

Project #1: Annotated Bibliography

Due: Thursday, January 17, 2019

Purpose:

The purpose of this assignment is to develop effective research processes that enable you to summarize and synthesize sources while also making connections between ideas. In other words, the purpose of this project is to help you get a good sense of the conversation that surrounds your topic.

A typical genre for this type of work is an **annotated bibliography**. In scholarly fields annotated bibliographies are often compiled and composed by experts on a particular subject. They demonstrate learning on a subject, and they help other people interested in the same topic learn more. **This is one of the primary projects that you will put in your portfolio. Please note that you should be developing and revising your annotated bibliography throughout this course.**

Audience:

Consider writing for an audience of people who will be interested in doing research similar to yours. In other words, you might write for an audience of other 102 students who also want to do research on the topic you are interested in.

Conventions:

Annotated bibliographies are alphabetized lists of sources. The first thing to appear is the source's citation information followed by a short summary of the source. For this course, you will need to use MLA format. In your summaries, you may also include evaluative statements about the source, such as its quality and relevance.

Trouble Spots:

Trouble Spots are the things that most frequently prove to be obstacles for writers. Along with the feedback from me (your instructor) and peers, you may identify other trouble spots for you in this assignment, but here are a few that we encounter regularly:

- How many sources do I need to have? **(8)**
- What's the difference between a summary and a reader response?
- What types of sources should I use?

Take a moment to see if you can provide your own answers to these questions. Then take time to develop your own questions and potential trouble spots for this assignment.

Format

- ❑ Times New Roman font, 12 point
- ❑ Last name and page number in upper right-hand corner
- ❑ This heading in the top left-hand corner:
 - Your name
 - My name
 - Class and section
 - Due date (Day Month Year)
- ❑ A title centered with no boldface, underline, italics or quotation marks