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Annotated Bibliography (MLA) Assignment Due Date:

Overview:

Choose a topic for a five-page research paper. Compile a bibliography of four to six carefully *annotated* items. Note: *You will not have to write the paper.* This assignment is designed to sharpen your research and evaluation skills. A perfect Annotated Bibliography with four annotations will score a “C” and a perfect paper with six annotations will score an “A.” An “A+” will have more than the top requirement of six annotations.

Topic Choice:

After having reviewed three different articles regarding _____, select one specific area of this topic that you would like to explore.

What to Include:

Include at least two books and one encyclopedia entry in your bibliography. Your other entries may be electronic but must be from reputable sources — *see me for more information.*

Your annotation should explain the resource and how it will support your thesis. Include your thesis statement *above* your annotated bibliography.

What Does This Look Like?

In class, we will be working on developing college-level thesis writing. This means that your thesis is not merely a statement, but a statement that is specific and arguable. When your thesis statement is highly focused on a single specific argument, you will have a much easier time writing a sophisticated paper. For example:

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Weak

Many people in the world are victims of stereotyping.

(Vague, no controversy or tension)

Strong

Prejudgments are harmful because they limit the lives of the stereotyped individual and the person doing the stereotyping.

(Is now more specific, can be argued with evidence showing the effects of stereotyping)

Which paper would be easier to support?

After you formulate a proper thesis statement, you will then begin finding supporting resources. As you find each resource, add it to your Annotated Bibliography (keep this as Word Document under your ID# Network Folder). Each annotation should have two things:

1. Bibliographic information cited using the MLA standards (use OWL if you are unclear)
2. A five to seven sentence paragraph explaining (a) the general gist of the article or book, (b) its relevance to your topic and (c) an evaluation of its usefulness to you in your research paper (not all articles or books you find will be useful to you).

You will be scored according to a very precise rubric available on my website under the class's agenda page. You should refer to it frequently as this will be a 100 point writing assignment.

Please look at the sample Annotated Bibliography and Annotated Bibliography Guidelines that we reviewed in class to guide you in your writing. You may also come see during my free period or after school for extra help. Use my website for extra copies and my email to ask questions from home.

Good Luck and Happy Hunting!