Engl 1B Spring 2016 **Annotated Bibliography + (brief) research proposal**

**Overview:** An annotated bibliography helps you or another researcher to assess sources and judge how they will fit into a particular project. The annotation itself is usually a paragraph (though often more) written for each source to summarize and usually also evaluate the source. This kind of bibliography can vary in length from a few pages to book-length.

**Procedure:** Starting with your working bibliography, read the sources to determine if they will be useful for your argument—that is, if they answer your focused research questions and seem credible. Annotate the ones that work, find better ones to replace the ones that don’t, and then annotate those, too, for a total of 5 annotated sources.

**Research Proposal**: To help me judge your sources, I’ll need an updated and slightly fleshed-out explanation of your project. See below for the details of what to include. This should be one or two paragraphs at the beginning of your annotated bibliography. Use full sentences, with a bulleted list for the research questions.

**Sample**: There’s a sample from a previous semester posted on the website. Please read it over. Note, the class it’s from didn’t have a Global Citizenship theme, but it would have been easy enough if the student had sought international models in some of her sources. France, predictably enough, has great food programs in its public schools.

**Requirements**:

* **How many**: The requirements for the sources are the same as for the working bibliography, except for the annotated one you need only 5 sources, your *best* five. Total length of the project should be around 1300 words.
* For EACH source, write a sentence or two of **summary**, giving the central argument (thesis) and/or main informative claims of each. Next, write a sentence or two of **evaluation**, assessing the credibility of the source as you see it. Finally, tell me briefly **how this source fits into your project** (e.g. “This will be the voice of opposition that I’ll refute,” or “This gives needed stats to show how popular farmers’ markets have become.”)
* **Write a brief introduction** that operates as a research proposal, identifying your topic, your focus, your thesis question and maybe a tentative answer to it (working thesis), the research questions that your research will answer, and your specific audience and forum.. Below that, list the sources alphabetically, each with its annotation directly below it.
* **Due Dates:** Rough Draft: Final Draft:

For details on how to use MLA format for both kinds of bib., go to these pages: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/> (MLA in general and bib. format) <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/> (for annotated)