**ENG 110-A—Composition**

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**ASSIGNMENT 3: RESEARCH PROJECT: THE ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

**DEFINITION**

An annotated bibliography is a research project that consists of referenced sources on a topic and annotations which are brief summaries of what you found in each source. A document with sample annotated citations is available on Moodle.

For this project, you will choose your own topic. To help out, I have put together a sample list of topics which is also available on Moodle. You can choose a topic from the list or come up with one of your own. If you are not from the U.S. and would prefer to write about your home country, that’s fine.

**PROCESS**

For each project, you will need to do the following:

1. Go over the list of sample topics provided on Moodle.
2. Identify a research question that interests you or formulate one of your own.
3. Identify 8-10 online sources that answer your question. These can include websites, films (including documentaries), podcasts, talks, newspaper articles, etc. Sources need to contain a substantive amount of information (so, for ex, a definition in Webster’s dictionary, while meaningful, would not count
4. Cross reference sources to see if information found in one is corroborated by others. Always use what appear to be the best sources.
5. Write the bibliography by synthesizing and summarizing content in your own words.
6. Below your bibliography, write what you think will be your thesis (the answer to your question).

Important note: Direct copying and pasting of material from the Internet into your bibliography are not allowed. You must use your own words to summarize and synthesize material found online. ChatGPT cannot be used for this assignment. Instead, I want you to put into practice the rules of syntax that you studied. The *Grammar 101* readings are still available on Moodle. Use them if needed.

**FORMAT (Review the student sample in Moodle)**

* In the top left corner, write ENG 110-section/Semester/Your Name/My Name
* All documents must use **Calibri,** **1 ½ line spacing, 12 pt. font,** and have page numbers.
* Overall length: 1500-2000 words all included. **Do not exceed.**
* **All documents must be in Word. No pdfs, please.** This is imperative, as I grade online and must be able to provide feedback in text.

**GRADING**

When grading, I will look for:

* Evidence of thorough research and compelling sources (40%)
* Proper citation format (10%)
* Substantive summaries of findings in properly constructed paragraphs written in your own words (30%)
* Proper syntax and spelling (20%)

Because of the inherently political nature of the topic, I do find it necessary to state that I will never downgrade you for having an opinion that is not mine. So, you do not need to worry about disagreeing with me.

**DEADLINE: Monday, Nov 11, on Moodle no later than 5pm. The submission folder will automatically disappear on that day at that time. Please review the lateness/extension policy in the syllabus. Thanks.**