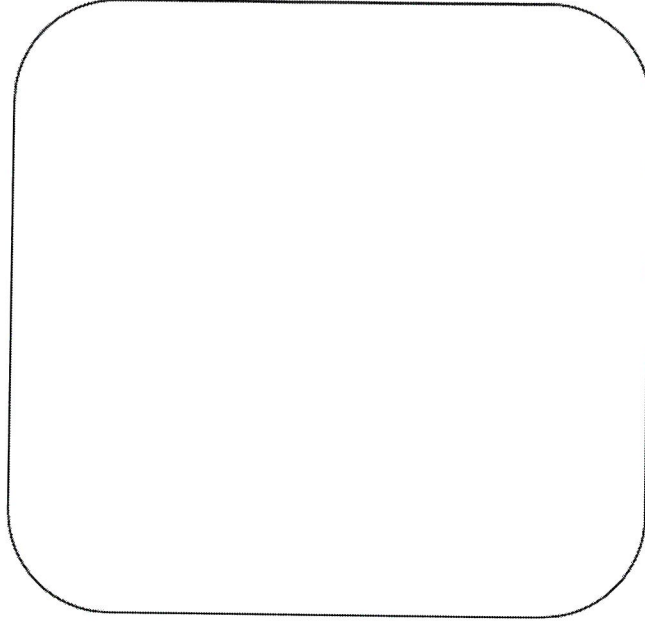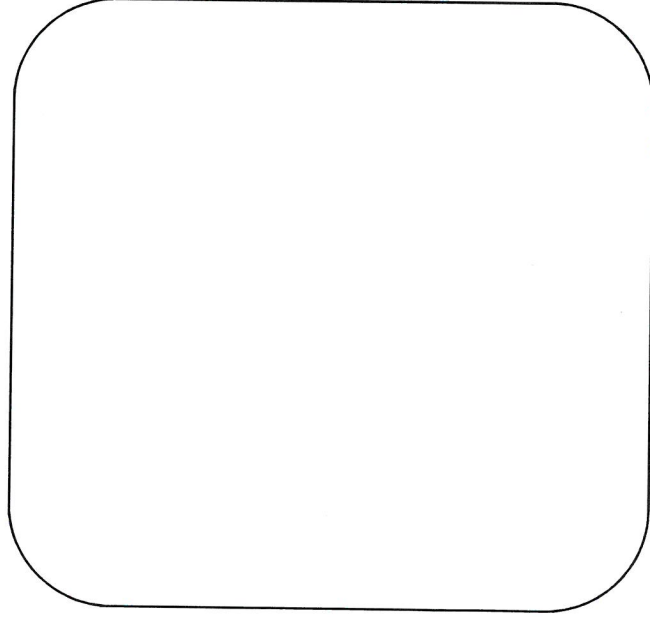**Step 1: Summarize**

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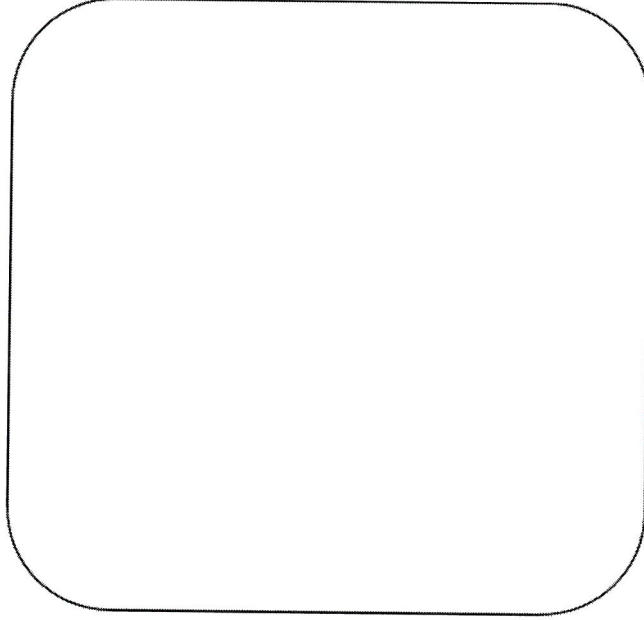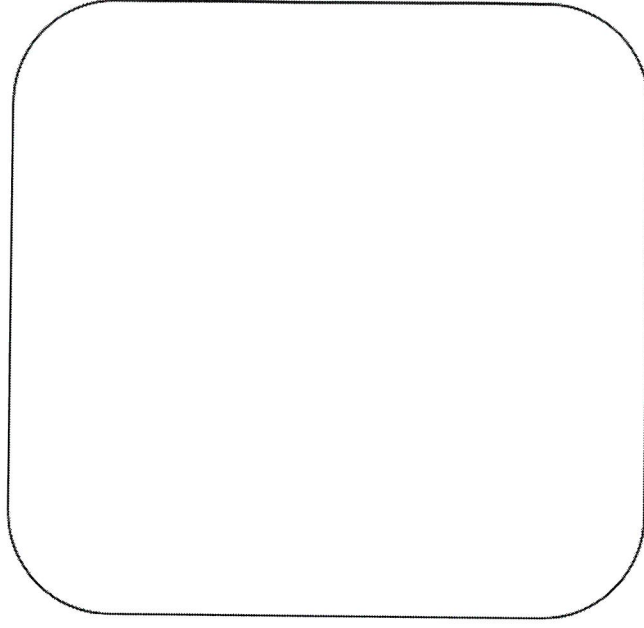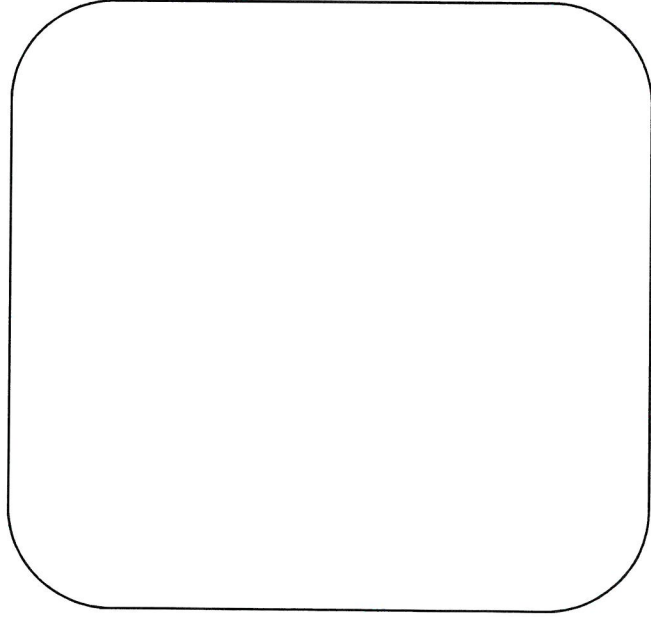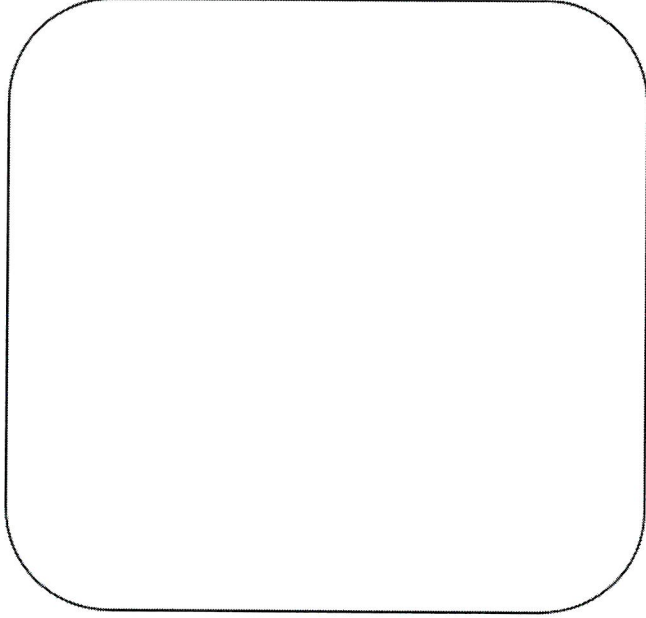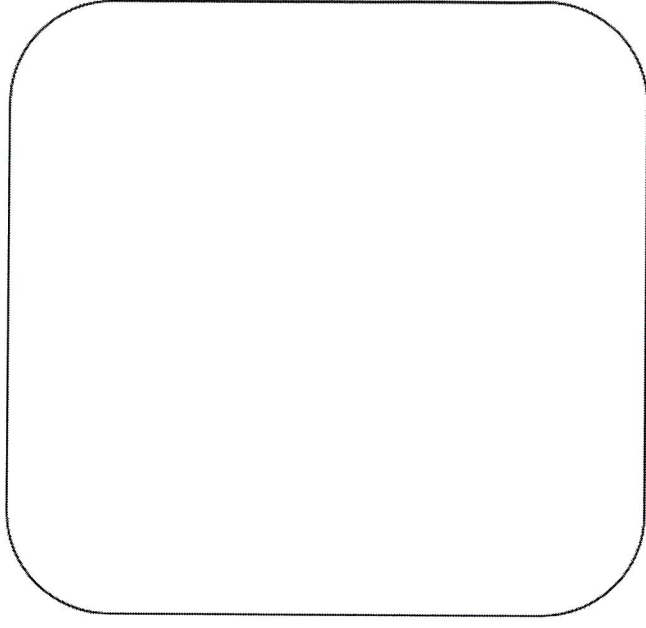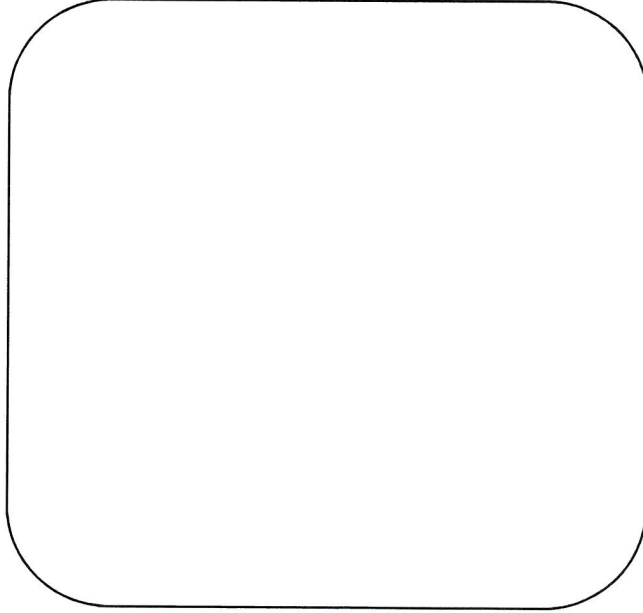
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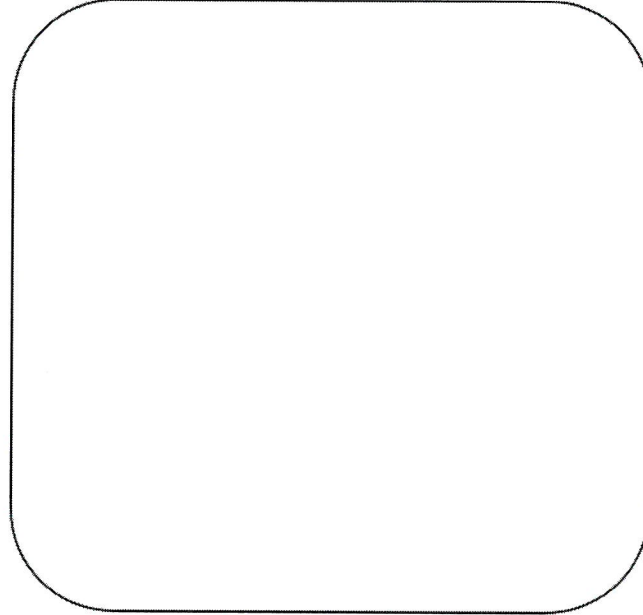
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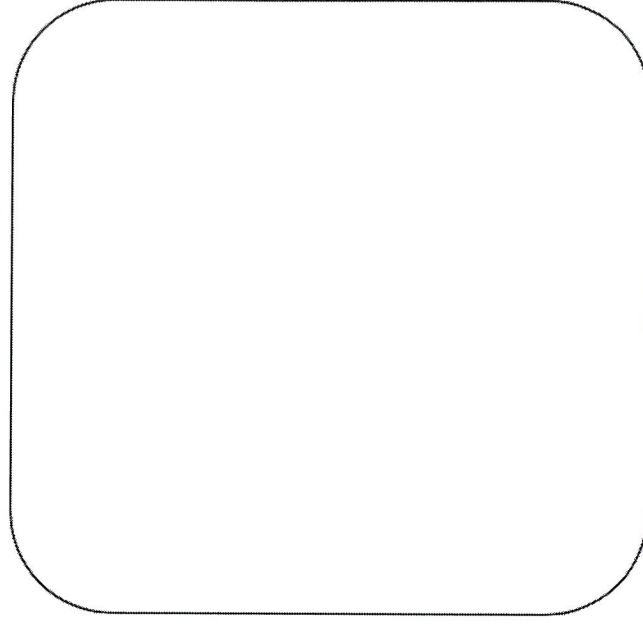
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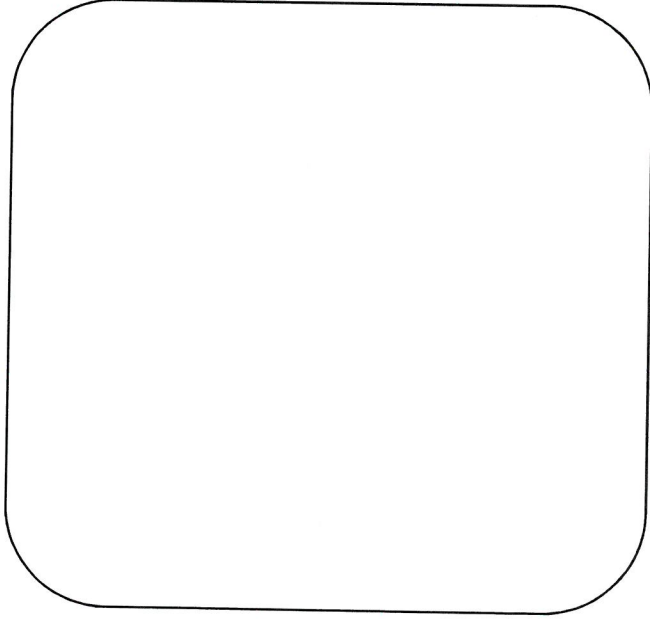**Step 3: Bias**

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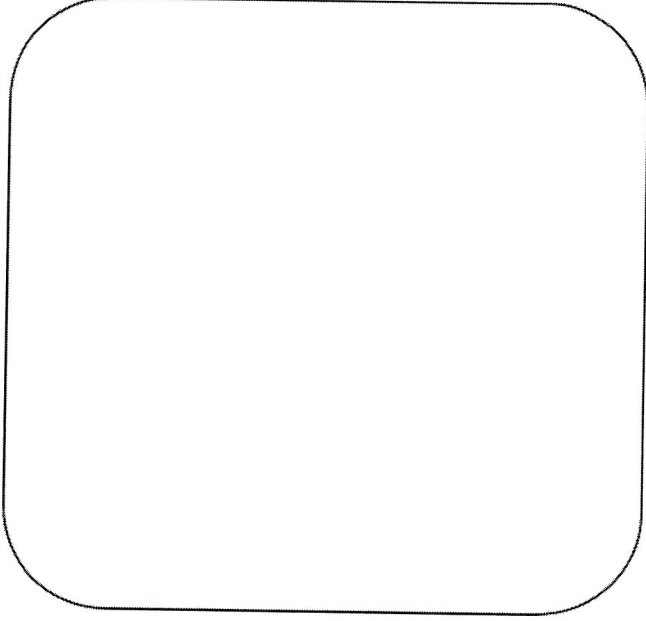Source title/type: (e.g.: "Cleopatra: Life, Rule, & Death" from *History.com*. Secondary source.)

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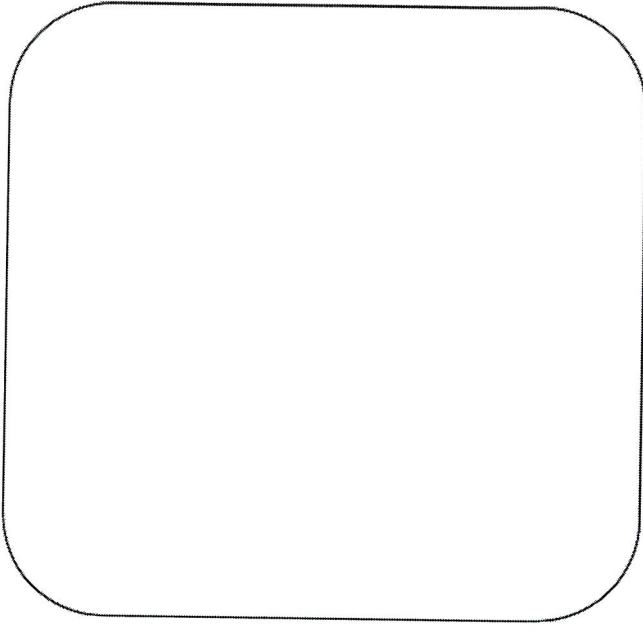
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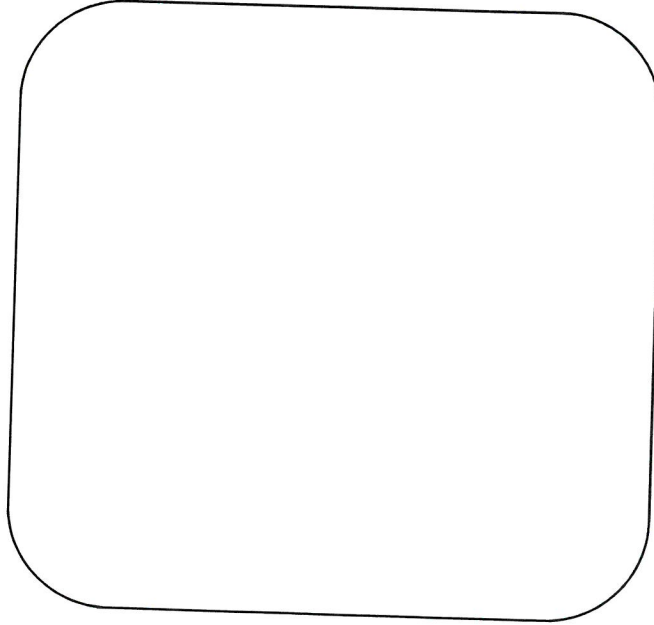**Step 3: Bias**

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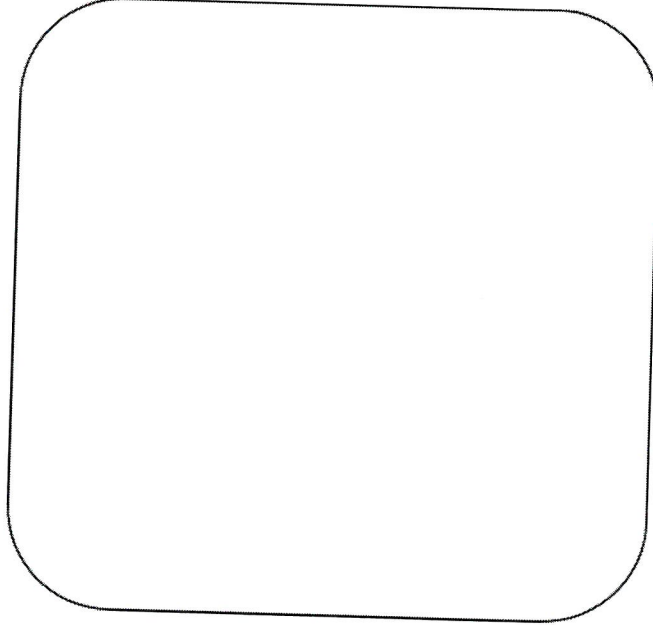
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