

LIB 3 - Information Competency Final Project

Due on or before the last day of class. Check the syllabus for the exact due date.

Instruction

Imagine that you need to write a term paper on your selected topic and that your term paper must be 15-20 pages long and must give an in-depth coverage of this topic.

Note: The research essay is not an essay on a topic; instead, it is an essay about your personal quest for information on your selected topic.

Of course, along the way, during the research process, you will uncover new data and will learn a lot about your selected topic. I also agree that you cannot write about the research process without mentioning and brushing on the topic here and there. However, I am not interested in your selected topic per se, I am more interested in reading about your trials and triumphs during your quest for information. **Therefore, please do not submit an essay on your selected topic, you will not get credit for such essay.**

Your final project packet will include:

- 1) A title page with your name, date, instructor's name, course title and course number, semester, and year.
- 2) A research essay: must be between 6-8 pages, single-spaced, font size 10-12 point.
- 3) An annotated bibliography: must be according to MLA style, with annotations (minimum 50 words) describing the purpose and worth of the source.

The final project is comprised of two parts: Part I is an essay on the research process and Part II is an annotated bibliography on your topic.

Part I. Research essay

You may follow the following guidelines in completing the research essay:

- a. Articulate your information need into a researchable topic.
- b. Briefly state the reasons why you selected this particular topic.
- c. Describe what resources (books, periodicals, Internet, interviews, etc.) you would use for your information need and give detailed reasons why you think they are appropriate.
- d. Describe your search strategy, your search result and how you may modify your search strategy; include any mistakes and corrections that you have made.
- e. Evaluate and discuss the usefulness of the information retrieved.
- f. Discuss what you have learned about yourself as a researcher.

Part II. Annotated bibliography

Submit an annotated bibliography relating to your topic. Please use MLA style for all citations. The bibliography must have 20 or more citations from each of the following document types: books, newspaper article, popular magazine articles, scholarly journal article, Internet resources. Please remember that other document types such as

interviews, television/radio programs, government documents, and speeches, are also very good information sources and should be included in the annotated bibliography.