**Final Papers or Annotated Bibliographies**

**Instructions: You have two options. Pick one for your final work.**

**Option 1: Final Paper:** Choose an Africa-focused topic and write a paper focusing on key historical events, cultural traditions of a specific African society, or a key past or contemporary African figure or issue. Students are urged to work with the librarians at the African Studies Library to learn about Africa-specific primary and secondary source materials and research methods and strategies for their term papers. Include a *reference list (not a bibliography*) for all the works cited using one citation style. I prefer the Chicago styl*e, but you can use any other citation style, as long as you are consistent.* (10-15 double-spaced pages total)

**Option 2: Annotated Bibliography:** Students will collect 20 resources related to their topic of interest by working with the African Studies Library staff. A) 10 should be academic resources (books, book chapters, peer-reviewed articles), 5 should be journalistic resources (newspaper articles, opinion pieces, etc.) from African countries, and 5 from journalistic sources from the West. They will prepare a bibliography that appropriately cites all necessary information for other researchers to locate their sources. They will write a brief annotation (one good paragraph) for each of them that summarizes the source, assesses its strengths and weaknesses, and explains whether it is helpful for their topics and, if so, why. (10-15 double-spaced pages in total). *See Samples of annotated bibliographies in Blackboard.*

*The absolute due date is May 5 at 5 pm at the latest. If you don’t submit by this deadline, you risk having an I grade and must file paperwork next semester to change your grade.*

**Wednesday, April 23**: Prepare to talk about your project briefly in class.